

## 5.2 Million Print Promotions Planned

by Peter Eddington and  
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During the last budget year (2000-2001), the quantity of *Good News* print promotions distributed or mailed in the United States, including direct mail pieces, brochures, card deck inserts, package inserts, etc., totaled 3 million.

the winter and spring months.

Last year's print promotions resulted in a very good overall 1.7 percent response at an overall cost per response of \$5.55.

For the 2001-2002 budget year, we are increasing print quantities of programs that performed soundly in previous tests and will also test several new programs.

If all goes well, we should see improved



As we begin the 2001-2002 budget year, the quantity of contracted promotions already stands at 5.2 million!

We are off to a quick start and as a result, will take advantage of programs that mail in the fall when many people traditionally respond strongly to direct media efforts. As the budget permits and as response to these efforts is evaluated, we will consider additional promotions for

response at a lower overall cost per response. Your prayers for success of the church's new print promotional efforts are critical and will be much appreciated. *UN*



Class of 2001, back, left to right: Glenn Harmon, Adam Sanders, Chad Messerly, Rudy Rangel, Daniel Graham, Ted Wilson, Nathan Schroeder, Ryan McNeely, Jonathan Schreiber, Stephen Warren, Mike Greider, Scott Reeves, Carl Koester, Dave Werner, Dale Puerner, Ryan Foster, Charles Macaraeg. Middle: Aaron Taylor, Faroll Harmon, Jennifer Kelley, Jaime Welch, Karyn Thomas, Kerri McConnaughey, Sarah Rogers, Sarah Janicich, Lori Higgs, Dori Naranjo, Rachel Rodriguez, Beth Wilson, Tanya Ekama, Michelle de Campos, Lina Reid, Sandra Puerner. Seated: Jenny Bradford, Nicole Graham, Stephanie McNeely, Lisa Browning, Lindsay Jennings, Kristina Browning. Insets: ABC booth at GCE; students with Les McCullough; Daniel Graham learning to lead songs

## 39 Students to Graduate From ABC

The second year of the Ambassador Bible Center will be completed at graduation exercises August 5. Student representative Daniel Graham and UCGIA president Les McCullough are scheduled

to speak before the 39 ABC students receive their diplomas.

The ABC Choir is scheduled to perform "They Shall Soar Like Eagles" and "I Wish You Well, My Friend."

More photos of this eventful year at ABC can be viewed on the Internet at [www.ugc.org/abc/](http://www.ugc.org/abc/). Photos of graduation are scheduled to be printed in the September/October issue of *United News*. *UN*

## Lapalala Wilderness School Hosts South African Winter Camp

Twenty-nine campers from South Africa and Zimbabwe, ranging in age from 10 to 17 par-

ticipated in the South African Winter Camp from July 1 to 6 at the Lapalala Wilderness School

300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Johannesburg.

The focus of the camp program was to enhance awareness and appreciation of the natural heritage of the region. Camp director Neil Becker, pastor of the East London congregation and codirector Jorge de Campos from Johannesburg, were assisted by seven other volunteer staff including three United Youth Corps volunteers from the United States.

South African volunteer staff included Erlene Becker, Kathy de Campos, Eric de Campos and Monique and Minette Wallis. Americans Sara Griffith, Emily Orsak and Matthew Albright flew in especially to help staff the camp. This was in addition to the

four full-time staff from the wilderness school itself.

Many camp activities centered on the Lephalala River, one of the cleanest in South Africa. The river is so clean in fact that its water is safe to drink, something very unusual on the African continent. Campers swam in the river (a rather chilly experience since July falls during the winter season in the southern hemisphere), studied the river ecosystems, used newly-learned recognition skills to construct miniature rafts made of local plant materials, and learned to recognize animal spoor around the river banks. Other activities centered on observing the animal life in the reserve. Campers were able

(See "LAPALALA," page 2)



Campers touching and feeding a black rhinoceros at the rhino sanctuary at Lapalala (photo by Joel Meeker)

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to observe impalas, kudus (a large antelope), wildebeest, cape buffalos, zebras, giraffes, warthogs, baboons, vervet monkeys (who occasionally entered the camp looking for food), hippopotami and crocodiles. A high point of the camp was visiting the rhinoceros sanctuary and touching and feeding a black and a white rhinoceros. There are also leopards living in the reserve. Though one was sometimes heard growling at night when on the hunt, only their tracks were seen during the day.

One favorite activity toward the end of camp was a giant mud-sharing activity (mud fight), where campers and staff laughed themselves breathless as they smeared red mud on each other until they all became unrecognizable.

During the evenings, Christian Living sessions were conducted by Neil Becker, Jorge de Campos and visiting elder Joel Meeker. Session topics included how the creation teaches us about God's great-

ness, the book of Proverbs and how young people can develop a personal relationship with God, as well as interactive question-and-answer Bible study segments.

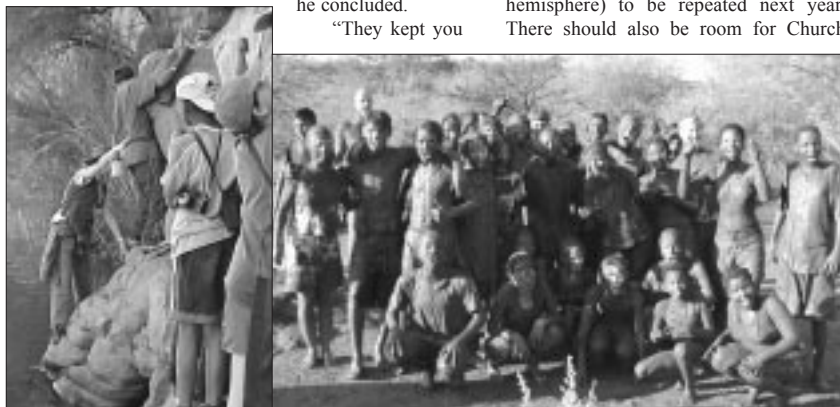
"The whole camp was lots of fun" said Nash Naidoo from the Durban congregation. "We got to know everyone there because we lived with them. We also learned a lot from the Christian living classes, like how to overcome problems," he concluded.

"They kept you

busy all the time," added Nash's brother Nathan. "I especially liked the socializing around the campfire at the end of each day."

"We learned a lot about nature, how perfect the creation is and how we need to take care of it," said Jenny de Campos from Johannesburg.

Tentative plans are for the Lapalala Winter Camp (summer in the northern hemisphere) to be repeated next year. There should also be room for Church



Campers going around "hug rock"; right, group photo after "mud-sharing activity" (photos by Neil Becker and Joel Meeker)

teens to transfer in from other countries. They would be welcome! *UN*

## Reports From the Field

### Questions About Hell Continue to Spark Interest

The question of the "afterlife" provokes a lot of interest. I got a call from a math professor in New Orleans recently who had just found the UCG Web site and read some of our literature. He was very enthusiastic about how it sounded like the same teachings he read many years ago from Herbert W. Armstrong.

One of his big concerns was about his parents who were both Holocaust survivors and died last year without actively practicing their faith (Judaism). His worry was that they might be condemned to a hell fire. In talking for about 45 minutes I tried to encourage him that his parents were not condemned to suffer in a hell fire forever and that the Bible gives us hope that everyone will have a chance to understand exactly what God is offering humans along with a chance to respond to that opportunity.

He asked for directions and the meeting time and said he wanted to come. We'll see if anything develops, but it again shows the powerful impact of this subject.

Ken Treybig



## Letters...

### Response to "Offended by Logo"

When I first saw the design for the new UCGIA logo, I was very pleasantly surprised. It seemed to me that UCGIA was showing that they really took the word *international* in the name seriously. Although I am an American, I have lived 23 of the last 26 years outside of the U.S.A. (in Europe and Asia). The focus and literature of the organizations I have been involved with who were trying to fulfill the command given by Christ in Matthew 28:19-20 was so often very American.

UCGIA literature is still very American oriented with American examples and a distinct American tone. That probably is necessary to reach the Americans (logical). But at least as an organization trying to fulfill

Matthew 28:19-20 I am happy to see that our logo graphically pictures going to the world outside the U.S.A.

It is true that the funds for going to world come mainly from the U.S.A. America has been very *blessed* to have the resources and wealth. We all know, though, the reason for those blessings—Abraham. I think UCGIA's logo can remind us that we have a responsibility, with those blessings we have inherited through no effort on our part, to share. There are millions of people outside the U.S.A. who need the knowledge that this dismal world where people are fleeing from war, starving, dying of AIDS, etc., will change. They need to know that a better world is coming and it will begin in Jerusalem (the center of the new logo as

was pointed out) with the return of Jesus Christ.

I certainly hope that the majority of my fellow Americans who belong to the Body of Christ and take the command in Matthew 28:19-20 and support UCGIA seriously would not be offended by the new logo but would rather rejoice that we can look outward beyond our shores. Rejoice that we can use our blessings to share the good news of a better world to come.

Monica Kieffer, Germany

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# International News...

## Australian Elder Celebrates Passover With Brethren in Singapore

At the request of the brethren in Singapore, the Australian National Council sent elder Allan Hambleton and his wife, Helen, to Singapore to spend the Passover and the first Holy Day.

Mr. Hambleton said this was an extremely profitable trip. Nine people celebrated Passover at Mrs. Ros Yong's home, 25 stories up on top of an apartment complex.

On the Sabbath seven people participated in a Bible study on peace, emphasizing the responsibility Christians have to generate peace. On Saturday night the group celebrated the Night to Be Much Observed at the Lemon Grass, a Thai restaurant. On the first Holy Day they had a Bible study on the subject of being spiritually unleavened.

"Helen and I really appreciated the opportunity to visit the brethren in Singapore and to get to know them," said Mr. Hambleton. "They were very appreciative and wanted to express their thanks to the National Council for the visit."

### Preaching the Gospel in Australia

The Australian Media and Publishing Committee plans to increase *The Good News* distribution list to 12,000 subscribers in the next financial year. This figure was based on estimated finances, but can be increased as finances grow. The committee is also exploring the effectiveness of electronic methods of spreading the gospel, especially to the younger generation. Additions to the Youth

Page on the Australian Web site to make it more interactive are also planned.

### Christian Leadership Camp

The Australian Youth Committee held its second meeting March 25 in Melbourne. The committee has a total of five adult and six youth members. Reports showed that older youth were getting involved in providing Sabbath school for younger children in several areas. There was also a report on the planned Christian Leadership Camp, scheduled for June 29 and 30 in Sydney. The purpose of the camp is to provide biblical training, and it is targeted at youth who have finished high school.

*This material first appeared in United News—Australia.*

## Canada Adds Regina Mini Feast Site

Regina, Saskatchewan, has been added as a satellite Feast site to the Feast in Kelowna, British Columbia. Regina is nearly a thousand miles east of Kelowna.

Last year, St. John's, Newfoundland, was a satellite site to Mont-Sainte-Anne, Quebec. "It will be a free-standing site this year with enthusiastic transfer attendees bolstering the local ranks from across Canada and the United States," said Anthony Wasilkoff, Canadian operation manager. "In a similar way we are confident that the Regina, Saskatchewan, site will grow to become a free-standing Festival site."

### More Good News

Nearly 185,000 *Good News* magazines have been distributed in Canada in the last three and a half years, and the

Canadian office has sent out a further 75,000 other publications.

On or about August 27, 200,000 Canadian households will receive a Val-Pak packet of coupons in their mail boxes, which will include an offer for a free subscription to *The Good News*. The cities targeted for this trial run are Saint John, New Brunswick; Kingston/Brockville, Ontario; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Lethbridge, Alberta; and Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Renewal letters have been sent to 858 subscribers who started receiving *The Good News* before 1998, and responses have started to come in. A number have sent donations with their renewal.

Presorting and bundling the July-August *Good News* saved \$2,415 in postage costs.

*This material appeared in the Canadian weekly update, [www.ugc.ca/upd/week.asp](http://www.ugc.ca/upd/week.asp)*

## World Tomorrow Program Heard in Northern Ireland

The work of preaching the gospel in the British Isles continues to move forward. A major advertising project brought in around 1,500 new requests for *The Good News*. In April another advertisement was published in the *Daily Telegraph*. It was positioned in the choicest spot in the newspaper—at the bottom right hand side on the front page.

*The World Tomorrow* radio program, which is scripted, produced and recorded in the British Isles, was recently offered an

excellent time on a popular station broadcasting across Northern Ireland called Gospel 846. Our first transmission at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, brought the station a number of very positive telephone calls. *The World Tomorrow* is scheduled each Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. just following the news on the AM channel.

The program will run on Gospel 846 for a three-month trial period and then be reevaluated. To help with the cost of this station

UCG—British Isles has discontinued for the time being the shortwave stations that had been used. We hope to return to shortwave just as soon as the budget allows us.

