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Passover, Night to Be Much Observed and the Days of Unleavened Bread

Registration for the Feast of Tabernacles in Italy began on Feb. 10. It does seem that we begin Feast of Tabernacles preparations earlier each year, and if we are not careful, we can allow that preparation to take our focus off the more immediate need to prepare for the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. Emphasizing the importance of the spring festivals, the Bible commands us to examine ourselves before partaking of the symbols of Christ's shed blood and beaten body (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).

The night following Passover is the Night to Be Much Observed. This year that will be on Friday night, April 19. There are a number of long-standing traditions involved in the observance of this night. When my family began attending services in the early 1960s, we referred to this evening as the "Night to Be Much Remembered"—although a search of old Church literature reveals that we weren't consistent, and as far back as 1961 we often used the term *Night to Be Much Observed*, taken from the King James translation of Exodus 12:42.

In the earlier years of the Church (the 1950s and 1960s) each congregation around the world gathered for a meal on this special evening. We still believe it is important for us to observe this evening, but the Bible leaves open *how* we do that. We have no biblical model of the Israelites having a meal on this evening in the Old Testament, nor is there a New Testament model for us to follow. *How* we observe this evening is a matter of Church tradition.

As the Church grew rapidly in the 1960s and the congregations became so large that the amount of work required became excessive, the decision was made in 1970 that we should observe this evening by gathering in private homes or in private rooms in restaurants or hotels. In the late 1960s congregations in Big Sandy and Pasadena were well over 2,000 people, and it was a major undertaking to feed that many people in one evening. Those who prepared the food, served the food and cleaned up afterwards spent many hours in doing so.

Here is the announcement that was sent out to all the churches on April 8, 1970, formally changing the way we kept the Night to Be Much Observed:

"Tell the brethren to have two or three families eat and fellowship together on that evening in an attitude of thankfulness and rejoicing for the deliverance from sin which we as New Testament Christians experience. The host or leading man should ask God's blessing on the meal and the occasion, but no further 'sermonizing' will be necessary."

Today, the Church's tradition allows for different ways to observe this evening—in a private home, in a private room in a restaurant or hotel, or all together as a congregation. Since most of our congregations are smaller in size, it is possible to observe this evening as a group without creating a lot of additional work.

The Night to Be Much Observed begins the first day of Unleavened Bread. For seven days we eat no leavening, and prior to the beginning of the first day, we remove all leavening from our homes for the full seven days (Exodus 13:7). This is a very special time with deep spiritual meaning for all God's people (1 Corinthians 5:7-8).

It is only March, but as you can see in this issue of *One Accord*, it is time to begin making plans for the Feast of Tabernacles. At the same time, what a shame if we fail to prepare properly for the Passover, the Night to Be Much Observed and the Days of Unleavened Bread. It is very important that we do both!



Jim Franks

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Winter Camp

2018



Winter Camp Draws From Many Places

By Gary Black

A total of 81 campers and 37 staff gathered for Winter Camp from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. We came from 23 different states, plus Canada, Mexico and Guatemala.

The weather was warmer than normal, but a nice snow fell before camp ended, providing everyone the opportunity for downhill snow tubing.

The theme of camp was “Walking With Integrity.” Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying making new friends and learning about living our lives with integrity. ©A







Bill and Carolyn Winner

As a married couple, the Winners faithfully served the Church of God for 46 years in congregations from Australia to Alabama and many places in between.

A young Bill Winner was a freshman attending a Maryland college in the mid-1950s, and everything he thought he knew was being challenged—especially his belief in God. Troubled and confused, he dropped out of classes and struggled to find a reason and purpose for his existence.

His grandmother suggested he listen to a man on the radio—his name was Herbert Armstrong. Bill did just that and later enrolled in Mr. Armstrong's *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course*, poring over its lessons. They, too, challenged his beliefs, but ultimately his studies led him to the Scriptures and gradually changed his life and gave it direction.

Where there's a will ...

When he learned about the Sabbath, he knew it would be a challenge to find a job that allowed him to keep it. He found employment with a travel agency in Washington, D.C. Meanwhile, what began as a search for meaning was leading to an insatiable desire to know more and to please God. One way to do that, he figured, was to find a way to attend Ambassador College in Pasadena, California.

Bill determined that if Ambassador College would have him, he *would* get there. Aside from paying boarding house rent (which included breakfast and dinner), he saved almost every penny he earned. He allowed himself 14 cents a day for his lunch—a bowl of soup and a glass of water. The rest went into his college fund. Diligence and frugality had their day when, in the fall of 1957, he was accepted as a freshman on the Pasadena campus.

Conscientious by nature, Bill Winner successfully progressed through the college curriculum, absorbing and learning. In his junior year, he was given the opportunity for some hands-on experience. He went on a three-week baptizing tour in Northern California and Oregon under the tutelage of Leroy Neff. They met people from all walks of life who were being changed and convicted by the truth of God, and 19 were baptized. He had a second such opportunity the following year, and his training in giving sermonettes and sermons and in visiting in the local church area continued on course.

Growing families

On June 8, 1962, Bill Winner graduated from Ambassador and was ordained the following day. The next week he and his lovely bride, Carolyn Travis, recited their marriage vows. And three months later—after a short stint in Kansas—they were on their way to pastor the church in faraway Melbourne, Australia. There were only two ministers in all of Australia at that time. While they were there, their son, Mark, was born.

In 1966 the Winners moved to start a new congregation, some 1,600 miles west of Melbourne in Perth, Western Australia. The Church family grew, and so did their own, with the birth of their daughter, Tami (Rehor).

