

United Church of God

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Announcements – July 16, 2022

Songleader Pianist Sermonette Special Music Sermon East – 11:00 A.M. John McClain Courtney Creech Duane Phelps Kinsey Drury Steve Myers <u>East – 2:30 P.M.</u> David Browning Duncan McClenagan Mark Holladay Teresa Yazell Steve Myers North – 2:30 P.M. Dave Werner

Doug Knuckles

Gary Evans

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Today: The Adult Choir will meet for rehearsal in the Video Recording Studio at 1:15 p.m.

Teen Bible Study, Today: The next Teen Bible Study will be held in the Conference Room at 1:30 p.m.

Festival Children's Choir Music 2022 is Now Available! The children's choir selections for the Feast of Tabernacles are now available for download on the Feast website at: <u>https://www.ucg.org/members/feast/childrens-choir-music</u>.

Guidelines for the children's choir are posted there, as well as vocal and instrumental versions of the two songs and lyric sheets.

Parents, please follow the posted guidelines and be sure your children know the songs before arriving at the Feast.

Feast Registration: If you need any assistance with your registration, please talk with your congregation's Festival Advisor or email <u>feast_support@ucg.org</u>. Cincinnati Festival Advisors are Caleb Creech (East AM, 816-810-2905, <u>creech_caleb@yahoo.com</u>); Ken Japhet (East PM, 503-507-7770, <u>kjaphet@hotmail.com</u>); and Doug Knuckles (North, 513-317-1671, <u>doug.knuckles@gmail.com</u>).

ABC Study Tour of Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation: As you read the Bible, have you ever desired to visit the locations where Paul traveled or Christ taught? Travel to the places where the scenes of Scripture occurred adds new dimensions of understanding the Bible and its application for today.

From April 8–18, 2023, ABC faculty member Darris McNeely will be hosting an Ambassador Bible College study tour of the sites in Turkey of the seven churches of Revelation. We will also visit the island of Patmos, where John was exiled and received the Revelation. We will also see the fabled city of Istanbul and learn its history. This 11-day tour starts during the Days of Unleavened Bread and is open to any UCG member to attend.

Through lectures on the Greco-Roman world, the cult of Roman emperor worship and the cultural setting of the first century, you will better understand the message Christ gave His Church and its relevance to us now. In Istanbul, you will visit sites consequential to early Church history and the formation of doctrine. The foundational truths of Scripture were under fire then, and we are living through similar times today. This trip's goal is to enhance your faith through an immersive travel experience.

Deadline for registering is September 15. For a PDF brochure with full itinerary and payment information please email <u>Darris_McNeely@ucg.org</u>. Space is limited and sign-ups have begun.

Pray for the Gospel to Have Free Course – The Work of God in Australia, Part 2: United Church of God-Australia office manager, Derek Lewis, adds: "The Church in Australia has certainly been blessed with strong finances in recent times. With all the turmoil these past two years perhaps it's not surprising that God's people have a renewed focus on supporting the work of the Church. Income has been strong, and with a reduction in expenditure during COVID-19, we're well placed to fund another increase in public proclamation.

"However, there are growing obstacles to preaching the gospel in this part of the world. State and Federal legislation is increasingly an issue, as is public opinion—which is more and more anti-God. In many respects Australia is not dissimilar to the United States, however our laws are more stringent when it comes to restricting free speech. We often wonder how much longer we can air *Beyond Today* where enough complaints about a program could see television station management take us off the air. The gospel message can so easily be thwarted here in Australia without God's protection.

"Please pray for the work here in Australia, also New Zealand, and our neighbors in the South Pacific, most especially pray that our increased media efforts bear fruit."

Beyond Today Schedule: Beyond Today programs can be viewed on THE WORD Network (altafiber [formerly Cincinnati Bell] Elite Ch. 263, not available on Spectrum) at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday and 12:30 a.m. Monday. The programs can also be viewed on-demand on dedicated *Beyond Today* television channels on Roku, iOS devices, Android devices, Amazon Fire TV, LG Smart TVs, Samsung Smart TVs, YouTube, Vimeo, Wii and Xbox. You can also watch the program online at our website http://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/television.

BT #	Title	Host	Literature Offered	Available
439	Smyrna: Faith Under Fire The crown of life was pledged to Christians who stayed faithful in troubling times. Learn how that reward can be yours.	Darris McNeely	You Can Have Living Faith	July 17
440	Watch Out! Jesus warned His disciples to be watchful about their spiritual condition and alert to newsworthy events. Learn why you should be too.	Steve Myers	What You Need to Know About Baptism	July 24
441	You Become What You Think God wants to help you change how you think—from a material mindset to a spiritual one—so you can have genuine peace.	Gary Petty	Tools for Spiritual Growth	July 31
442	Pergamus: Where Satan Dwells The devil has a dominion on earth and he seeks your worship! The Bible's message is to never compromise with evil.	Darris McNeely	Is There Really a Devil?	August 7