We have also had two color advertisements offering *The Ten Commandments* booklet in the May issue of the in-flight magazine of Manx Airlines called appropriately enough, *Manx Tails*.

*Source: July 4 "Members, Co-workers and Friends" letter by John A. Jewell*

## Jerusalem Church of God Members Join United in the Philippines

Certain members of the Jerusalem Church of God in the Philippines (particularly those in Leyte) recently took steps to become part of the United Church of God, *an International Association*. For starters, the Tacloban City and the Inopacan, Leyte, congregations under the leadership of Raul Villacote (pastor in the Jerusalem Church of God) and Candido Merino (bishop in the same church) chose to begin attending with United. Among them, several requested rebaptism and a total of nine have been baptized in two visits.

Seeking to become part of a church that closely followed the biblical standards, one of them who had access to the Internet searched among Sabbath-keeping groups looking for the following criteria: doctrinal accuracy; greatest coverage in feeding the flock of God internationally; doing the most in preaching the true gospel throughout the world; as well as integrity in administrative structure and

organization. The findings were reported to the group and the decision was made.

Mr. and Mrs. Florante Siopan, an elder in the Bacolod UCG congregation, went to see the group in April and May. After the Philippine youth summer camp and the GCE meetings in the United States, Edmond Macaraeg with two other church leaders from Mindanao joined the Siopans in meeting with the group in mid-June.

Sabbath services starting June 16 were conducted according to UCG format (on their request). UCG hymnals with the hymn accompaniment on compact disk were also used. (On their initiative, they previously endeavored to learn many of the hymns.)

After a lunch break, an afternoon Bible study was conducted. Mr. Macaraeg answered and addressed numerous questions and topics lasting until late afternoon. After dinner, he continued to address other topics and questions presented, which lasted until



*Rebaptized in the Philippines: Raul Villacote, Marita Villacote, Nenita Merino, Jasmin Santuele, Flordeliza Barrientos, Hermogina Barrientos, Felipa Barrientos and Felix Barrientos. Latest baptism (not in the picture) is Dalmacia Alonzo*

almost 11 that night. Even at that hour, the members seemed still hungry for more truths.

The following morning, members who desired to be rebaptized assembled early. They were individually counseled and by mid-afternoon eight were baptized. (Mr. Siopan baptized one more on his latest trip.)

One doctrinal issue that divides the Jerusalem Church of God concerns observance of the seven annual Holy Days. While

their administrative headquarters lists and describes the seven annual Holy Days in their published sacred calendar, in practice they do not teach or observe it. But this group joining UCG is convinced that all seven are commanded by God to be observed.

This event in the Philippines is one more example of the unifying work of the Spirit which Christ prayed for (John 17:20-23).

*Edmond D. Macaraeg*

# Oakhurst Campers Enjoy Challenges

Our sixth year at Camp Oakhurst proved to be our most successful yet in many ways. The 172 campers and 51 staff from the United States and other countries converged for one week in one of the most scenic places in the United States. Oakhurst is located just south of Yosemite National Park, which was a destination for a hiking activity for our more advanced campers.

This year we featured a challenger program for 16- to 19-year-old campers. The highlight of this program was a one-day trip into Yosemite where the challenger campers divided into two groups—one climbing Half Dome and the other climbing to the top of Yosemite Falls. The track to Half Dome was 18 miles to the top and back to the valley floor. The unique part of this climb was the last 400 yards where climbers had to negotiate a steep climb up the solid granite monolith with the aid of cables.

But the challenge was not only physical. The program included spiritual challenges also. More time was spent in discussing relevant spiritual topics, and campers were challenged to dig deeper into the important issues of life. There were PowerPoint presentations by Dave Register on appreciating our personality differences and by Randy Schreiber on understanding the “new generations.” We also had the pleasure of a presentation by Jack Kemp, a member of the Redlands, California, congregation, who spoke on the

subject of smoking and drug addiction, including humor and down-home wisdom. Mr. Kemp has had throat cancer from smoking and spoke with the aid of an electrolarynx. Campers were intrigued with Mr. Kemp’s unique way of speaking in addition to his message.

Our archery program proved to be popular, headed up by our most knowledgeable Randy Stiver. He offered a genuine custom-built longbow to the winner of an archery contest. The winner was 11-year-old Brandon Spence from Arizona.

Scenic Bass Lake was the site of our waterfront activity, which included tubing, riding the banana boat, water skiing and wake boarding. The other activities were equally enjoyed—high ropes, climbing wall and giant swing, crafts and team building. Mario Seiglie conducted a first-ever soccer activity this year and Eloise Johnson taught the swim class.

The strength of our camping program is our generous staff who volunteer their time to work at camp. Ask any of them and they will tell you that it is work! We believe in having fun at camp, but the volunteers really work at camp. Most leave their jobs, businesses or school to serve at our camps. This year our hats go off to the staff we had at Oakhurst who gave of themselves to serve in this very important area of the Church. One camper wrote after camp this year, “I went

away with a more positive and supportive view, and had more of an idea of the scope of the United Youth Camp program.” It is always a team effort to plan the camps and then make it happen.

*Top: Challenger campers on Half Dome’s cable ladder (photos by Brett Washington, Linda Nixon and Bill Bradford)*

My wife and I are saddened not to be involved with United Youth Camps next year as we are transferring overseas. However, the camp is left with a dedicated staff who know the ropes and will make the camp run smoothly. We will miss not only the excitement of camp each year, but also will miss seeing the development of our young people as they progress through the program.

*Bill Bradford*

# Woodmen TEAM Weathers Storms

Sunday, July 1, 119 campers and 42 staff members began a wonderful week of fellowship and activities at Camp Woodmen in rural north Alabama. Flexibility was the name of the game due to changes in the weather. Some days were sunny with temperatures in the 90s, but activities were interrupted on other days by severe thunderstorms and temperature drops of 20 degrees or more. Everyone made the best of the frequent thunderstorms, and seemed to appreciate the extra fellowship time.

TEAM was our acronym for the week, meaning “Together Everyone Accomplishes More.” The motto proved true as everyone collaborated to meet the daily challenges in activities and weather. Additionally, campers and staff combined resources for a service project by contributing several hundred items of canned foods and household goods to a local food bank.

Christian Living classes were conducted after breakfast each day and helped everyone to maintain a spiritual focus during the activities and challenges. Camp activities included classes in outdoor living skills, canoeing, swimming, water slide, volleyball, softball, basketball, flag football, riflery, archery, low ropes and high ropes. Daily dorm inspections were conducted while campers were participating in activities. New standards of excel-

lence were set for clean dorms, and for the first time, every dorm received dorm inspection rewards! Following dinner and fellowship in the evenings, campers participated in activities such as Novelty Olympics, a staff-camper softball game, camp dances and a Friday evening Bible Question & Answer session. We were even treated to an exciting fireworks display to celebrate America’s Independence Day. Campers ended each

evening in their dorms with a good-night talk with one of the staff members.

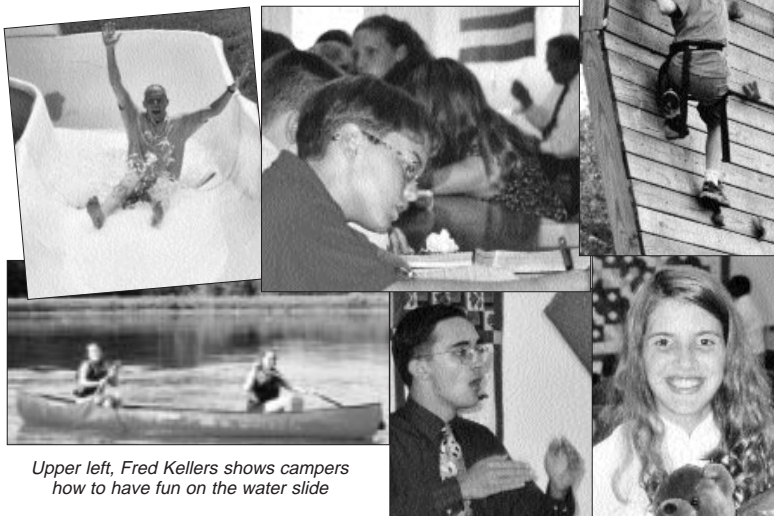
Camp director David Dobson commented, “God blessed us once again with a wonderful staff to serve our youth. This was a safe and healthy year, with no major illnesses or injuries.” Mr. Dobson’s feelings were underscored by many campers and staff workers who made comments about the positive attitudes of friendship and encourage-

ment. Counselor Matt Puckett said, “I now have hope in our children of the future. We have a generation with such tremendous potential!” Campers deeply appreciated the love, support and encouragement from their fellow campers and the staff. One 13-year-old girl said, “The campers and staff encouraged me to try to be a better person and showed me that I can be.” Other campers made the following comments: “Camp reminds me that there are others who believe in and live a better way of life.” “I love everyone at camp because they all love everybody!” Many campers stated that Christian Living classes and Bible activities were the most helpful parts of camp, and several said that fellowship activities during the storms helped increase the unity.

The Sabbath wrapped up a beautiful week of camp. The boys’ dorms served a special sit-down breakfast. Campers wore their new camp shirts for dorm photos and then shared Sabbath notes. After lunch, Sabbath services were held in the dining hall. Mike Machin gave the first split sermon on “Courage in Building the Kingdom of God,” followed by Rick Beam’s on “Put on Your Thinking Cap.” Dinner and fellowship were followed by the end-of-camp dance.

Campers and staff departed Sunday, July 8, after many hugs and emotional farewells. Once again, the most common “complaint” was that camp was too short.

*Denise Dobson*



*Upper left, Fred Kellers shows campers how to have fun on the water slide*

# U.S. and Canadian Festival Site Activity Announcements



## Bend, Oregon

**Location of Services:** Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center, North Sister Conference Hall, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond, Oregon.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

The Bend-Redmond Feast site again offers a wide variety of activities including: Family Day activities for all ages, followed by a family fun show; senior social with food and games; and an activity-packed afternoon and evening for teens with barbecue dinner.

**Family Day and Family Fun Show:** Please bring your favorite games for Family Day and the seniors' activity. Musicians, bring your instruments for a Family Day "jam" and for the family fun show that night. The show organizers are looking for three- to five-minute entertainment items that capture the spirit of true fun of the world tomorrow. This can include music, singing, good humor, poetry or whatever else will bring true joy and pure laughter to the hearts of all the families at the Bend Feast Family Fun Show.

If you'd like to audition a number, please write and tell us what you're thinking of or working on. You can contact us on e-mail at [randy\\_stiver@ucg.org](mailto:randy_stiver@ucg.org), or by "snail" mail at Randy and Linda Stiver, 3655 Berkshire St., Eugene, OR 97401.

### Activities Requiring Advance Registration

The activities listed below require advance registration prior to arrival at the Feast site. Please contact these vendors directly to make advance reservations.

**Diamond B Chuckwagon** offers dinner and musical entertainment provided by the Booher family of award-winning musicians.

The delicious, home-cooked, all-you-can-

eat meal consists of choice sirloin roast, slow-baked and simmered in their own delicious barbecue sauce; baked potato; pinto beans cooked the cowboy way—soaked all night and cooked over low flame, seasoned with garlic and spices (no pork!); applesauce; coffee and lemonade; and homemade sour cream chocolate cake. Special dietary restrictions can be accommodated if arranged in advance.

The meal is followed by an hour-long concert featuring Western music (similar in style to the famous Sons of the Pioneers), a few traditional swing numbers and a couple gospel numbers. Two-, three- and four-part harmonies with instrumental leads on fiddle, guitar and clarinet are all performed in their own delightful style. Many new numbers have been added to the show since last year.

The Diamond B Chuckwagon, located at 19889 8th Street in Tumalo (a few miles east of Bend), is open Wednesday through Saturday nights. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. other nights; the show begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 p.m. other nights. ***The Diamond B is also offering a special show exclusively for Feastgoers on Tuesday night, October 2.***

Advance reservations may be made for any of these nights. Seating capacity is limited to 150. Cost for dinner and meal is \$20 for adults (\$16 Tuesday night), \$15 for teens (13 to 18) and \$8 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under age 6 are free. Call (541) 330-1117 or e-mail [dbwagon@bendnet.com](mailto:dbwagon@bendnet.com) to order tickets. You can visit their Web site at [www.diamondbchuckwagon.com](http://www.diamondbchuckwagon.com).