Children are naturally affected by their father’s changing pastoral assignments. “Our children were blessed to not only form friendships in various parts of the United States, but since we were a part of the international work, they were able to travel in different parts of the world,” Mrs. Winner reflected.

Their son Mark Winner added, “When you move every four to five years, you find that it is important to learn how to talk to people and how to listen to them—people of all ages and backgrounds. ... I feel this really helped me later in life, both as a business owner and then [as] a pastor.” (He currently pastors COGWA congregations in Atlanta, Jefferson and Macon, Georgia.)

The boomerang

Flexibility and adaptability became hallmarks of future years for the Winners: a sabbatical in Pasadena for a year; back to Wichita and Salina, Kansas, as pastor; then a move to care for churches in Birmingham and Gadsden, Alabama; and back to Australia to serve for six years as director of Ministerial Services for Australia and Asia.

The Winners joked that they had a boomerang effect. The boomerang finally returned home for good, and Mr. and Mrs. Winner served congregations in West Virginia, Ohio and Alabama until the time of his death.

Looking back

When looking back on their years of service, Mrs. Winner commented, “I think the most enjoyable part was seeing people’s lives change—watching them become stable, happy and anchored in God’s Word.”

She said they learned that without humility, nothing is accomplished. And that shared relationships as children of God are unique and cannot be explained to others, as there is nothing else like them.

On Jan. 17, 2008, 71-year-old Bill Winner died unexpectedly after undergoing an apparently successful surgery to remove a tumor on his pituitary gland. It was a shock to the medical staff and his family alike, as there seemed to be no explanation for his death.

Mrs. Winner misses her husband deeply—she was always by his side. “I miss so many things, but most of all I miss talking to that converted mind and tapping into his wisdom.” Nevertheless she continues to serve God’s people, offering comfort, encouragement and service where she can.

In a touching tribute to her father, Tami Rehor commented, “Dad had three great loves in his life—his love of God, his love for his family, and his love for the brethren; everything he did was motivated by one of those three loves.”

That is the measure of Bill Winner—a man who found his purpose in life and fulfilled it. ☺☺



On the Road Again

The following are the congregations that the Winners served between 1962 and 2008:

1962	Wichita and Liberal, Kansas	1983-1989	Director of Ministerial Services for Australia and Asia
1962-1966	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	1989-1996	Wheeling, West Virginia; Cambridge, Ohio
1966-1970	Perth, Western Australia	1996-2005	Marietta and Athens, Ohio; Morgantown, West Virginia
1970-1971	Sabbatical in Pasadena, California	2005-2008	Birmingham and Gadsden, Alabama
1971-1976	Wichita and Salina, Kansas		
1976-1983	Gadsden and Anniston, Alabama		



CAMP KENYA 2018

Walking With Integrity

By Nikita Mahe

Five enthusiastic Foundation Outreach International volunteers experienced an awe-inspiring adventure of camp in Kenya in December. Gabe Ellis from Ohio, Mackenzie Jennings from Texas, Rachael Aghimien from Nigeria, and Timothy Siopan and I from New Zealand were granted an unforgettable opportunity to work alongside the friendly Kenyan camp staff. Tim Waddle did an excellent job as camp coordinator alongside Valerie Waddle, who was brilliant in organizing the camp schedule and teaching dance class.

Camp ran from Dec. 25-30, 2018. The 74 campers arrived and lined up outside the hall to go through the health screening and T-shirt fittings. The campers were split up according to age and organized into four dorms: preteens (aged 4 to 10), junior boys (12 to 14), girls (11 to 18) and senior boys (15 to 19) with two counselors assigned to each dorm.

Every day of camp we ate our meals together. Breakfast consisted of sandwiches with an interesting butterlike spread. We could choose brown or white bread and a nice hot African tea or coffee. After breakfast was Compass Check. It was an awesome way to start the day, reading and hearing about God's Word on the camp theme: "Walking With Integrity."

Activities began at 10 a.m. each day. We had first aid/hygiene, dodgeball/kickball, photography, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, gaga ball, soccer, dance and team-building activities.

Lunch—typically red beans or meat on top of hot rice or *ugali*, with sautéed cabbage on the side—was served at 12:15 p.m. Our campers packed their plates full. Let's just say they really know how to eat!

After lunch we had more activities until 5:30. Some dorms were given the opportunity to help with campus improvement in the afternoon. After dinner, the night ended with a hymn and prayer. It was encouraging to see how cooperative campers, as well as counselors, were in keeping up with the schedule and helping set up activities.

The dance activity, which Mrs. Waddle taught, included an opportunity for each dorm to choreograph a dance to present to the rest of the campers on the last night. We ended the camp with a bang! The dorms participated in a novelty Olympics that included a water balloon fight, and we ended the camp truly dancing our hearts out!

We were full of joy throughout the camp and are thankful to have had the chance to be a part of something extremely rewarding. *Asante sana* (thank you very much in Swahili) to all those involved with camp in Kenya! ☺☺



CHURCH POTLUCK

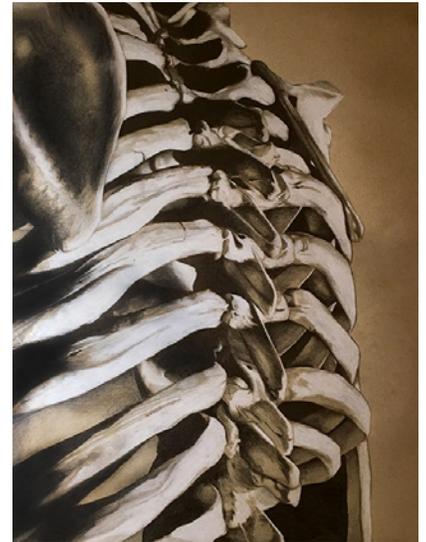
What's cooking in your congregation?