**Crooked River Dinner Train** offers a full dinner and light-hearted, 1800s Western theme entertainment during a three-hour train

Time	Monday Oct. 1 Prep. Day	Tuesday Oct. 2 Holy Day	Wednesday Oct. 3 2nd Day	Thursday Oct. 4 3rd Day	Friday Oct. 5 4th Day	Saturday Oct. 6 5th Day	Sunday Oct. 7 6th Day	Monday Oct. 8 7th Day	Tuesday Oct. 9 L. Great Day
Morning			Services 10:30	Services 10:30	Services 10:30 FYI 10:30	Teen Bible Study 11:30-1	Services 10:30	Services 10:30 FYI 10:30	Services 10:30
Afternoon		Services 1:30	Teen Activity 2-9	Family Day 1:30-5	Senior Social 12:30-4:30	Services 2		Bible Study 2-3:30	Services 2:30
Evening	Opening Service 7:30			Fun Show 7-9	Young Adults' Study 7:30-9				

ride. Lower fares and changes in schedule and programming have been made this year to accommodate Feastgoers.

Wednesday, October 3 and Saturday, October 6 will feature an interactive dinner theater. Boarding time on Wednesday will be 5 p.m., with 6 p.m. departure and 9 p.m. return. Meal choices are Jesse James pot roast, Ochoco Mountain Chicken and dumplings, or vegetarian lasagna. Cost is \$55 for adults, \$28 for children 4 to 12.

Boarding time on Saturday will be 6 p.m., with 7 p.m. departure and 10 p.m. return. Meal choices are prime rib with potatoes, chicken cordon bleu (made with turkey ham) with rice pilaf, or vegetarian lasagna. Cost is \$58 for adults, \$38 for children 4 to 12.

Sunday, October 7 will feature an afternoon train ride with dinner and spoof train robbery. Boarding time will be 1 p.m., departing 2 p.m., returning 5 p.m. Meal choices are pot roast with vegetables, chicken and dumplings, or vegetarian lasagna. Cost is \$55 for adults, \$28 for children 6 to 12.

To make reservations you may call (541) 548-8630 or make reservations on-line at

[www.crookedriverrailroad.com](http://www.crookedriverrailroad.com). A minimum of 35 reservations is required for the train ride to be limited exclusively to Feastgoers. Otherwise, reservations will be made available to the public after September 15.

**Cowboy Dinner Tree Restaurant and Wagon Rides** offers a formidable challenge to the heartiest of appetites. The menu consists of a huge 26 to 30 ounce (or larger) top sirloin steak (or whole barbecued chicken), baked potato, wonderful dinner rolls, homemade soup, salad, homemade dessert and beverage—all for \$18.50 per person. Cost for children is \$9.25 for a meal with no meat (parents can share), no charge for children under 6. The restaurant is in a rustic mine shack with no electricity (power is supplied by a generator), which offers a genuine Western atmosphere. The wagon ride is available on a donation basis with advance notice.

Located four miles south on Hager Mountain Road (F.S. road 28) in Silver Lake, Oregon (80 miles southeast of Bend). Advance reservations required; call (541) 576-2426 or e-mail [dinnertree@presys.com](mailto:dinnertree@presys.com).

Larry Walker

## Branson, Missouri

**Location of Services:** Baldknobbers Theater, 2835 West Hwy. 76, Branson, Missouri.

**First Service:** Tuesday, October 2, 2001, at 10 a.m.

**Show and Attraction Discounts:** If you would like a list of the theaters and attractions offering discounts, along with the discounted prices, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Mike Blackwell, P.O. Box 4045, Springfield, MO 65808. There are a number of new shows this year.

**Branson Area Map:** If you would like a small map of the Branson area showing the

various routes along with markings showing the location of all the housing facilities we will be using, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Mike Blackwell, P.O. Box 4045, Springfield, MO 65808. These maps can prove very useful in avoiding much of the traffic in the Branson area.

**Housing:** There is still plenty of housing available at the Branson Feast site. The following establishments have space available at this time: Branson Condo Rentals, Carriage House Inn, First Inn Gold, Guesthouse Inn, Harmony Inn, Middleton Inn, Mountain Music Inn, Pointe Royale,

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Morning	Dept. Head Meeting 11	Services 10	Singles' Hospitality 8:30 FYI 9:45 Services 10	Youth Hospitality 8:30 FYI 9:45 Services 10	Singles' Hospitality 8:30 Services 10		Youth Hospitality 8:30 FYI 9:45 Services 10	Singles' Hospitality 8:30 FYI 9:45 Services 10	Services 10
Afternoon	Speakers' Meeting 1:30 Choir Practice 4:30	Services 2:15		Senior Citizens' Activity 1 (Guest House Inn)	Teen Activity	Services 1	Family Day 1:30		Services 2:15
Evening	Ministerial Hospitality 7		Family Dance 7	Teen Study 7 Young Adult Study 7	General Bible Study 7				



Radisson Hotel, Residence Inn, Thousand Hills Condos. The phone numbers are listed in the *Festival Housing Brochure*.

**Singles' Activity:** A special singles' activity has been arranged for Thursday evening, October 4. We have booked a block of tickets to the Shepherd of the Hills

Outdoor Theater. The late afternoon and evening activity includes Shepherd of the Hills outdoor drama (based on the prize-winning book *The Shepherd of the Hills* by Harold Bell Wright), dinner before the show, a guided historical tour, a trip up Inspiration Tower, a Clydesdale-drawn wagon ride and

various crafts demonstration. Cost for the activity is \$22 per person, including taxes and tip. To reserve space for this special event you need to send \$22 for each ticket you want to: Mark Welch, P.O. Box 967, Kellyville, OK 74031. All requests must be made by September 1, to guarantee the activity and

space. Others will be accommodated at the Feast on a first-come, first-served basis. This promises to be a first-class activity with plenty of time for mixing and talking along with the inspiring show. Be sure to reserve your space right away.

Mike Blackwell

# Breckenridge, Colorado

**Location of Services:** Ten Mile and Forest Rooms at the Village at Breckenridge.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

**Choir Practice:** Meet at the stage in the Ten Mile Room at 3 p.m. Monday, October 1.

**Opening Night Reception:** Immediately following services in the lobby. Light snacks provided. Drinks may be purchased.

**Singles' Hospitality:** Both Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening before the dance, to be held in the Aspen Room. Refreshments will be provided.

**Youth Classes:** We will have four levels of classes. There will be more information after the children are registered.

**Teen Drop-In:** At the Luecke's condo.

**Family Dance:** In the Ten Mile Room. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be sold.

**Teen Activity:** We will be going to the ice-skating rink, near the site at the Village.

**Seniors' Activity:** In the Elk Room. The chairman of the Council of Elders, Roy Holladay, will be addressing the group. Planned food items are marinated and grilled vegetables, sliced fruit, cheese trays, hot wings and chicken strips, mini taquitos, Swedish style meatballs and fudge brownies. Entertainment will be provided. It will not be necessary to pick up a ticket this year.

**Family Day, Swimming and Basketball:** At the Breckenridge Recreation Center, north of the Village. There are two indoor pools, one with a twisting tube slide and a little kiddie slide. There is an indoor hot tub and one outdoors and two full basketball courts.

**Elder, Deacon, Deaconess Luncheon:** Elders, deacons, deaconesses and mates who plan to attend need to pay in advance for this function. At the Hearthstone Restaurant, 130 Ridge Street at Washington. Buffet menu: hearty beef stroganoff over egg noodles,

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Morning	Dept. Head Meeting 9  Speakers' Meeting 10		FYI 10  Services 10-noon	FYI 10  Services 10-noon	Services 10-noon	Teen Bible Study 10:30-12  Young Adults' Study 10:30-12	Services 10-noon	Services 10-noon	Services 10-noon
Afternoon		Singles' Hospitality 1-2  Services 2-4	Teen Drop-in 1-4	Teen Ice Skating Party 2-5		Services 2-4	Seniors' Activity and Meal 12:30	Family Day, Swimming and Basketball 2-4	Deacon and Elder Luncheon 12:30  Services 2:30-4:30
Evening	Opening Services 7:30-9		Singles' Hospitality 7-8		Bible Study 7:30				

pulled chicken with chipotle BBQ sauce, fresh bread and butter, tossed green salad with Parmesan peppercorn dressing, apple crisp with whipped cream, drinks for \$20.60 per person total. Please send a check payable to United Church of God no later than

September 15 to Larry Neff, 10267 S. Spotted Owl Ave., Highlands Ranch, CO 80129. It is also possible to pay at the business office during the Feast until October 4, but payment before the Feast would be helpful.

Larry Neff

# Corpus Christi, Texas

**Location of Services:** Bayfront Plaza Convention Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

We are looking forward to having you in Corpus Christi, the "Texas Riviera"!

**Family Day Activities:** Experience Corpus Christi on Family Day, Friday, October 5. We have made arrangements for discount admission at three local attractions: The Texas State Aquarium, the Museum of Science and History (including a tour of Columbus' ships the *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria*) and the USS *Lexington* aircraft carrier. Discount tickets for these attractions will be on sale at the convention center two days prior to Family Day. Take your family or adopt one for the day!

**Senior Citizens' and Elders' Reception:** On Sunday, October 7, our senior citizens will be the guests of our elders at a special reception in the Auditorium Lounge of the Bayfront Convention Center beginning at 1 p.m. All seniors (couples or singles) 60 years and up are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. There is no

charge for this activity. To help us plan for the proper numbers you will need to pick up a ticket at the information table on Wednesday.

**Teen Hospitality Room:** On Wednesday, October 3, at 9 a.m., a hospitality room will be open for all teens in the Auditorium Lounge. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Come and meet new friends from around the country!

**Teen Dance:** All teens (7th grade through age 19) are invited to enjoy an evening of dance and fellowship on Saturday, October 6, from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in the Auditorium Lounge. Light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$6. Purchase your ticket at the information table on Wednesday.

**Teen Pool Party:** All teens are invited to spend Youth Day at the beautiful Port Royal Oceanside Resort on Thursday, October 4, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Swimming pools, the beach, games and a hamburger buffet await you.

**Singles' Hospitality Room:** On Thursday, October 4, at 9 a.m. a hospitality room will be open for all singles in the Auditorium Lounge. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Come and enjoy the fellowship of both old and new friends!

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Morning			Teen Hospitality  Services 10:30-12:30	Singles' Hospitality  Services 10:30-12:30	Senior Hospitality  Services 10:30-12:30		Services 10:30-12:30		Services 10:30-12:30
Afternoon		Services 3:30-5:30	Young Adults' Meeting 1-2:15	Youth Day Activity	Family Day Activity	Teen Bible Study 2:15-3:15  Services 3:30-5:30	Seniors' Reception	Services 3:30-5:30	LGD Luncheon 12:30-2:30  Services 3-5
Evening	Opening Services 7:30-9					Teen Dance 7:30-10:30 Bible Study 8-9:30			

**Senior Hospitality Room:** On Friday, October 5, a hospitality room will be open for all senior citizens in the Auditorium Lounge. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

**Last Great Day Luncheon:** Everyone is invited to lunch together on the Last Great Day right on site at the Convention Center! Ancient Mariner's catering is preparing a buffet lunch consisting of roast beef, green beans, potato, roll, tea or coffee and dessert. Instead of rushing out to lunch, experience a

nice and relaxing luncheon with your spiritual family! The cost will be \$10.50 for adults, \$8 for children ages 6 to 12, children 5 and under free. Please purchase your tickets at the information table on Wednesday.

**Housing Needs:** If anyone is still in need of housing, you might want to consider the following locations: Port Royal Condominiums (800) 242-1043, Omni Bayfront Hotel (800) 843-6664 and Island House Condominiums (800) 333-8806.

Britton Taylor

# Escondido, California

**Location of Services:** California Center for the Arts Escondido, 340 North

Escondido Blvd., Escondido, California.  
**First Service:** Monday, October 1,

2001, at 7:30 p.m.

**Hawaiian Luau:** Wednesday, October 3, 5 to 9 p.m. enjoy an authentic (OK, no pork) taste of Hawaii (without the long flight)! This will be our fourth year for our

Hawaiian Luau, poolside, at the lovely Hanalei Hotel in the Mission Valley of San Diego. A Polynesian buffet will be offered including mahi mahi, teriaki chicken, roast beef, salads, assorted fruit, dessert and bever-

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<b>Morning</b>			Teen Hospitality 9 Services 10 FYI 10	Young Adults' & Singles' Hospitality 9 Services 10 FYI 10	Teen Hospitality 9 Services 10 FYI 10	Seniors' Brunch 10:30	Teen Hospitality 9 Services 10	Young Adults' & Singles' Hospitality 9 Services 10	Teen Hospitality 9 Services 10
<b>Afternoon</b>	Dept. Head Meeting noon Speakers' noon Choir Practice 2	Young Adults' & Singles' Hospitality 1 Services 2 Teen Study 4:30	Teen Activity 1	Family Day 1-5		Young Adults' & Singles' Hospitality 1 Services 2			Buffet Luncheon 12:30 Services 2:30
<b>Evening</b>	Opening Services 7:30	Young Adults' & Singles' Activity 6	Hawaiian Luau 6	General Bible Study 7		Dinner Theater 6		Young Adults' & Singles' Study 7	

ages, followed by a private performance of the fantastic Na Alii Polynesian dance troop. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. The cost of the buffet dinner and the performance is \$52 per adult and \$36 for children 10 and under.