HOUSTON SOUTH TEEN HONORED AT CARNEGIE HALL

Olivia Pierce's talent for art began at about 4 years of age. She drew some cherished artwork in the church notes of her grandmother, Nelda Pierce. In third through 11th grade she learned about the basics, color, watercolor, palette knives, drawing and abstract art. This year (her senior year) she is studying ceramics.

She participated in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program beginning in the seventh grade. Her entries in the seventh, eighth and 11th grades earned her blue ribbons. Her 11th grade piece sold for \$1,300 in a charity auction.

In her junior year Olivia submitted several pieces to Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in the Drawing & Illustration category. At the regional level she earned two gold keys and one silver key. The two gold pieces went to the national level, where she earned one gold medal and one silver. In June 2018 Olivia was recognized at Carnegie Hall along with other winners from across the country. She witnessed "Sticks and Bones" (her



gold medal piece) being displayed at Parsons School of Design. It will be part of a nationwide traveling exhibition for two years and is displayed online at artandwriting.org.

Olivia attends Cinco Ranch High School in Katy, Texas, and after graduation intends to pursue an art career in college. She attends the Houston South congregation with her father, David, and sister, Sophia.

Susan Scott Smith



AUCKLAND LADIES' NIGHT

The Auckland Spokesman Club had its first-ever ladies' night on Dec. 1, 2018. The club, which started two years ago, has 11 members and is chaired by local pastor André van Belkum.

Biju Joseph opened the evening with table topics, and Timothy Siopan acted as toastmaster. Ethan Moore gave a speech on how and why not to be prejudiced, and Andrei Siopan spoke about the value of helping self before others.

After the meeting, the club enjoyed a special meal, served by Erika Mahe.

Andrei Siopan



ORLANDO HONORS TWO NONAGENARIANS

In 2018 two longtime members achieved a great milestone by turning 90 years old: Bettie Catron and Bettie Endres.

Bettie (Owens) Catron was born on a rural farm in Belmont, Ohio. After living on the farm for 19 years, she and her younger sister moved to a nearby town to work for a textile manufacturer. During this time, she met her future husband, who was in the army and stationed nearby. In 1953 she and James Catron were married and moved to the Canton, Ohio, area, where they raised two daughters.

Mrs. Catron's grandmother started listening to Mr. Armstrong on the radio and told her about the "new" truth he was sharing. Mrs. Catron soon started listening and receiving *The Plain Truth*, and in 1957 she and her husband began attending the Akron, Ohio, congregation of the Worldwide Church of God. In 1958 she was baptized, and her husband was baptized in 1959. In 1979 they were two of the founding members of the Canton, Ohio, congregation.

Mrs. Catron resided in the Canton area for almost 63 years until, a few years after the death of her husband, she moved to Florida to be near her daughters and their families. Mrs. Catron has been blessed with two grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

Bettie (Thompson) Endres was born in Jacksonville, Florida. Soon after her birth, her family relocated to Virginia, and she grew up predominantly in the Virginia and Maryland area. In 1952 she married Roy Endres, and they went on to have four children.

Once her children were a little older, she decided to go to nursing school, and in 1963 she graduated. This led to a 33-year career as a nurse and learning about Mr. Armstrong and the Worldwide Church of God. A nurse friend had been receiving the literature and loaned her a booklet and an issue of *The Plain Truth*. She was intrigued and sent in for her own subscription. Shortly after, in 1975, she began attending services in Virginia and was baptized the following year by Larry Salyer. Her husband joined her the second week she attended and was baptized in 1981.

Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Endres have attended congregations in Virginia, Maryland and now Florida. Their four children have blessed them with 19 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

What a blessing it is to have both of these women in the Orlando congregation, sharing their life experiences with the next generations and being a testament of enduring faith!

Jennifer Demarest



TACOS AND TRIVIA

The first activity for the Atlanta, Georgia, congregation in 2019 occurred on Jan. 26. The Atlanta brethren spent the evening enjoying both Mexican and American tacos. It was an exciting experience for members to taste authentic foods from south of the border.

After dinner, members formed teams in a friendly trivia competition. (Did you know that the white of an egg is called *albumen*? And that Jimmy Carter was the first president to have been born in a hospital?) After five rounds, a tiebreaker challenge gave the Firebirds victory over Out to Lunch. A golden trophy was given to each member of the winning team.

Thanks to all those who helped make this event fun.

Chant'a Collier

TRENTON, GEORGIA, HOLDS ANNUAL PHOTO POTLUCK

The Trenton, Georgia, congregation held its annual Thanksgiving and Feast Photo Potluck on the Sabbath of Nov. 10, 2018. We were happy to welcome a few guests from our sister congregation in Birmingham, Alabama.

During Sabbath services, our pastor, Tom Kirkpatrick, gave a sermon titled “Thankfulness: A Higher Form of Thanksgiving.” He pointed out that a mature Christian will thank God at all times, even in times of trial.

After the service, members’ photos from the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles were set up for viewing, and the potluck meal was served. The excellent meal included traditional Thanksgiving fare—turkey, cornbread dressing, salads and vegetables. A variety of delicious cakes and pies were also served.

Even though we were few in number, the fellowship was enthusiastic and animated. There was much laughter, and it was enjoyed by all.