**Dinner & Classical Theater:** A special dinner followed by an exclusive performance by jazz vocalist Jane Monheit with Holly Hofman on flute in the intimate 400-seat Center Theater at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido (adjacent to the Performing Arts Center where services will be held) will be offered

Saturday, October 6, from 6 to 10 p.m. The whole family will enjoy this performance of jazz music in a quality atmosphere.

The dinner for adults is a duo of medallions of beef tenderloin and breast of chicken with all the trimmings, including beverage and dessert. For children under 10 we have chicken fingers, French fries, baked macaroni and beverage. Prices, including admission to the show and dinner, are \$50 for adults and \$21.50 for children under 10. Tickets must be prepaid and are limited. Please order tickets ASAP!

*All ticket orders must be postmarked no*

## ESCONDIDO 2001 TICKET ORDER FORM

**Hawaiian Luau (Wednesday, October 3)**

Adults \_\_\_\_ @ \$52 and Children \_\_\_\_ @ \$36 = \$ \_\_\_\_

**Dinner and Classical Theater (Saturday, October 6)**

Adults \_\_\_\_ @ \$50 and Children \_\_\_\_ @ \$21.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (optional in case we have questions about order) \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut out or copy ticket order form and mail with your check to:

**UCG—SD, P.O. Box 601010, San Diego, CA 92160**

You may pick up the tickets you have ordered at the information booth in the California Center for the Arts in Escondido after you arrive at the Feast site. Ticket order forms must be postmarked no later than **September 24, 2001**.

*later than September 24, 2001.* Please make checks out to "United Church of God—San Diego," and mail to UCG—SD, P.O. Box 601010, San Diego, CA 92160. All tickets may be picked up at the information booth after you arrive at the Feast in Escondido.

Tickets for the following events will be on sale or available at the Feast site and may be purchased or picked up at the information booth: teen activities, young

adults' and singles' activities, seniors' Sabbath brunch (no purchase necessary), Family Day at Kit Carson Park and Last Great Day Luncheon.

Discount coupons for local attractions such as the San Diego Zoo, the Wild Animal Park, Sea World and Lego Land will also be available in the California Center for the Arts Convention Office throughout the Feast.

*Dave Register*

# Gatlinburg, Tennessee

**Location of Services:** Gatlinburg Convention Center, Mills Auditorium, 234 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park will no doubt be the choice of destination on one or more afternoons for those that enjoy hiking and the great outdoors. There is also a welcome center in the park that gives a history of the area along with some animal exhibits and a gift shop.

There are several singing, dance and comedy theaters in Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge (5 miles away). Ticket information will be available at the information table.

The teen activities and seniors' activities do not require advance registration.

**Family Day** this year will be at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge (5 miles away). Tickets can be purchased at the information booth at the Feast. Cost is: 3 and under free; 4 to 11 \$16.50; 12 and up \$24.

**Teen Lunch:** The cost is \$12 per teen eating at Hard Rock Café on Wednesday. Includes meal and trivia contests.

**Family Dance** will cost \$2 per person or a maximum of \$8 per family.

## Advance Purchases Needed

**Sleep With the Sharks** (Wednesday, October 3): Gatlinburg has a brand new 1.3-million-gallon aquarium in 115,000-square feet. Besides sharks it features 8,000 other

exotic sea creatures from around the world. It also boasts the world's largest aquarium tunnel on a 340-foot glide path. Although all can choose to purchase tickets at the aquarium, we are offering a special "spend the night in the aquarium" for all children in grades K to 5. We will have chaperones from the Church staying overnight with the children. The children will eat dinner and breakfast there (included in the price). And they will see a dive show, go on a scavenger hunt, do a fish printing activity, pet the sting rays and get a behind-the-scenes tour.

What to bring: Church clothes (for next day), a T-shirt or pillow case for fish printing, a sleeping bag and pillow and a pad or air mattress if desired. Cost is \$40 per child. Only the first 90 children will be able to do this activity. If we have more than that, we will consider a second one on Sunday night October 7. Please make check out to United Church of God—Louisville and send to P.O. Box 1387, Louisville, KY 40201-1387. **Deadline: September 15.**

**Biltmore Estate Tour** (Wednesday, October 3): More than a century ago, George Vanderbilt created a larger-than-life country retreat in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains. Its centerpiece, Biltmore House, provided 250 rooms of hospitality to family and friends. Marvel at the grandeur of America's largest home filled with Vanderbilt's collection of fine art and antiques. Stroll through gardens created by

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<b>Morning</b>			Services 10	Services 10	Services 10		Services 10	Services 10	Services 10
<b>Afternoon</b>	Choir Practice 3-5	Services 2:30	Biltmore Tour 12:30 Teen Lunch 12:30	Bible Study 2	Teen Activity 1-5	Deacon/ Elder Luncheon noon Services 2:30	Family Day at Dollywood 1	Seniors' Activity 1-3	Services 2:30
<b>Evening</b>	Opening Service 7:30		Sleep With Sharks 6:30	Dixie Stampede 5:15	Teen Study 7:30 Young Adult Study 7:30	Family Dance 8-11	Pickin' & Grinnin' 8-10		

America's father of landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmsted. Enjoy estate-raised foods, and savor award winning vintages at Biltmore's winery. The tour leaves from the convention center after services (around 12:30 to 12:45) and returns after dark. The tour price (\$44) includes transportation and ticket to the Biltmore. The bus will be stopping after the tour for dinner at Ryans (not included in price). Please make check out to United Church of God—Louisville and send to P.O. Box 1387, Louisville, KY 40201-1387. **Deadline: September 15.**

**Dixie Stampede** (Thursday, October 4): The dinner and show at Dixie Stampede is fun for everyone. Bring your appetite and leave the silverware behind for the biggest feast you'll find south of the Mason-Dixon. If you have never experienced this wonderful

evening of dining and entertainment, you are in for a real pleasure. You will see 32 magnificent horses that are the stars of the show. Check out the trick-riding buckboard races and friendly nose-to-nose competitions pitting North against South. And you will love the ostrich races and comedy. These tickets will sell quickly. Cost: 3 and under free; 4 to 11 \$16.50; 12 and up \$28.50. Please make check out to United Church of God—Louisville and send to P.O. Box 1387, Louisville, KY 40201-1387. **Deadline: September 20.**

**Deacons and Elders Luncheon** (Sabbath, October 6): A luncheon is available for all deacons and elders and their families on the Sabbath. Weather permitting, part of it will take place under the trees. The main course will be smoked sirloin of beef and





mately 5 p.m. (Little walking required in this tour.)

**Washington D.C. Tour:** At 1 p.m. a luxury coach will pick you up at the Eisenhower Inn (location of services) to begin your tour of Washington D.C. Stops will include Arlington National Cemetery for the changing of the guard; Washington National Cathedral; Lincoln, Roosevelt, Vietnam and Korean memorials; and more! (Actual itinerary may vary due to availability, construction, etc.) The price includes the guided tour and a sumptuous meal. Offered only once on Thursday, October 4. You will be dropped off at the Eisenhower at approximately 11 p.m. (A fair amount of walking is

required to see inside many of the monuments.) Cost is \$45 per adult, \$35 per child 12 and under. Offered once on Thursday, October 4.

**Washington D.C. Ford Theater Outing:** At 1 p.m. a luxury coach will pick you up at the Eisenhower Inn (location of services) to begin your trip to Washington D.C. You will stop for a fine dinner, tour of the Ford Theater, then enjoy a live performance of the famous play "To Kill a Mockingbird!" A sandwich lunch will be provided on the bus. The price includes the bus trip, lunch, guided tour of Ford's Theater, a sumptuous evening meal and tickets to the play. Cost is \$80 per seat. Offered only once on Tuesday,

October 4. You will be dropped off at the Eisenhower at approximately midnight.

**Baltimore Visit:** At 1 p.m. a luxury coach will pick you up at the Eisenhower Inn (location of services) to begin your trip to Baltimore. The coach will take you directly to Harborplace ([www.harborplace.com](http://www.harborplace.com))—a mix of 101 unique shops, 16 sit-down restaurants and 40 diverse eateries, as well as live entertainment on the waterfront. Explore each of the 101 shops or branch out and walk over to places like the fabulous Maryland Science Center (three floors of hands-on exhibits featuring the Chesapeake Bay, Structures, Hubble Space Telescope, Beyond Numbers, Energy, IMAX five-story theatre,

Davis Planetarium and live demonstrations—see [www.mdsci.org](http://www.mdsci.org)) or the National Aquarium (world-famous attraction features sharks, dolphins, rays, tropical fish and 10,000 other creatures in naturalistic exhibits including a walk-through living rain forest—see [www.aqua.org](http://www.aqua.org)). A sandwich lunch will be provided on the bus, all other entertainment and dinner will be on your own at the harbor's attractions and eating establishments. Cost of \$22 includes the bus trip and lunch. The coach will pick you up at the drop spot at 8:30 p.m. and return you to the Eisenhower at approximately 10 p.m. Offered only once on Sunday, October 19.

*Dave Myers*

## Jekyll Island, Georgia

**Location of Services:** Hartley Auditorium, 1 Beachview Dr., Jekyll Island, Georgia.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

**Activities:** We are planning a singles' activity at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 3; a teen/family beach party at 1 p.m. October 4; a senior citizens' activity at 3 p.m. October 5; and a family dance on Sunday evening, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. Other information regarding these activities will be provided in the Festival brochure you will receive at the auditorium.

**Bible Studies:** A young adults' Bible study will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 4. On Friday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m., both an adult Bible study and a youth Bible study will be held. All of these will take place in the auditorium and/or the team rooms.

**Feast Video:** The Feast video will be shown during the sermon time on Friday, October 5.

**Children's Choir:** The Children's Choir will sing on the Sabbath, October 6. This is always an anticipated special event.

*Don Waterhouse*

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<b>Morning</b>			Teen Hospitality 8:45-9:45 Services 10-noon	FYI 10-noon Services 10-noon	Singles' Hospitality 8:45-9:45 Services 10-noon (Feast Video)	Elder/Deacon/Dept. Head Brunch 10:30	Teen Hospitality 8:45-9:45 Services 10-noon	Singles' Hospitality 8:45-9:45 Services 10-noon	Services 10-noon
<b>Afternoon</b>	Dept. Head Meeting 1 Choir Practice Dept. Meetings	Services 2-4	Singles' Activity 1	Teen/Family Beach Party 1	Senior Citizens' Activity 3-4	Services 2-4 (Children's Choir) FYI 2-4			Services 3-5
<b>Evening</b>	Opening Service 7:30			Young Adults' Study 7:30	Bible Study 7:30 Youth Study 7:30		Family Dance 7:30-10:30		

## Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

**Location of Services:** Kauai War Memorial Convention Center, Lihue, Hawaii.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7 p.m.

**Teen Kayaking Trip:** Teens attending in Hawaii will have the opportunity to go kayaking Friday, October 5.

**Teen Dance:** A teen dance is scheduled for Sunday night, October 7.

**Hawaiian Luau:** A Hawaiian Luau is planned for Thursday evening, October 4. Tickets may be purchased once members arrive at the Feast site.

**For Parents of Preteens:** The Festival Youth Instruction (FYI) classes will be held for the various levels of preteens attending the Feast in Hawaii. Announcements about the classes will be made during the first services of the Feast.

**Volunteers:** Any and all volunteers for the choirs (adult and teen) and other services at the Feast are gratefully accepted.

A complete schedule of Festival activities and events will be available in the local Feast brochure upon arrival at the Feast site.

*Earl Roemer*

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<b>Morning</b>			Services 10	Services 10	Services 10	Services 10	Services 10	Services 10	Services 10
<b>Afternoon</b>		Services 1			Teen Kayak Trip	Services 2			Services 2
<b>Evening</b>	Opening Services 7			Luau 6			Teen Dance 7		

## Panama City Beach, Florida

**Location of Services:** Edgewater Beach Resort Convention Center, 11212 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach, Florida.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

**Bible Studies:** The Young Adults' Bible study will be Thursday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a Bible study Friday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. The Teen Bible study will be Friday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m.

**Singles' Hospitality:** The Singles' Hospitality will be Tuesday, October 2, at 1 p.m. at the conference center, and again on Friday, October 5 at 9 a.m.

**Singles' Beach Olympics:** The Singles' Beach Olympics will be Thursday, October 4, at 2 p.m. at St. Andrews State Park. A bag lunch will be provided along with cold drinks during the activity. Cost for this activity is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under the age of

12. Please register at the information table on Wednesday, October 3.

**Singles'/Young Married Adults' Dinner Cruise:** An enchanted evening of dining and dancing is planned aboard the yacht, Lady Anderson, on Saturday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m. The cost for this activity is \$40 per person. Please register no later than September 2. Send checks payable to: UCG-Covington, c/o Ina McLemore, 42477 Richard Road, Ponchatoula, LA 70454. For more details contact Ms. McLemore at [InaMc@juno.com](mailto:InaMc@juno.com).

**Teen Hospitality:** The Teen

Hospitality is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, at 4 p.m. after services at the conference center, and again Saturday, October 6, at 1 p.m.

**Teen Beach Party and Cookout** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, from 2 to 5 p.m. at St. Andrews State Park.

**Teen Dance:** The Teen Dance is scheduled for Sunday, October 7, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the conference center.

**Family Day:** Thursday, October 4, has been designated as Family Day. Three local attractions have agreed to be open, some with special hours for our convenience. Information sheets will be avail-

able at the Feast site. Brochures and some discount coupons for various attractions will be available at the information table.

**Senior Citizens’ Luncheon:** The Senior Citizens’ Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, October 5, at 12:30 p.m. The location is Capt. Jack’s Family Buffet, 8208 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach. For those who can, a \$3 donation per person would be appreciated. Since our group will have exclusive use of the restaurant, it will be necessary to have a ticket to enter. Make sure to pick up your tickets at the information table on Wednesday, October 3, or Thursday, October 4.

**Senior Citizens’ Activity:** There will be table games and a chance to socialize with one another on Monday, October 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Sago Palm Room 2 at the conference center. Please bring your favorite table games.

**Festival Youth Instruction:** Special

classes for our youth will be available Wednesday, October 3, and Sunday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. These classes will be conducted in rooms on the second level of the conference center for kindergarten and first grade. Levels 2 and 3 will meet in Sago Palm Room 2. Levels 4 and 5 will meet in Sago Palm Room 3. The Sago Palm Rooms are on the first level of the conference center.

**Parking Special Request:** We need the help of everyone with parking. Those who will be staying at the Edgewater Beach Resort property on either side of Front Beach Road (the Towers, Leeward, Windward or Golf Villas), please walk if physically able, or ride one of the trams to the conference center. There is a crosswalk bridge from the beach side condos that crosses Front Beach Road to the conference center for your convenience.

The parking lot to the east of Beckrich Drive, at the shopping center, is to be used

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Morning	Dept. Head Meeting 10  Speakers’ Meeting 11		Services 10  FYI 10	Services 10	Singles’ Hospitality 9-9:45  Services 10		Services 10  FYI 10	Services 10	Services 10
Afternoon	Choir Practice	Singles’ Hospitality 1  Services 2  Teen Hospitality 4-5	Teen Beach Party and Cookout 2-5	Family Day  Singles’ Beach Olympics 2	Senior Citizens’ Luncheon 12:30	Teen Hospitality 1-2  Services 2		Senior Citizens’ Activity/ Games 2-5	Services 2
Evening	Opening Services 7:30			Young Adults’ Bible Study 7:30	Bible Study 7:30 Teen Bible Study 7:30	Singles’/ Young Adults’ Dinner Cruise	Teen Dance 7-11		

by those staying at other properties on the beach. You may either walk from that parking lot to the conference center or ride a shuttle van. The parking area adjacent to

the conference center will be reserved for the handicapped. Your help in this area will be greatly appreciated!

Harold Rhodes

# Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

**Location of Services:** Crystal Grand Music Theater, Route 23 (half-mile east of I-90), Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

**Please Bring Some Stuffed Animals:** As a part of our Youth Day service, we will decorate the stage with stuffed animals and then hand them out to the children. You are welcome to bring along a stuffed animal for that purpose.

**Senior Citizens’ Activity:** If you are a 60+ youngster, please join us after services on Monday, October 8, at the Antigua Bay. This free activity will include music, entertainment, prizes and surprises, sandwiches and snacks, and lots of wonderful fellowship. Sign-up will take place during the Feast.

**Singles’ Dinner, Seminar and Activities:** A singles’ pizza dinner and seminar, entitled “The Challenge,” will be enjoyed on Tuesday evening. There will be a picnic and hike at Devil’s Lake on Wednesday afternoon. A horseback riding activity will take place on Friday that highlights a ride through a replica of an Old West town and a tunnel and bridge into Lost Canyon. There will also be two singles’ hospitality hours where singles can enjoy fellowship and light snacks between services.

**Family Day:** You are invited to join us for our annual Family Day that will take

place on Sunday afternoon. Families are encouraged to join together to make this an afternoon of fun, fellowship and action at several activities and attractions in the Wisconsin Dells area. We have contacted a variety of establishments to determine their availability and some will offer special rates. Activities include swimming at an indoor water park, Dells Boat Tours on the Wisconsin River, miniature golf, go-cart track, riding stables, Ripley’s Believe It or Not and Wax World of the Stars. There is no need to purchase advance tickets for any of these attractions.

**Family Dance:** All members of the family are invited to attend the free Festival Family Dance on Thursday evening from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. A variety of musical styles from Big Band to Country/Western will be presented for your dancing and listening pleasure. Come on over and join the group for the chicken dance, swing, polka, bunny hop and hokey pokey. Nice casual (including nice jeans or country western dress) is fine for attire.

**Young Adults’ Bible Study:** Following Sabbath services on October 6, there will be a special interactive Bible study for all young adults between 18 and 30-something (including married couples). All young adults are encouraged to attend this encouraging and informative presentation.

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Morning	Orchestra Practice 11		Singles’ Hospitality 8:45-9:45  Services 10-noon	Teen Hospitality 8:45-9:45  Services/ FYI 10-noon	Singles’ Hospitality 8:45-9:45  Services 10-noon		Services 10-noon	Services/ FYI 10-noon	Services 10-noon
Afternoon	Dept. Head Meeting 1  Speakers’ Meeting 2  Choir Practice 2	Services 1-3  Singles’ Dinner & Seminar 5-7	Singles’ Picnic/ Hike 1:30	Teen Aquatic Activity 1-5:30	Singles’ Horseback Riding 1:30	Services 1-3  Young Adults’ Study 4-5:30	Family Day Activities 1	Senior Citizens’ Activity 12:30-3	Services 2:30-4:30
Evening	Opening Services 7:30-9	Elders’/ Dept. Head Dinner 5:30	Teen Dance 7-9:30	Family Dance 7:30-10:30	Teen Study 7-8:30 Bible Study 7:30-9				

**Bible Study:** On Friday evening a Bible study will be conducted for those attending this year’s Feast in the Dells.

**Teen Activities:** A teen dance is being planned for all teens attending the Dells Feast site on Wednesday. Refreshments are planned and a modest admission fee will be charged. Dress is nice casual (no jeans or shorts please). Parents are welcome. On October 4, there will be an aquatic activity at one of the large indoor water parks that includes several water slides and a wave pool. On Friday evening, there will be a special interactive Bible study of interest to all young people, ages 12 to 19.

**Festival Youth Instruction:** Classes for all children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade will be

held once again. Materials for games and art activities will be provided but students are asked to bring the following if possible: kindergartners and first graders will need crayons, scissors and glue. Second, third, fourth and fifth graders will need colored pencils, scissors and glue.

**Elders’/Department Head Dinner:** A dinner for all ministers, department heads and wives is planned for October 2 at a local restaurant. Advanced reservations are required, so details will follow via e-mail.

**Web Site:** Further details on local attractions, maps and other information can be found on the following Web site: [www.ucg-beloit.org/dells](http://www.ucg-beloit.org/dells).

Steve Nutzman

# Canadian Sites: Kelowna, British Columbia

**Location of Services:** Kelowna Community Theatre, 1375 Water Street,

Kelowna, British Columbia.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1,

2001, at 7:30 p.m.

**Attention All Feastgoers Bound for Canada:** When crossing the border from the United States to Canada and back again, it is always a good idea to carry either a birth certificate or passport. Although such a document is not always asked for, it sure comes in handy

when a government official asks for your proof of citizenship.

**Family Day:** Our Family Day activity will once again be located at Scandia Golf and Games, 2898 Highway 97 N on Friday, October 5 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Last year nearly 200 of our

brethren, some visiting the Okanagan for the first time, discovered the fun and entertainment that has become a Family Day tradition at the Feast.

Scandia features dozens of activities for the entire family, including both outdoor and indoor miniature golf, bumper cars, a 9-court batting cage, 130 arcade games and pool tables. There are lots of choices no matter the weather. We provide a number of free tokens to get you started. Pizza and soft drinks are also available on-site.

In addition to the activities at Scandia, we have arranged special discount rates at Malibu Grand Prix for go-cart racing enthusiasts. The facility provides real excitement and has a solid record of safety. Malibu is located right across the Highway from Scandia at 911 Stemel Road.

**Kelowna Princess Tour:** The *Kelowna Princess* is a beautiful 100-passenger yacht from which Lake Okanagan in the Kelowna area may be seen. A two-hour cruise is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, October 4. It will depart from the downtown harbor. Advance tickets are required and will be sold in the information area on Wednesday, October 3. Beer, wine and soft drinks as well as snacks are sold on

board. The price for the tour is \$7.50.

**Ministerial Dinner:** There will be a ministerial dinner for all ordained elders, department heads and their mates on Monday, October 8, at 6 p.m. at The Williams Inn. The location is 526 Lawrence Avenue and the cost will be approximately \$30 Canadian per person.

**Young Adults' Activity:** The young adults' activity and seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 3. There will be a seminar from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. near the waterfront, at a location to be announced. At 2:50 p.m., we will board the *Neptune Spirit*, located at the boat basin by the Waterfront Park. We will enjoy an exclusive tour of the beautiful lake and the surrounding lakeshore. A \$12 per person donation is asked to help cover the cost to charter the boat. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity to increase learning, make some new friends and enjoy an incredibly scenic boat cruise.

**Seniors' Luncheon:** Greetings seniors! Our annual luncheon here at the Feast is scheduled for Sunday, October 7 at the Ramada Inn Lodge Hotel, located at 2170 Harvey Avenue. The time for lunch is 1:15 p.m.

Tickets need to be purchased and

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<b>Morning</b>			Services 10:30 FYI	Services 10:30 Teen Study 10:30	Services 10:30		Services 10:30 FYI	Services 10:30 (Youth Day) Food Bank Collection	Services 10:30
<b>Afternoon</b>		Services 2	Young Adults' Activity & Seminar 2-6	Boat Cruise	Family Day Activity 1:30-5	Services 2	Seniors' Luncheon 1:15	Staff Reception 12:30	Services 2:30
<b>Evening</b>	Opening Services 7:30	Teen Activity 7:30-10:30				Family Dance 7:30		Ministerial Dinner 6	

picked up by the afternoon of Friday, October 5 at the information area. This will ensure us time to give an accurate number to the Ramada catering staff.

Anyone 60 and older will be counted as a senior. Younger spouses or dates are more than welcome to attend. We are here to fellowship, share some good food and have fun.

**Family Dance:** A family dance will be held on Saturday night, October 6, at the Rutland Centennial Hall, which is located at 180 Rutland Road. The dance

will start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. At this year's family dance, the highly acclaimed Shakewood Annie, professional DJs, will supply the music. Their music and floorshow covers the eras between the '40s and '90s, so come and participate in an enjoyable lively evening of entertainment.

Snacks and beverages will also be provided. To offset the cost, we are asking for a donation of \$4 per person or \$12 per family.

*Rainer Salomaa*

## Mont-Ste.-Anne, Quebec

**Location of Services:** Domaine Val des Neiges, 203 rue Val des Neiges, Beauré, Quebec.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

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**Variety Show:** If you would like to be part of a family-oriented Variety Show, please write to Paul Suckling giving him your name, church area and a brief description of what you would like to provide. In the past we have had tasteful stories told, dances demonstrated, songs sung, the piano played and children do amazing things, etc. You can contact Mr. Suckling at either Paul.Suckling@ucg.org or at P.O. Box 661, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. We look forward to hearing from you before the Feast of Trumpets.