Annette Epperson



We encourage members to send announcements to be featured in *One Accord*. We feature events in members’ lives, including baptisms, births, engagements, weddings, significant anniversaries (25, 40, 50, 60, etc.), and obituaries. Typically they run between 50 and 100 words; however, we ask that all submissions stay under 250 words. Please submit a high-resolution color photo along with the written copy to your congregation’s reporter.

Births

Dominic has been greeted into this world by loving grandparents: Steve and Margaret Villaescusa, Daniel and Jeanette Rich, and Wendell and Cassy Wood. His big sisters, Abigail and Madelyn, have adjusted very quickly to having a new baby brother and have welcomed him into the family with lots of kisses and open arms. The entire family is extremely thankful to God for the blessing of a new little one to love.

Felicia Michelle Wood

to share fun, fellowship and continued learning. This year the weekend was an even greater highlight for the Rehor and Winner families, as Mikayla Rehor was baptized surrounded by family and friends from several states.

Mikayla is the daughter of Jerry and Tami Rehor of the Louisville, Kentucky, congregation and is the fifth generation of the Winner family to be baptized into God’s Church.

Carolyn Winner



Dominic Nehemiah Wood

Wesley and Felicia Wood of the Raleigh, North Carolina, congregation are excited to announce the birth of their son, Dominic Nehemiah Wood. He arrived on Dec. 10, 2018, at 1:23 p.m., during the first snow of the season. He weighed in at 6 pounds 4.9 ounces and was 18.75 inches long.

Baptisms



Mikayla Rehor

The Winter Family Weekend is one of the highlights of the year as families and friends from around the country gather



Mark Quintana

Mark Quintana was baptized on Dec. 9, 2018, by pastor Mark Winner at the Winner home. Elders Bruce Gore, Daniel Harper and Wes Cohron assisted in the laying on of hands.

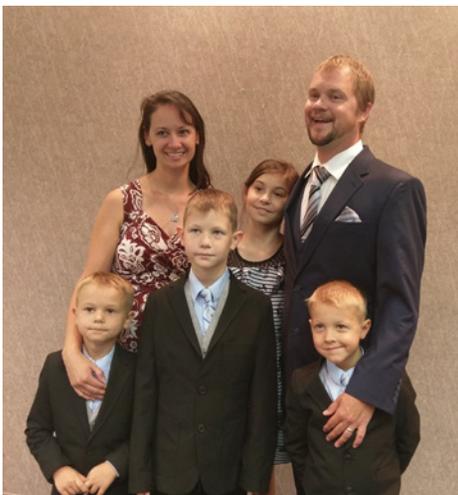
Mark is shown in the picture top row, center. He is surrounded by his wife, Rebecca, and children, Noah, Laura, Ian and Aaron. Mark’s parents, Pat and Donna Quintana, along with family

and friends were also in attendance to celebrate the joyous occasion.

The Jefferson, Georgia, congregation is thrilled to welcome another member to the family.

Mark Winner

Ordinations



Johnathon Arnold and family



Andrew Tranquada and family

During the morning service of the Feast of Trumpets the Roanoke, Virginia, congregation had two ordinations.

Johnathon Arnold and Andrew Tranquada were ordained as deacons. Both of these men have been serving tirelessly over the past several years. They eagerly serve our congregation and sister congregations in whatever way is needed. They both serve as song leaders and give sermons regularly. Andrew also coordinates our sound system.

Johnathon and his wife, Chancy, have four children, Mark, Olivia, Caleb and Elijah.

Andrew and his wife, Amy, have four children, Luke, Joey, Isaac and Abigail.

Everyone joined together for a special meal after services in honor of these two young men.

They were ordained by their pastor, Larry Lambert, accompanied by the local elder, Van Hanson.

Larry Lambert

Obituaries



Pat Dudenhoeffer

Pat Dudenhoeffer died at home in Chandler, Arizona, on Oct. 2, 2018. She was with her devoted husband of 44 years, Frank; her daughter, Traci; and her son-in-law, Xa.

She enjoyed a long life of 84 years. Pat was a devoted wife and helpmate to Frank. Their love for each other was a gift from God. Pat was one of three daughters and was a beloved sister. As a mother, she was always attentive and loving to her children. She was a lifelong friend to many, and everyone who knew Pat will miss her smile, hugs, positive nature and caring heart.

Her first day in the Church of God was in 1959. She was baptized in 1961 and became a deaconess in 1981. Pat was a stalwart member and leader in the Church, both in St. Louis, Missouri, and in Phoenix, Arizona. She could be counted on whenever someone needed a shoulder to lean on. Pat often called those facing trials. She spent countless hours lending her ear and wisdom to others in need. She assisted others with a servant's heart and set an example for all who knew her. She walked in her faith always, not only on the Sabbath, but every day.

Pat is survived by her husband, Frank; her son, Robert (Gaylene) Paxton; daughters, Lynn (Mike) Rumrill, Traci (Xa) Johnson and Tina Laut; sister, Joann Walton; and grandchildren, Rachelle Bowen, Tori Laut, Esther Keeling, and

Xa D. Johnson IV. She was predeceased by her parents, Bud and Leona Walton; sister, Geri Young; and granddaughters, Marisa and Wellesley Johnson.

Traci Johnson



Patricia Newton Cox

Patricia Newton Cox, 59, a beloved member of the London, Kentucky, congregation, died suddenly from an aneurysm on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, 2018.

Patricia was born April 18, 1959, in Rockcastle County to the late Raymond Lee and Annie (Weaver) Newton. She is survived by her beloved husband of 32 years, Benny Cox, and her devoted daughter, Jennifer K. Cox, both of Rockcastle County and both Church members. She is also survived by two brothers and four sisters.