*Anthony Wasilkoff*

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<b>Morning</b>			Services 10 FYI (Salle de jeux)	Services 10	Opportunity for Whale Watching or Touring	Seniors' Brunch (Thé des Bois) 10	Services 10 FYI (Salle de jeux)	Services 10	Services 10
<b>Afternoon</b>	Staff Meeting (Thé des Bois) 3	Services 2:30	Teen Activity 2-5 Young Adults' Activity 2-5	Quebec City Bus Tour 1:30- 5:30		Services 2:30	"Church Family" Day 2:30-5	Appreciation Reception (Thé des Bois) 12:30	Noon BBQ Services 2:30
<b>Evening</b>	Opening Services 7:30		Family Dance 7:30-10:30	Young Adults' 7:30 Teen Study 7:30	Services 7:30	Variety Show (Auditorium) 8-9:30	Quebec City Dinner Cruise 6:30-10:30		

## St. John's, Newfoundland

**Location of Services:** Airport Plaza Inn, St. John's, Newfoundland.

**First Service:** Monday, October 1, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

**Attention All Feastgoers Bound for Canada:** When crossing the border from the United States to Canada and back again, it is always a good idea to carry either a birth certificate or passport. Although such a document is not always asked for, it sure comes in handy when a government official asks for your proof of citizenship.

**Variety Show:** Both the Mont-Sainte-

Anne site and the St. John's site are planning to host a fun, family-oriented Variety Show at this year's Feast.

Do you sing? Do you recite poetry? Can you tell an interesting story? Can you play a musical instrument? Can you dance? There's plenty of opportunity for participation at a good old-fashioned Fall Festival Variety Show. If you are planning to attend St. John's, don't forget to bring your instrument, your music, your script or your costume. You'll need them for the Variety Show!

*Anthony Wasilkoff*

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<b>Morning</b>			Services 10 FYI	Services 10	Services 10	Seniors' Brunch (Best Western) 10	Services 10	Services 10	Services 10
<b>Afternoon</b>	Staff Meeting 3	Services 2:30	Teen Activity 2-5 Young Adults' Activity 2-5	Family Day Lavrock Center (Lunch & Dinner) 1:30	Opportunity for Touring	Services 2:30	Boat Tour/ Whale Watching from St. John's Harbor		Services 2:30
<b>Evening</b>	Opening Services 7:30			Family Dance 7	Young Adults' 7:30 Teen Study 7:30	Variety Show 7:30			



# Giving a Good Feast

by Michael Blackwell

The Church of God is once again gearing up to observe the annual Feast of Tabernacles. Most members are making final plans on travel, deciding on things to do at the Feast and basically getting ready for "the best Feast ever." In all our planning, though, a vital key to making it a great Feast often goes unnoticed. This key is a central part of our job as Christians, and it will guarantee a better Feast.

I had the privilege of learning this key while a teenager in the Radio Church of God back in the early 1960s. Since that time I have occasionally neglected it—always with the same results. Something was missing from my Feast, the blessing that comes from serving!

In 1961 and 1962 in Big Sandy, Texas, I was the 24-hour telephone service and nighttime security all wrapped in one. I slept in a small "information booth" in the parking lot of the old redwood building. The Church

telephone line was transferred to that phone after the tabernacle building closed at about 10:30 p.m. It was also a center where problems could be brought, and an elder sought during the night. While the quarters were tight (barely room for an army cot) these were among the most rewarding Feasts I had as a teenager.

Serving at the Feast of Tabernacles is a vital way to make the Feast more enjoyable, and serving also pictures what we will be doing during the millennial reign of Jesus Christ on earth. It is, however, often overlooked as we rush around making all of our physical preparations for the Feast.

At most sites the Feast begins with very few volunteers to cover the jobs which need to be done. In the "early days" of the Church these jobs were all filled well in advance of the Feast. Today we all have so many "irons in the fire" that we just don't get around to volunteering until we get to the Feast. Many times the volunteers can be overworked due to a lack of men and women willing to help.

God has called us to learn to be servants. The Feast pictures the coming Kingdom of God. What better way to demonstrate our willingness to be servants than at the Feast of Tabernacles! Volunteers are needed in many areas, including ushering, mothers' room, parking, stage set-up, Feast youth Bible lessons, helping with activities, special services for the handicapped and other areas. Teens can volunteer to help in many areas, and even smaller children can serve by picking up trash in the auditorium and lobby after services.

A multitude of volunteers would make for a lighter load for everyone—while more would share in the blessing of serving and reaping the results. What better way to *have* a great Feast than to *give* a great Feast to our brethren!

We all get busy with our lives and can become distracted by all the activities at the Feast, but we must not forget one of the big lessons of the Feast of Tabernacles—we are called to be servants of the Most High God.

What better way to do that at the Feast than to volunteer for service to our brethren. One way to volunteer in advance is to contact the Festival coordinator at the site you will be attending. Below are their e-mail addresses. If you don't have e-mail, your pastor can send a message for you.

Come on! Take the plunge and volunteer. Experience anew what the Feast and our calling is all about—giving and serving! *UN*  
*Bend:* Larry\_Walker@ucg.org  
*Branson:* Michael\_Blackwell@ucg.org  
*Breckenridge:* Larry\_Neff@ucg.org  
*Corpus Christi:* Britton\_Taylor@ucg.org  
*Escondido:* David\_Register@ucg.org  
*Gatlinburg:* Mark\_Winner@ucg.org  
*Gettysburg:* Dave\_Myers@ucg.org  
*Jekyll Island:* Robert\_Jones@ucg.org  
*Kelowna:* Rainer\_Salomaa@ucg.org  
*Lihue:* Earl\_Roemer@ucg.org  
*Mont-Sie-Anne:* Anthony\_Wasilkoff@ucg.org  
*Panama City Bch.:* Harold\_Rhodes@ucg.org  
*St. John's:* Anthony\_Wasilkoff@ucg.org  
*Wisconsin Dells:* Steve\_Nutzman@ucg.org

## Musicians—We Need You!

One of the highlights of the Feast of Tabernacles is being inspired and uplifted by the special music performed during services. If you're a musician, we need you to volunteer to help serve during the Feast. Special music can praise and honor God and be a great spiritual and emotional boost for everyone.

We'd like you to be a part of what Paul describes in Colossians 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

We are in need of choir members, instrumentalists, soloists, ensembles, hymn and choir accompanists, etc. We are also forming instrumental ensembles at every site, so please plan to volunteer in this area as well.

If you are attending the Feast in the United States or Canada and would like to

volunteer to serve in the area of special music please contact the appropriate Special Music Coordinator or Adult Choir Director for your area. Then you will receive a packet containing music and a practice tape from the music coordinator for the site you plan to attend.

Parents of children ages 5 through 12 will be happy to know that there will be a children's choir at each Feast site again this year. There is no need to sign up for the children's choir. Music and practice tapes will be distributed through your local church by early August.

If you have children who would like to sing at the Feast, wait for your pastor's announcement that the music and tape are available and simply pick up a copy.

Take time now to volunteer to contribute to the overall success of the Feast of Tabernacles through music!

Steve Myers

## Special Music Coordinators/Adult Choir Directors 2001

<b>Bend</b>	Ted Japhet SMC, ACD 407-299-1872 tjaphet@email.com	<b>Lihue, Kauai</b>	Mark Roth SMC, ACD 920-386-2912 mlroth@nconnect.net
<b>Branson</b>	Russ DeVilbiss SMC, ACD 868-766-7255 russtantmy@cablevision-online.net	<b>Kelowna</b>	Jim Brandenburg SMC, ACD 403-282-8981 jimbrandenburg@home.com
<b>Breckenridge</b>	John Fox SMC, ACD 801-966-7981 thefoxes@softcom.net	<b>Mont-Sainte-Anne</b>	Kevin Ford SMC 416-231-9379 kjford@netcom.ca
<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Paul Wasilkoff SMC paul_wasilkoff@ucg.org Ken Shoemaker, ACD 937-587-2486; kshoemaker@bright.net	<b>Panama City Beach</b>	Ken Treybig SMC 504-643-4437; ken_treybig@ucg.org King Finlay ACD 215-536-0127; king_finlay@ucg.org
<b>Escondido</b>	Fred Crow SMC, ACD 408-238-5234 fred.crow@lmco.com	<b>St. John's</b>	Kevin Ford SMC 416-231-9379 kjford@netcom.ca
<b>Gatlinburg</b>	Mark Graham SMC, ACD 216-529-1380; magraham@bw.edu		Floyd Satterwhite ACD 804-746-7948; f.satterwhite@juno.com
<b>Gettysburg</b>	Dan Salcedo SMC, ACD 714-637-4335 cedosal@earthlink.net	<b>Wisconsin Dells</b>	Steve Myers SMC, Orch. Dir. 507-288-5717; steve_myers@ucg.org Skip Myers ACD 715-341-5907; reggie@coredcs.com
<b>Jekyll Island</b>	John Barbush SMC, ACD 815-293-3993 jbarbush@mediaone.net		

## Car Rental Insurance Update

Car rental companies continue to change the insurance coverage they offer. If you plan to rent a car for the Feast, remember the following cautions:

**1. Liability Insurance:** Depending on where you keep the Feast, you may find the rental companies no longer include liability coverage (for bodily injury or property damage you may do to others). If it is included, it may only be the minimum required by law, which is usually extremely inadequate. Rental

coverage is often secondary to your personal coverage, meaning that your policy will pay first. You can purchase liability coverage separately for about \$10 to \$12 per day for coverage up to \$1,000,000. As an alternative, most companies offer increased liability limits packaged with the Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) for about \$20 per day. *Check with the rental company for costs and coverage information—make sure you are insured adequately.*

**2. Loss Damage Waiver (LDW):** LDW pays for damage to the rental car, regardless of fault. It is available for a daily fee of about \$9 to \$10 (or in the package described above). In some cases it may not be necessary to purchase this coverage if you charge your rental

car on certain credit cards that include coverage for rental cars. However, you normally have to settle with the rental agency, then request reimbursement from the credit card company. Some credit card plans may not cover rentals in foreign countries and may not cover all potential losses. Your personal auto insurance may include coverage for cars rented in the United States, but it also may not. Be sure to check with your agent and ask for written confirmation that it is included. *Purchasing LDW is strongly recommended if you aren't covered some other way.*

**3. International Travel:** In addition, your personal auto policy most likely will not extend beyond the boundaries of your home

country when driving a rental car. In addition, to avoid problems complicated by distance and language, it is safest to purchase both additional liability and collision damage coverage when traveling out of your home country.

**4. Read the Contract:** You can actually void the insurance protection if you fail to comply with all the terms and conditions in the contract. For instance, if all potential drivers are not mentioned on the contract, you may void one or more of the contract provisions, including insurance coverage. Reading the contract will help you learn what coverage you have and the exclusions that exist. *Always read the contract carefully.*

Chris Anderson

The most exciting good news ever is God's gift of eternal life for mankind. The bulk of humanity doesn't know this truth; most of those who lie in their graves never knew it. Many modern Christians wonder if they will ever see their close relatives again. They will. We already know we will.

Knowing that we will one day see our loved ones is at once a secure feeling and a sobering one. It's sobering because we know that this is our day of salvation, the only time we are being judged for eternal life (1 Peter 4:17). Our day of salvation begins when we are baptized and given the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14; Acts 5:32). Those who endure to the end will be saved (Matthew 24:13).

God's holy judgment on the Church is good because it allows us to become more like God and it also proves to God that we love His way better than the world's way. God gives eternal life to those who want to live His way of life—forever. God gives immortality to those who judge themselves and who allow God to judge or evaluate them (1 Corinthians 11:31-32).

### The White Throne Judgment

The Great White Throne Judgment corresponds with the Last Great Day of the Feast or the eighth day of the Feast (Leviticus 23:36; Nehemiah 8:18). This festival symbolizes and prefigures a second and incredibly great resurrection of human beings that takes place after the 1,000-year period (Revelation 20:4-6). Revelation 20 shows two different resurrections. Verses 4, 5b and 6 all speak of the first resurrection. Verse 5a speaks of the second resurrection. If this verse is read without understanding of God's plan to save mankind, it can be confusing.

Other scriptures help fill in the picture concerning this otherwise subtle distinction between the first and second resurrections. We who know the truth do so by comparing spiritual things with spiritual (1 Corinthians 2:13). We know that at the end of the 1,000 years is when the second resurrection takes place.

The Bible is written like a jigsaw puzzle, so to speak. If it were written like an ordinary science book, people who read it would at least know academically what you and I know today. That would make them accountable for their actions, susceptible to committing the unpardonable sin, reserving them for the lake of fire. But God is merciful and He allows the bulk of humanity to remain blinded to His plan of salvation until all things are fulfilled (2 Corinthians 4:4; Matthew 13:14-15).

The fall Holy Days (laid out for us as fulfilled in Revelation 19 and 20) reveal the time of Christ's intervention in world affairs (Feast of Trumpets, Revelation 19), the incarceration of Satan and the demons (Atonement, Revelation 20:1-3), the 1,000 year reign of Christ and His saints (Feast of Tabernacles, Revelation 20:4, 5b, 6) and the Great White Throne Judgment.

Those resurrected at the beginning of the Great White Throne Judgment include all those who lived from Adam to Christ's second coming but who were never called by

# Billions Are Waiting on You!

*Our faithfulness now is a necessary step in bringing the fulfillment of God's plan to the billions yet to be saved.*

by Jerold Aust

God. These will be resurrected to a physical life and given a period of time to be judged (Last Great Day, Revelation 20:11-13), as we are being judged today (1 Peter 4:17).

Isaiah suggests that the period of judgment might last 100 years for every human being: "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed" (Isaiah 65:20). When we carefully read the context of this chapter from verses 17 through 25, the setting is like that of the 1,000-year period... a period of peace and prosperity.

Some get confused with the first part of verse 17 (called 17a). This appears to set the prophecy during the times of the new heavens and the new earth. However no human procreation will take place in a state of immortality. As Christ said, "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven" (Mark 12:25). First, verse 17 should be rendered "I will create..." (not "I create...")—something to happen beyond the context of a physical setting, as the physical precedes the spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:46).

Verse 17a looks ahead to the time also talked about in Revelation 21:4 when all the former things have passed away. We know that Revelation 21 and 22 deal with human beings changed to a spiritual state, a former physical humanity now immortal. Secondly, the Bible is clear that there will be no ongoing "spiritual gardeners," no unending physical procreation. All human beings will either be made immortal or cease to exist: "Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under

His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death" (1 Corinthians 15:24-26). This is not possible if human beings remain alive at this time period (Hebrews 9:27).

When you put all the scriptures together on the subject of the Great White Throne Judgment, it becomes clear that our relatives who haven't been called (and all peoples of all time) will rise in the second resurrection, after the 1,000-year period. This great resurrection is depicted in Ezekiel 37, the whole of mankind personified by one nation, that of Old Testament Israel, rising from its graves, having had no hope in their lifetimes (verse 11).

The key to this article is this: the Great White Throne Judgment is great because of its overwhelming numbers who will be resurrected to a physical state of life. This great resurrection depicts the end of Christ's harvest of human lives.

Make no mistake: there is an end to God's harvest of human lives. (What God has planned within His new heavens and new earth is not revealed in Scripture.) The majority of human beings will be given eternal life, made immortal. The fact that there will be a global lake of fire tells us that some will refuse God's way of life and immortality, as unthinkable as that might be. Even the memory of them will be forgotten (Obadiah 16). At that time, those who will be immortal spirit beings will see this terrible event but will be unaffected by this great conflagration. They (and we) will be spirit and impervious to any physical damage.

### Billions Are Waiting on You and Me

In a sense, the billions of human beings who have died without knowing God, Christ and the truth are waiting in their graves for God's plan to unfold, for it to come to fruition. The Last Great Day or the eighth day

of the Feast is their day of salvation. This is the time God has set aside for them to be judged and to be saved.

Now here is where we come into the picture. Matthew recorded a familiar and interesting promise made by Christ. That promise includes you and me and the end of the age, if we live until Christ's return to this earth. "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened" (Matthew 24:22). Notice how Christ says that the horrible days of the Great Tribulation (verse 21), involving all of mankind on earth (Revelation 3:10), will be cut short because of His elect. We are His elect. In effect, Christ is telling His saints that they have their part in the unfolding of His great plan of salvation.

Scripture shows that God does things in an orderly way and that one event does not begin until the last one ends: the Great Tribulation (and Day of the Lord) precedes His second coming. Christ's second coming inaugurates and establishes the 1,000-year period of peace and prosperity. At the end of the 1,000 years Christ releases Satan and the demons and then removes them from His presence and ours (Revelation 20:10; Jude 6, 13). Only then will Christ raise billions upon billions of humans to their day of judgment. This is a period of time in which they have the opportunity to demonstrate their willingness to live God's way of life. They shall be saved as we are, through Jesus Christ's sacrifice and His life (Romans 5:10). Christ will judge those many billions throughout their physical lives by the law of liberty (James 1:25, i.e., the Ten Commandments) and save them by His grace (Ephesians 2:8).

Billions of human beings now dead and buried are waiting for us to complete our part in the orderly progression of God's master plan of saving all of mankind for all time! We do not save them. Christ will save them. Yet those billions of human beings now dead and buried are, in a sense, patiently waiting on you and me, "each one in his own order" (1 Corinthians 15:23). We dare not fail in our day of salvation. For, "We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37). *UN*

## Festival Youth Instruction to Be Offered for Fifth Year

Millennial Flash is the title of this year's Festival Youth Instruction (FYI) program, which will be presented at 12 U.S. and Canadian sites. The program consists of two separate classes for each of the following four groups: kindergarten, first grade, second and third grades, and fourth and fifth grades.

The program will emphasize the four elements of a kingdom, giving age-appropriate lessons for our children including Bible stories, crafts, games, songs and memory scriptures.

Students in lower grades can bring typical school supplies such as pencils, glue sticks, scissors, crayons or colored markers. The upper grades can bring a

pencil and a Bible. We encourage parents to register their students at the beginning of the Feast for this spiritually informative opportunity!

If you would like to help with

Festival Youth Instruction at the Feast site you attend, please contact the following individuals for U.S. sites: Bend, Sandy Cafourek ([john\\_cafourek@ucg.org](mailto:john_cafourek@ucg.org)); Branson, Dave Johnson ([david\\_johnson@ucg.org](mailto:david_johnson@ucg.org)); Breckenridge, Dave Mills ([dave\\_mills@ucg.org](mailto:dave_mills@ucg.org)); Corpus Christi, Dave Treybig ([david\\_treybig@ucg.org](mailto:david_treybig@ucg.org)); Escondido, Jon Gar-

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The contacts for Canadian sites are: Kelowna, Michelle Mickelson ([mark\\_mickelson@ucg.org](mailto:mark_mickelson@ucg.org)); and for Mont-Sainte-Anne, JoAnne Read ([tinear@sympatico.ca](mailto:tinear@sympatico.ca)). *UN*



# The Battle for the Human Mind

*The first line of defense is knowing the enemy and his tactics. How can we guard our minds from the pervasive influence of secular humanism?*

by Robert Dick

Throughout human history obedience to God has been a battlefield. The battles may change, but the war is always the same. Paul said it well in Ephesians 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

Eve waged the first human battle, a battle over the credibility of God and the desire to have what did not belong to her (Genesis 3:1-6). Christ waged a battle following 40 days of fasting. The enemy desired one great victory above all others—that Christ would bow down and worship him (Matthew 4:8-11). The enemy lost.

From Christ’s day onward the Christian battlefield has primarily remained the same. The battle has been over the willingness to obey God while facing the potential loss of family, job and (in most centuries) one’s own life (Luke 14:26-27; Matthew 10:35-39). The apostles and many early saints won the war, but lost their physical lives.

The most recent century has seen the battlefield change dramatically. During the 20th century rarely did a follower of God face loss of life as the consequence of putting God first in his life. Loss of family and friends was still a common consequence as was loss of job or vocation. Interestingly, in nations such as the United States even loss of job over obedience to God’s way became less common during the last quarter of the century. There are still careers that cannot accommodate the Sabbath, but the incidence of job loss is considerably lower than in the early 1900s.

The spiritual battlefield, just as the world’s physical battlefields, has changed dramatically during the last few decades. Consider a modern warship. Instead of bristling with guns as naval vessels have since the days of the Spanish galleon and the British man-of-war, today’s modern warships are rather drab and uninteresting. But beneath that deceptively plain skin lies the ability in some cases to wipe out entire small nations with one complement of warheads.

No longer do armies line up in formal battle array as in the days of Napoleon. Battles are fought by radar- and laser-guided missiles with battle results reported by satellite cameras.

Where then is the modern spiritual battlefield?

The mind.

Just as physical warfare has become

incredibly sophisticated, so has spiritual warfare. The battle of our day is the battle for the human mind.

Consider the words of Paul to the young evangelist Timothy. In 2 Timothy 3 Paul warned of perilous times in the last days. What was the peril of the last days to be—famine, plague, heavenly signs, the devastation of nuclear war? No. Paul listed 19 perils and all were attitudes and conduct produced by a spiritually disturbed mind.

It is possible that few of us stop to consider during the day’s ingestion of radio and television programming, or even the reading of the daily newspaper or our favorite magazine, the number of times that our minds are assaulted by the thought-bending philosophies of our day. Whether we know it or not, this is the battlefield. In fact, our adversary is quite pleased when we don’t realize it. Stealth is “in” even in the world of spiritual warfare.

For the sake of this article, let’s consider one element of our spiritual battle—secular humanism.

## One Battlefield: Secular Humanism

Humanism issued its original manifesto in 1933. It was a movement supported primarily by men and women in the field of education—those who shape the minds of our children and young adults. Forty years later, in the September/October 1973 issue of *The Humanist*, “Humanist Manifesto II” was published along with the names of the signatories. Updated and revised to meet the times, it took the place of the first “Humanist Manifesto.” An editor’s note currently appearing on the American Humanist Association Web site declares that thousands of additional names have been added to the original list of signatories.

Even more recently, “A Secular Humanist Declaration,” published by the Council for Secular Humanism, put forth the position of this influential movement. Again consider that collectively “Humanist Manifesto I” (1933), “Humanist Manifesto II” (1973) and “A Secular Humanist Declaration” (1980) are endorsed by thousands of signatories. A review of the list of men and women who endorse these documents would reveal the names of educators who teach in the most renowned universities in the United States and abroad, well-known thinkers, famous authors, scientists and political leaders.

What is it that secular humanism espouses? What does it teach? Even more

important is the question, What is produced in the minds of those influenced by its teachings and philosophies?

You will find a look at “A Secular Humanist Declaration” most revealing. Let me summarize the salient points contained within its 10 precepts. Consider as you read that the outlet for their philosophies are elementary, high school and college classrooms, television and radio programming, plots for movies and stage plays, newspaper and magazine content and government legislation, just to name a few.

## The Teachings of Humanism

Below are the 10 tenets and an editorial summary of the points relevant to our battle.

1. Free Inquiry. It is considered tyranny over the mind of man for any ecclesiastical institution to shackle free thought. Religion should not interfere in man’s right to think for himself.

2. Separation of Church and State. Religious oaths or prayers in public institutions, whether political or educational, should not be allowed.

3. The Ideal of Freedom. The document expresses that true freedom includes freedom from religious control.

4. Ethics Based on Critical Intelligence. This tenet shows a deep sensitivity toward God’s interference in life. There are several battle lines drawn within this tenet. First, that the Greeks originated the field of moral ethics before religion entered this domain. Second, that people can be moral without God. Third, that we can live meaningful, wholesome lives without religious commandments.

5. Moral Education. Children should not be indoctrinated in a religious faith before they are mature enough to evaluate its merits.

6. Religious Skepticism. Traditional views of the existence of God are meaningless. The idea that God has miraculously intervened in human life is rejected. The literal interpretation of the Old and New Testament is rejected.

7. Reason. The document displays dislike for nonsecularists disagreeing with “reason” and “science.”

8. Science and Technology. Adherents believe that science and technology are the most reliable ways to understand the world.

9. Evolution. This document deplores fundamentalist invasion of the classroom requiring that creationism be taught. The belief is that creationism, if allowed in the

classroom, may seriously undermine the credibility of science.

10. Education. The document expresses concern that religious teachers go largely unchallenged in the media. The feeling is that secularism should be given greater programming exposure.

## Preparing for Battle

Whether you consider it or not, whether you sensed it or not, these philosophies lay siege to your mind, building up battlements from all directions—radio talk programs, TV programming, movies, television, even the daily newspaper. How do you combat it?

Obviously the first line of defense is knowing/identifying your enemy. How do you fight something you cannot perceive? Consider the tenets of the above declaration and keep your eyes open for its manifestations. Remember the words of 1 Peter 5:8-9, “Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith...” (NAS).

Watch, keep your eyes open, be vigilant, resist. Our battle requires that we take the approach admonished by Peter as we face the enemy in mental combat. Think about what you view. Ponder what you read. Where is it coming from? How does it want you to think? Is this the way God thinks? Guard the doorways of your mind.

Consider that the most powerful weapon in your arsenal is a sound knowledge of and a deep respect for God’s Word. Stay close to God in study and meditation on His Word. Know it, think it, live it.

Paul was a man well aware of the world around him—a man who had been in the center of Jewish leadership before his conversion, a man well aware of the philosophies of his day. In his letter to the church at Corinth he urged them to be prepared for the battle for the mind. “Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:3-5, NRSV).

Consider the advice of Peter and Paul in the battle for the mind. *un*

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# Announcements...