In addition to her parents, Patricia was also preceded in death by her daughter, Tiffany Ann Cox Boeck, and by two sisters, Christine and Rosalyn Newton, and by a brother, Elva Newton.

Patricia was a pillar of strength for her friends and family, with a smile and kind word for everyone. All who knew Patricia truly respected and admired her.

Patricia's commitment to the calling of God was exhibited in so many ways. She was always talking about a topic she was studying or a sermon she had heard. She looked forward to each of the holy days and the weekly Sabbath. Quite often she would say, "We have to make it, no matter what." Patricia completed her Christian journey and now awaits the resurrection into the Kingdom of God as a firstfruit.

Eric Evans—pastor of the London, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Asheville, North Carolina, congregations—officiated at Patricia's funeral on Dec. 21 at Lakes Funeral Home in McKee, Kentucky.

Janice Miracle



Where Are You Going for the Feast?

By Jim Franks

Even though there are seven annual festivals observed each year in the Church of God, when someone asks you, “Where are you going for the Feast?”—you know they aren’t talking about the Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets or Atonement! You know they are referring to the Feast of Tabernacles.

Beginning early each year this question is asked multiple times. I am sure a number of you have already had family discussions, either in person or over the phone, to make plans for the 2019 Feast of Tabernacles.

As you will see in this issue of *One Accord*, there are more “new” Festival choices this year than we have seen in a long time. Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Kerrville, Texas; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Park City, Utah; Spokane, Washington; and Hawaii are all either new this year or, as is the case with Hawaii, returning after a year or more off. We are also returning to Cortona, Italy, for a second year in a row. (We anticipate replacing Italy in 2020 with another international site that I believe you will find quite inviting. I can’t tell you where that will be at the present, but we do have a hold on a property in a region that has been much requested over the past few years.)

Instructions for Feast preparation are found in Deuteronomy 14:22-25:

“You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year. And you shall eat before the LORD your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, or if the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the LORD your God has blessed you, then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses.”

Saving a tithe for the Feast of Tabernacles requires budgeting and advance planning. As we look forward to the Feast, we must calculate the funds we anticipate accumulating by the Feast. We begin saving our Festival tithe when one Feast ends so that we have a full 12 months (or, in the case of this year, almost 13 months) to set money aside.

As you go through the list of sites for this year, don’t forget to do your due diligence to properly prepare—registering, making housing reservations, working out your travel arrangements and remembering the needy (Deuteronomy 16:11).

Where are you going for the Feast? Get ready for that question, because you will hear it a lot over the next several weeks! ©A



Branson, Missouri



Fort Myers, Florida



Kerrville, Texas

BRANSON, MISSOURI

Branson, Missouri, will once again host the Feast of Tabernacles. This will be our 24th year of celebrating the Feast in Branson.

The Branson area, in the midst of the beautiful, hardwood-forested hills of the Ozarks, is an excellent setting for God's fall Feast. The trees should be at about their peak in color at the Feast this year. The hills, lakes, forests and streams give the area an almost millennial setting. Wildlife can be seen in many areas. (I actually saw a doe and two fawns peacefully cropping grass only a block off the "Strip.")

For those who want to be more active, Branson has something for you—ranging from first-class shopping and amusement parks to live music shows, Sight & Sound Theatre's production of *Samson*, golf courses, museums and many other things.

Housing in Branson is some of the most economical of any Festival site. Establishments range from first-class hotels, condominiums, houses and cabins to more economical motels (all with fridges and microwaves).

Services will again be held at the first-class White House Theatre. This location offers several unusual but appreciated conveniences, including a large lobby for visiting before and after

services and the West Wing for other activities.

Fragrance-controlled room available: Yes.

Tax rate for accommodations: 7.5 to 11.8 percent, depending on location.

Closest airports: Springfield-Branson (SGF), 55 miles.

Mike Blackwell

FORT MYERS, FLORIDA (SATELLITE)

Fort Myers is a limited-access satellite site and is primarily secured for:

- Those for whom the distance to their assigned site (Orange Beach) would be too great.
- Those who cannot afford to travel to their assigned Feast site.
- Those who cannot take the extra time away from job and/or school to attend their assigned site.
- Those who wish to attend with their family members who will be attending the Fort Myers site or have family living in the area.

The beauty of the Gulf Coast of Florida, the many attractions to visit and the excellent venue for accommodations and services made this a clear choice again for 2019.

Services will be held at the Holiday Inn at the Gulf Coast Town Center. There are over 30 top-of-the-line restaurants

at the Town Center for brethren to choose from. Most people may wish to stay at the Holiday Inn, where breakfast comes free with your room if you are with the Church.

This area offers many attractions. The Edison and Ford Winter Estates are open daily for tours. The causeway to Sanibel and Captiva Islands is 30 minutes away and so is the bridge to Fort Myers Beach. All have beautiful white-sand beaches, and there are plenty of seashells to gather on Sanibel and Captiva Islands. The very popular Naples Zoo is 35 minutes away, and the western Everglades National Park's Ten Thousand Islands guided boat tour is just one hour away.

The temperatures in October should be from the mid- to the upper 80s. We are expecting 150 or more at this site.

Fragrance-controlled room available: Yes.

Tax rate for accommodations: 11 percent.

Closest airport: Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW), 5 miles.

Jim Haeffele

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

The Feast of Tabernacles in Kerrville, Texas, will be held at the Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center. We used this same facility for the Feast in 2013. The property is well-maintained, and we negotiated

the property's famous breakfast buffet to be included in the price of the rooms.

The city of Kerrville is located 58 miles northwest of San Antonio and 85 miles west of Austin in the Texas Hill Country. It is named after James Kerr, who was a major in the Texas Revolution and a friend of the settler-founder Joshua Brown, who settled in the area to start a shingle-making camp.

Kerrville is known for its parks that are located along the Guadalupe River and for nearby hunting ranches and Schreiner University. It is also the home of the Museum of Western Art, which features the painting and sculpture of living artists of the American West who follow in the tradition of Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell.

For those who wish to tour, Fredericksburg, the small town famous for its German heritage, wineries and the National Museum of the Pacific War, is just 24 miles northeast of Kerrville.

Average temperatures in October in Kerrville are 79 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 54 degrees at night.

Kerrville, Texas, is going to be a great location for the Feast of Tabernacles. Expected attendance is about 350. If you come, you can be sure you'll receive a warm Texas welcome.

Fragrance-controlled room available: Yes.



Kohala Coast, Hawaii



Lancaster, Pennsylvania



Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Tax rate for accommodations: 13 percent.

Closest airports:
San Antonio (SAT), 66 miles.

David Treybig

KOHALA COAST, HAWAII

We will be returning to the Big Island of Hawaii for the Feast this year, meeting again at the Fairmont Orchid, a hotel and resort about a half hour north of the city of Kona. This is the world-famous Kohala Coast, a very popular resort area on the “dry side” of the Big Island.

The four-star Fairmont Orchid, which hosted us in 2017, is located on over 33 acres of tropical oceanfront grounds that include not only the resort with its seven restaurants, but also a private bay with a children’s beach, two championship golf courses, a fitness center, spa, 10 tennis courts, pools, gardens and coastal hiking trails through a historical park.

We are expecting between 300 and 400 to attend the Feast on the Big Island this year. All of our services and meetings will be held in the ballroom at the resort, where we have reserved a large block of rooms at deeply discounted rates.

The hotel is offering us complimentary meeting space for our services and activities if most attendees

stay at the hotel. Those staying at the hotel will help save the Church thousands of dollars in rental fees, and we appreciate your support in reserving rooms and staying at the hotel during the Feast.

There is plenty to do and see on the Big Island—sightseeing, shopping, fine dining, ocean water sports and beaches abound. Organized Feast activities will include Family Day on the beach, a teen beach party, a young adult kayaking and snorkeling excursion, a family sailing and snorkeling adventure, and a traditional Hawaiian luau.

You will find plenty of helpful information and pictures on our Facebook page—[COGWA FOT – Kohala Coast, HI](#).

Fragrance-controlled room available: No.

Tax rate for accommodations: 14.416 percent.

Closest airport: Kona (KOA), 23 miles.

David Register

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

This will be our first Feast at Lancaster’s No. 1 resort—Eden Resort & Suites. Church services will be held in the luxurious Crystal Ballroom.

For housing, we’ll have rooms with two queen beds and suites with two separate rooms, among other

options. All rooms have one bathroom, refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker. Some rooms have full kitchens. (The Festival housing brochure will list the specific room types in our reservation block.)

Resort dining includes two restaurants: Garfield’s Food & Spirits (family-friendly atmosphere) and Arthur’s Terrace (casual and fine dining). Additionally, the Encore Lounge provides a full range of drinks. And there’s an award-winning champagne Sunday brunch in the beautiful setting of The Courtyard (the Last Great Day meal will be here).

For off-site dining, there’s a variety of options. Two noteworthy Amish restaurants are nearby: the Bird-in-Hand and the Good ’N Plenty. Also, the Shady Maple Smorgasbord, with its 200 feet of food Pennsylvania Dutch cooking, is less than 30 minutes away.

Nearby attractions are the [Biblical Tabernacle Reproduction](#), [Dutch Wonderland Family Amusement Park](#) (ages 3+), the [Green Dragon](#) (farmers’ market, open Fridays only), [Turkey Hill Experience](#) (ice cream!), Hersheypark (with Boardwalk/Splash! and ZooAmerica), [Sky Zone Trampoline Park](#) and more.

Also, we’re planning for a dinner cruise and dance, departing from the Baltimore Inner Harbor (less than two

hours away).

Fragrance-controlled room available: No.

Tax rate for accommodations: 11 percent.

Closest airport:
Harrisburg (HIA), 30 miles;
Philadelphia (PHL), 65 miles;
Lehigh Valley (ABE), 68 miles;
Baltimore-Washington (BWI), 85 miles.

Kevin Epps

MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

For the first time, COGWA is hosting a Feast site in South Carolina. Now a thriving metropolis, Myrtle Beach began as a getaway for employees of the lumber industry in Conway, South Carolina, who would take the train to “New Town” on their free weekends. The area continued to grow, and it was finally incorporated as a town in 1957. A contest to name it resulted in “Myrtle Beach,” after the area’s southern wax myrtle shrubs.

Today Myrtle Beach is known as the golf capital. Currently, there are 87 premier golf courses throughout the area. It is also considered to be one of America’s most popular vacation destinations. The area boasts a wide variety of motel and condo units as well as limitless restaurants and shopping adventures.

The biggest draw to the area is miles of coastline



Orange Beach, Alabama



Park City, Utah



San Diego, California

along the Atlantic Ocean. With that come opportunities to play in the sand, collect seashells and catch some waves.

Myrtle Beach is also a large draw for those who enjoy a variety of entertainment venues, such as the oceanfront Myrtle Beach Boardwalk, a new SkyWheel, Ripley's Aquarium, several live shows in theaters, miniature golf courses, jet skiing and parasailing. There are 350 acres of shopping, restaurants and other attractions at Broadway at the Beach.