## Births

**Dr. Corwin and Rachel (Yelk) Petty** of Springdale, Arkansas, are thrilled to announce the birth of Colton John Wayne Petty born March 19, 2001. He was 7 pounds and 19 3/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are John and Betty Petty of



*Colton John Wayne Petty*

Sedgwick, Arkansas, and Wayne and Marilyn Yelk of DeForest, Wisconsin.



*Sophie Marie Hand*

**Greg and Kelley (Orlemann) Hand** of Columbus, Ohio, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Sophie Marie. Sophie was born March 6, 2001, and was 8 pounds 13 ounces and 21 inches long.

**Daniel and Linda (Barnum) Porteous** of Auckland, New



*Bree-Anne Porteous*

Zealand, are blessed to be able to announce the arrival of their first child. Bree-Anne arrived on March 18, 2001, weighing 3.95 kilograms (8 pounds 11 ounces) and was 53.75 centimeters (21 inches) in length. Her very pleased grandparents are Maynard and Cherry Barnum of Raymand, Washington, and Ron Porteous of Auckland.

**Micah, Daryn and Clay Bradley** are thrilled to announce they



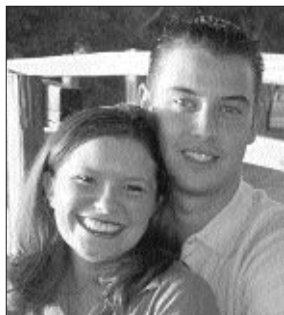
*Kevin Michael Yao Bradley*

have a new brother. Kevin Michael Yao Bradley was born October 1, 1996, in Nanchong, Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China. He was adopted on May 28, 2001, in Chengdu, China. His mommy, brother and sisters traveled to China to bring him home. Proud parents are Doug and Karen (Hazelip) Bradley of Gilbert, Arizona.

## Engagement

**Mr. and Mrs. Galen Morrison** of Rockford, Illinois, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Mary, to Aaron Gabriel West.

Elizabeth attended Ambassador University and graduated from Texas A&M University-Commerce. Aaron is the son of Stanley and Roxanna West of Big Sandy, Texas. Currently, he is a senior at Texas



*Elizabeth Morrison and Aaron West*

Tech Health Sciences Center.

Both Elizabeth and Aaron are

members of the United congregation in Lubbock, Texas. A wedding is scheduled for August 11, 2001, in Rockford, Illinois.

## Obituaries

**Mary Louise Drayer**, 81, of Atwater, Ohio, died June 16, 2001, at Canterbury Villa of Alliance. She was born in Suffield, Ohio, November 15, 1919, to Louis and Emma Kline and lived in the area for most of her life.

She was a member of the United Church of God in Canton, Ohio. She listened to Herbert W. Armstrong's radio program in the early 1960s, took the Bible Correspondence Course by writing



*Mary Louise Drayer*

out each lesson, filling out and sending in the test card and waiting for grade results to be mailed back. She was baptized in March of 1975 and was a faithful, dedicated servant to her calling.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil, of Atwater; a son, Noel Drayer, of Alliance; a daughter, Marlene Ware, of Alliance; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her parents; a daughter, Elizabeth Frank; three sisters; and four brothers.

The pastor of the Canton, Ohio, congregation, Doug Johnson, officiated the funeral services on June 20.

**Richard T. Peterson**, 69, died May 16, 2001, two weeks after suffering a stroke from which he never fully regained consciousness. Mr. Peterson was born in Petersburg, Virginia. He was a veteran of the Korean War and worked most of his life as a welder for the Transit Authority in New York City. After retiring in 1989, he and his wife, Gladys, spent their summers in Spring Hill, Florida, where they were living at the time of his unexpected stroke.

Mr. Peterson was a loyal,

inspiring example in God's Church for 29 years, was ordained a deacon in 1984 and in later years was an active member of the Tampa congregation. "Mr. Pete," as he was fondly



*Richard T. Peterson*

referred to by many, was a true gentleman who will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; two sons, Richard Peterson Jr. and Peter Peterson; three daughters, Gayle Lyons, Denise Williams and Joanne Hawker; and seven grandchildren. Graveside services were conducted on May 18 by Don Waterhouse.

**Mary Granade**, 76, died July 10, 2001, in an assisted care facility in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mrs. Granade and her husband (who died several years ago) were members of the Church since the early 1960s, attending in Lakeland and Tampa, Florida, for many years. More recently, Mrs. Granade attended the UCG congregations in Ocala, Florida, and Charlotte, North Carolina. She had been ill with colon cancer for several years, but had lived with a good quality of life until early this year. She is survived by three sons, two sisters and five grandchildren.

**Lou Ellen "Ella" Brown Elledge**, 84, of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, died July 10 after a year-long struggle with a brain tumor. She was a longtime member of the Church of God, and for the past five years was a member of the UCG Hickory, North Carolina, congregation.

She always had a nice smile for everyone. She was a caring person to others both in her immediate and extended families.

She is survived by three daughters, Dorene Brookins of Auburndale, Florida; Barbara Prevette of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina; and Linda Radell of Glen Allen, Virginia. Also, she is survived

by two sisters and one stepsister, two brothers and two stepbrothers, nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Jim Haeffele on July 12.

**Phyllis Crow** died April 6, 2001, of breast cancer. She was 64 years of age and lived in the Dayton, Ohio, area. She had been a member of the Church of God since the early '60s. She is survived by her daughter, Violet Gehrke. All of the cards, letters and prayers for Mrs. Crow were greatly appreciated. You will never know how much your encouragement helped during this trial.

**Carl Montgomery**, 68, died October 18, 2000, at the Feast of Tabernacles in Panama City, Florida, from complications due to a stroke. He had been a member of the Church since 1966 and attended the Minneapolis, Minnesota, congregation where he helped run the sound system and served in various other capacities over the years.

He was a warm and friendly man, and although he had no children of his own, he was called "Grandpa" by many. He, along with his wife, Ann, served as wonderful examples by opening up their home to those in need, and they were always willing to help and serve others. Carl volunteered his time at the Crooked Lake Elementary School for six years in the elder mentor program helping children learn to read,



*Carl Montgomery*

and also volunteered at a neighborhood summer camp sponsored by the police and fire departments.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, of 49 years; his father, Bruce Montgomery; sister and brother-in-law, Joan and John Ness; sister, Kathy Montgomery; brothers, Brian and David Montgomery; and nieces and nephews. A memorial service was conducted by Jim Servidio on November 1, 2000.

# News at a Glance...

## 17 Congregations to Test Brochure Mailing

The home office recently conducted tests of Val-Pak direct mail in Greensboro, North Carolina, and Rockford, Illinois. Val-Pak is a cooperative "saturation" mailing program in which inserts and coupons from various businesses and organizations are mailed together in envelopes to households in targeted neighborhoods in a community.

We provided Val-Pak with *Good News* subscription brochures and they did the work of handling mailing lists, insertion, postage and mailing. Results showed Val-Pak not to be as effective as a stand-alone mailing test conducted by the London, Kentucky, congregation last year. In that test, the brethren purchased mailing lists and postage and did the work of labeling and mailing 10,000 brochures to local postal customers. Their efforts resulted in 249 *Good News* subscriptions equaling an excellent 2.5 percent response at a cost per response of \$3.35.

We are now moving ahead with a more extensive brochure mailing experiment similar to the one conducted in London, Kentucky. Seventeen congregations have volunteered to financially support a test and do the work of mailing brochures. These church areas include Baker City, Oregon; Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Covington, Louisiana; Dayton, Ohio; East Texas, Texas; Fort Myers, Florida; Grand Junction,

Colorado; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Laurel, Mississippi; Lewistown, Pennsylvania; London, Kentucky; New Orleans, Louisiana; Salt Lake City, Utah; Tacoma, Washington; Tampa, Florida; Texarkana, Texas; and Twin Falls, Idaho.

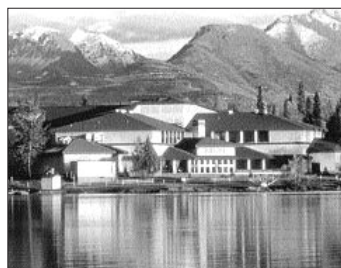
In early August, each congregation will be shipped 10,000 newly designed *Good News* subscription brochures to mail to households in neighborhoods they have selected. We will keep you updated on results of this newest member participation test program.

*John LaBissoniere*

## Brethren Place Over 70,000 Brochures

There are now 57 U.S. church areas participating in the *Good News* Brochure Display Program. Also, 84 individual members are distributing brochures in locations where there is no congregational effort. In the past year, brethren have placed over 70,000 brochures on 1,208 displays! The volunteer's efforts have helped 1,424 people take the opportunity to obtain a *Good News* subscription. Overall response is now at a respectable 2 percent and the cost per response has dropped from \$3.45 to an excellent \$2.42.

*John LaBissoniere*



*Millennium Hotel Anchorage*

## Alaskan Feast Site Planned for 2002

A survey of member interest at Sabbath services July 7 showed more than enough potential attendees to make a Feast site in Anchorage, Alaska, feasible for 2002.

*Joel Meeker*

Since the Feast will be early in 2002 (September 20 to 28), it seemed an ideal year for this one-time-only Alaskan Feast. Negotiations are underway with the Millennium Hotel Anchorage. The rates are \$89 single and \$99 double occupancy.

## Volunteer Teaches Computer Skills in Ghana

Greg Bartholomew of the Collinsville, Illinois, congregation participated in a United Youth Corps project in Ghana for nearly three weeks this summer. Greg arrived in Accra, Ghana, on June 21, after nearly a full day and night of flights from the United States. Also arriving on the flight was Melvin Rhodes, a UCG pastor who used to live and work in Ghana some years ago.

The two men took a taxi northwest to Kumasi, the second largest city in Ghana. Greg had the chance to spend the Sabbath with members of the Remnant Church of God in Kumasi. During the week he taught beginning and intermediate computer classes to young people from the Remnant church in the Kumasi area. Using two laptop computers, Greg covered the basics of Windows and Word, as well as answering various questions on all sorts of computer-related topics.

Living conditions during the week were not always easy. The electricity would often stop for long periods, making it difficult to keep the laptops batteries charged. It also meant the lights could not be turned on in the house after dark on days the power was off. The running water also did not always work, which meant having to take splash baths out of large plastic containers filled with water whenever the service resumed.

During the second full week he was in Kumasi, Greg taught basic and intermediate computer skills to 12 pastors of the Remnant Church of God as part of a seminar being held by Mr. Rhodes and UCG pastor Joel Meeker. During the last part of the week the schedule included a visit to the tropical rain forest at Kakum National Park and to historic European castles, which at certain times served as slave trade outposts.

## What's New on the Web?

### On [www.ucg.org](http://www.ucg.org)

- On July 26, the Ambassador Bible Center students expressed their thanks to faculty members and presented them with tokens of their appreciation. View new photographs in the ABC section.

<http://www.ucg.org/abc/progress.html>

- The latest booklet, *Is There Really a Devil?*, is now available in PDF (208K) and HTML formats: <http://www.ucg.org/articles/booklets/>

- The June issue of *El Comunicado* is available in HTML format and the July-August issue of *Las Buenas Noticias* is now available in PDF (636K) format on the Spanish literature page:

[http://www.ucg.org/html/espa\\_ol.shtml](http://www.ucg.org/html/espa_ol.shtml)

- The July-August issue *La Buona Notizia* is now available in PDF (1.5MB) format on the Italian page:

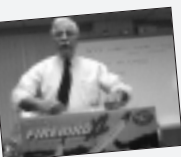
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### On [ucgyouth.org](http://ucgyouth.org)

- See United Youth Corps updates from South Africa and Ghana, pictures from Camp Pinecrest and an announcement from the Dallas young adults of Texas Hospitality 2002 set for February 15-18, 2002. <http://ucgyouth.org>

### On [vcmagazine.org](http://vcmagazine.org)

- The August *Virtual Christian Magazine* has articles on: "Do You Know Your Father?", "Ecstasy! A Hug Drug or the Kiss of Death?" and "All Spiritual Experiences Are Not of God." <http://vcmagazine.org>



### Other Helpful Links

<http://www.ucg.org/radio> (*Good News* radio program site. Listen to Real Audio files of the program and see the radio log.)

<http://youthmagazine.org> (*Youth United* e-magazine site)

<http://gnmagazine.org> (*Good News* Web site. Sign up for e-mail notification!)

<http://www.ucg.org/a/locale/multimedia.htm> (Check out the local multimedia efforts by United congregations: *Tomorrow* television by Portland, Oregon; *Good News* television by Beloit, Wisconsin; *World News and Prophecy* radio by Donald Ward; and *The World Tomorrow* on MANX radio on the Isle of Man.)

<http://www.ucg.org/a/news/news.htm> (News page with Council of Elders meeting reports, President's Letters, Home Office Updates, etc.)

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