Services will be held at the Crown Reef Beach Resort and Convention Center (2913 S. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC). This facility includes an on-site hotel with kitchenettes for those who need or desire that.

Fragrance-controlled room available: No.

Tax rate for accommodations: 7 percent.

Closest airports: Myrtle Beach (MYR), 3 miles.

Mark Winner

ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA

Serving the southeastern area of the United States, this year's Feast of Tabernacles will be held at beautiful Orange Beach, Alabama. Services will be held in the Orange Beach Event Center, located in the Wharf district.

The Wharf has many fine restaurants, shopping, a marina and lots of outdoor activities for the whole family.

In addition to the many indoor activities planned, we are scheduling a golf scramble, Family Day activities at the Orange Beach Sportsplex, and a teen outing.

There are multiple beach locations—stretching across several miles—that allow for parasailing, diving, deep-sea fishing, glass-bottom boats, dolphin tours, beach volleyball and a host of other Gulf-related activities.

If your interest isn't beautiful white sand, then just minutes from the beach are golf, sailing and several theme parks for the young at heart. As this area is rapidly growing, check out the new adventures in nearby Foley, where a new amusement park has been opened.

If your plans call for a beach venue for this year's Feast of Tabernacles, we welcome you to Orange Beach, Alabama!

Fragrance-controlled room available: No.

Tax rate for accommodations: 13 percent.

(Be sure to read details on each property listed in the housing information. Some Orange Beach accommodations include taxes and fees in their rates.)

Closest airports: Pensacola, Florida (PNS) 30 miles.

Phillip Sandilands

"We Need You!"

The Feast pictures what we'll be doing in the Kingdom of God. Volunteering to serve at the Feast is part of that.

By David Register

"How do you get all these people to help you run your feast?" she asked. She was the local Convention and Visitors Bureau director and had been observing our army of volunteers serving at meetings and activities during the Feast of Tabernacles. She added that she had never seen so many happy volunteers of all ages helping with such enthusiasm.

It was and is impressive to those who observe us during the Feast. This was not the first time I have heard this type of question or comment. God's people have a great reputation for service and volunteering, especially at the Feast!

We all know the Feast could not happen without the hundreds of volunteers we have every year. Thank you! Thank you for all you do and the wonderful example you set!

As we also know, another Feast is coming quickly. And we will need your help again! Festival registration opens soon, and all of us will be planning where we will attend the Feast and what we will do during the Feast. Part of the registration process includes an opportunity for us to sign up for one or more areas of service.

The Feast pictures a time in the future when, along with Jesus Christ and the resurrected saints, we will be serving all of mankind in the Kingdom of God. Volunteering in this life, especially at the Feast, pictures our service in the future. We are practicing now what we will be doing in the Kingdom of God forever—serving others!

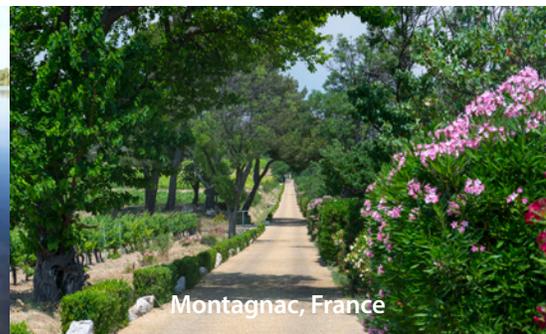
Thank you again, for volunteering to serve this year at the Feast of Tabernacles! We need you!



Spokane, Washington



Woodbury, Minnesota



Montagnac, France

PARK CITY, UTAH

For the 2019 Feast we'll once again be in Park City, Utah, a site we used in 2012 and 2013. The elevation is right at 7,000 feet.

The history of the 2002 winter Olympics is reflected very well, especially at Olympic Park, one of the great places to visit in the area. Recreational opportunities abound, and restaurants are abundant. A visit to historic Main Street is a must. Many of the buildings originated during the 19th-century silver mining boom.

One great feature is the town's proximity to Salt Lake City. Mormon Square in the downtown Salt Lake City area is quite interesting and educational.

We will be sponsoring a number of church activities as well. One we are really excited about is Family Day, when we'll have a two-hour ride on a historic train (steam engine and all) from the Heber Valley Railway Station in Heber City, about 20 minutes from Park City. There will be entertainment on the train, and an optional box lunch can be purchased.

Those who attended Park City in 2013 will be glad to know that the construction and renovation are long since completed. The result is beautiful. Some of the housing we will be listing

has been renovated as well. Condos, townhomes, studios and private homes are abundant.

Note: This may become a restricted site due to limited capacity.

Fragrance-controlled room available: Yes.

Tax rate for accommodations: The Park City lodging tax is 13.02 percent plus a 9.7 percent reservation fee, which is standard.

Closest airport: Salt Lake City (SLC), 35 miles.

Larry Neff

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

San Diego is the jewel of Southern California! Sitting at the southern end of the California coastline, with temperate weather most of the year, it will provide a tropical setting for the Feast of Tabernacles in 2019.

This year we are meeting at a new location. The Handlery Hotel is located on Hotel Circle just a quarter mile from the Fashion Valley Mall. Because of its location north of downtown, it is just a short distance from Old Town San Diego, Mission Bay, Sea World, Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo, and other attractions.

Those who stay at the Handlery will not only enjoy walking to services and having other members

close by, but will also help the Church by reducing the cost of meeting space. Guest rooms have all been upgraded in the last 18 months and are very modern. The Handlery offers complimentary Wi-Fi, iron and ironing board, hair dryer and mini fridge. It offers shuttles to local attractions within 5 miles and provides airport transportation for a per-person fee. Parking at the hotel is \$5 per day, and those staying off-site will pay \$2 for access to the hotel each time. There is a restaurant on the premises for dining.

Church-organized activities will include Family Day, seniors' luncheon, teen and young adult hospitalities, a teen beach party, our traditional dinner cruise and more.

Local activities are plentiful, with snorkeling, surfing, kayaking, paddleboards, deep-sea fishing, whale watching, local wine tasting, mountain biking, golfing, scuba diving, tide pools, and famous La Jolla.

San Diego offers a wide variety of restaurants, many of which have views of the Pacific Coast or San Diego Harbor.

Fragrance-controlled room available: No.

Tax rate for accommodations: 12.7 percent.

Closest airports: San Diego (SAN), 6 miles; Orange County (SNA), 86 miles.

Paul Carter

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

We have a new Feast site for the Pacific Northwest in 2019: Spokane, Washington, which some will recall was a Feast site back in the 1970s and 1990s.

Located in eastern Washington, Spokane is rich in history with amazing outdoor activities, arts, culture and tons of dining options. You can enjoy a cable car ride across downtown Spokane Falls, enjoy a walk or bike ride on the Spokane River Trail, sample several museums, ranging in genre from native history to an interactive children's museum, or take a 45-minute drive to beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Services will be held at The Centennial Hotel Spokane, located right on the Spokane River. This beautiful facility has a main ballroom that will seat up to 400, so there is plenty of room. The Centennial has beautifully appointed sleeping rooms with a mini fridge and microwave in each room. Special rates have been negotiated and will be posted in the housing information when it becomes available. If you plan to attend Spokane, please consider staying at The Centennial. Every room night booked will help us receive discounted or even free meeting space.

As far as the climate is concerned, you can expect



Cortona, Italy



Needham's Point, Barbados



San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

sunny skies during the day with temperatures in the low 60s. It cools off when the sun goes down, so expect lows in the high 30s.

If you enjoy shopping, the area has a variety of stores to suit every taste. And there are a number of restaurants in the area with a variety of cuisine to fit every budget—from barbecue to elegant fine dining!

If you have never been to this area of the United States, come spend the Feast with us in Spokane. You won't be disappointed!

Fragrance-controlled room available: No.

Tax rate for accommodations: 12 percent plus \$2 per night room tax.

Closest airport: Spokane (GEG), 8.5 miles.

Jon Pinelli

WOODBURY, MINNESOTA (SATELLITE)

This year the satellite site for the Wisconsin and Minnesota area will be in Woodbury, Minnesota, an eastern suburb of St. Paul and only 13 miles from the Wisconsin border. "Satellite site" means that services will be provided via webcast from one of the other Feast sites. While we will be a small site, there will be plenty of good fellowship.

Services will be held at the Residence Inn (205 Radio Drive, Woodbury, MN), and

we have a block of rooms set aside so that brethren can stay on-site.

This Residence Inn is an extended-stay hotel and is a short drive from historic downtown Stillwater. It offers a free shuttle service, Monday to Friday, within a 5-mile radius. Local attractions include Lake Elmo Park Reserve, many good restaurants and retailers. Cub Foods, Whole Foods and Trader Joe's are a short distance away. There are many attractions in the greater Twin Cities area as well, including Como Zoo and the Mall of America.

A complimentary breakfast buffet is provided each morning, and each room includes an in-suite kitchen so you can prepare your own meals.

The hotel includes a business center, free Wi-Fi and on-site laundry. Pets are allowed. You may also enjoy the outdoor fire pit and are welcome to utilize the patio grill.

Monday to Wednesday you are invited to enjoy the Residence Inn Mix social hour for snacks, drinks and good conversation.

Fragrance-controlled room available: No.

Tax rate for accommodations: 7.125 percent.

Closest airport: Minneapolis–St. Paul International Airport (MSP), 20 miles.

Gary Black

INTERNATIONAL FEAST SITES

AFRICA

Mugina, Burundi
Man, Côte d'Ivoire
Douala, Cameroon
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Ejura, Ghana
Migori, Kenya
Salima, Malawi
Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius
Benin City, Nigeria
Giti, Rwanda
Uvongo, South Africa
Kpalimé, Togo
Mapoko, Zambia
Gweru, Zimbabwe

ASIA/PACIFIC

Mooloolaba, Australia
Fiji
Pondicherry, India
Taupo, New Zealand
Sri Lanka
Philippines

CARIBBEAN

Needham's Point, Barbados
St. George's, Grenada
Lethem, Guyana
Runaway Bay, Jamaica

EUROPE

Torquay, Devon, England
Montagnac, France
Cortona, Italy

LATIN AMERICA

Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Lican Ray, Chile
El Rodadero, Santa Marta, Colombia
Antigua, Guatemala
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
Huanchaco, Peru

NORTH AMERICA

Sainte-Anne, Québec

Note: Not all locations in this list are final. Please check feast.cogwa.org for up-to-date information on international sites.

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 14

ATTENTION THOSE WITH FRAGRANCE-SENSITIVITY ISSUES

We are aware that some of our members suffer from sensitivities to fragrances. We try to address this issue at the Feast sites where we can do so. We cannot control all the issues necessary to make an area truly fragrance-free, so we cannot guarantee a "fragrance-free" room. But certain sites are able to provide a "fragrance-controlled" room or "fragrance-sensitive" area, where we try to control the area to ensure, to the best of our ability, that those who have fragrance issues will *generally* find this area to be an aid in dealing with their sensitivities.



Mooloolaba, Australia

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