

Feast of Tabernacles 2005

Lexington, Kentucky

Welcome to Lexington, Kentucky and God's Feast of Tabernacles 2005. In some ways it is hard to believe how quickly we come back together to share another Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day. On the other hand, as we watch the world around us show more and more signs of stress I'm sure we would all agree that the fulfillment of these days cannot come quickly enough. Thankfully we have a loving heavenly Father who has perfect timing, however, and for that we can be most grateful.

As we all continue to pray "thy Kingdom come" Colleen and I not only welcome you to the Lexington area to keep this year's feast, but we have been praying and will continue to pray that this year's feast is your best ever. Our hope is that you will leave here after 8 days encouraged, inspired and spiritually recharged. After all, God assures us (in Mt 28 and Heb 13) just as He did Jacob in Gen 28 and Israel in Deut 31 and Joshua in Josh 1, that He will never leave us. And He reminds us in numerous other passages (most notably in Revelation) that there is a new heaven and new earth coming in which everyone will learn how to live happily and successfully. What awesome and wonderful truth to know and have hope in.

As always, the success of this year's feast rests largely in your hands. When we each yield to God's Holy Spirit, He inspires and refuels us through the bible and the messages prepared by His ministry. Thank you for your prayers ahead of time in this regard. If Colleen or I can help you in any way while you are here please don't hesitate to ask. We're so glad you are here.

Mark Winner
Festival Coordinator

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Auditorium Coordinator: Mr. Doug Johnson

Housing: Mr. Frank McCrady

Music Coordinator: Mrs. Janel Johnson

Anointing and Counseling: Mr. Steve Shafer

Business Office and Coordinator's Office

Both the business office and the coordinator's office are located next to the auditorium in the rear of the hall to the speaker's right.

Information Booth

The festival information booth will be open for one hour before services and one hour after services each day, with the exception of the LGD, at which time everyone will be able to check on area attractions. This will also be the location to sign up for various activities. The information booth is located in the back of the convention center.

Housing

If you experience difficulties with your housing and have been unable to resolve them by talking with the management, please contact Mr. Frank McCrady. He will be happy to assist you in dealing with the hotel management.

Anointing

Elders will be on duty 45 minutes before and after services daily. The elders may be found in Elkhorn A. **If you need an anointing any time other than before or after services** please call 502-419-0818. This will reach an elder on duty. **If you think you may have a contagious illness, please do not come to services to be anointed.** Likewise, do not bring children with contagious illnesses to services or activities.

Holy Day Offerings

Please remember to bring your Holy Day envelopes for the offerings that will be taken up on the first day of the Feast and on the Last Great Day. If you do not have your personal envelope, a blank one can be obtained from an usher, but please place your member number on the envelope. To ensure proper credit, all offerings must be placed in an envelope and sealed. Be sure your name, complete address and the amount of your offering are on the outside of the envelope. Make all checks payable to United Church of God.

Mother's Room

For the convenience of nursing mothers, and mothers with small children, there is a room available to you during services. It is located in Elkhorn C.

Father's Room

For the convenience of any fathers who may need to calm small children, Elkhorn B is the room available to you during services.

Merchandising

It is inappropriate to sell, display or distribute at our information tables or booths anything of a commercial or fund-raising nature. Only those materials approved by the Festival Coordinator may be distributed at the Feast sites. No other religious material, or any political materials, can be displayed or distributed at any Festival site of the United Church of God, *an International Association*.

Taping of Services

Our technical services department is making recordings of services each day. At the conclusion of the Feast, a set of all sermons will be made available for each church area assigned to this site. Anyone wishing to have a personal set of all sermons from this Feast may fill out a form no later than Friday, the 21st, and pay \$15 in the Coordinator's Office. These recordings will be made throughout the Feast, and hopefully will be done in time for you to take them home with you after the Feast, or for them to be mailed to you within two weeks after the Feast. Beginning next year we will be making MP3's instead of cassette tapes.

Teen Drop-In

Each day except Saturday the 22nd there will be a teen drop-in one hour before services. The location is Elkhorn C.

Singles Drop-In

Each day there will be a singles drop-in one hour before services so you may become better acquainted with each other and to plan any activities. The location is Elkhorn D.

Applause for Special Music

The United Church God, *an International Association* requests that you not applaud for sermonettes, sermons or special music during the Feast. One exception to this request *continues to be* the performance of the children's choir. In general it can be shown that the Bible makes a distinction between music for worship and music for celebrating and entertaining. There is no biblical statement prohibiting applause, but since special music is a part of our service worshipping God, we request that you *refrain from applauding* and instead offer any encouragement or appreciation to the individuals on a personal level. A number of musicians and singers have stated a preference for no applause, wishing only to contribute to our worship of God. To those who feel this way, it is embarrassing to receive applause for their efforts.

Feast Video

This year we are pleased to once again have a special sermon video at the Feast of Tabernacles that focuses on the mission and vision of the Church. In the sermon presentation titled, "Bringing Light to the World," we examine the work of God's people to bring God's Light and truth to all of mankind as we look forward to Christ's promised return to Earth. The message will revolve around an analogy based on explorer David Livingstone's famous comment about darkest Africa. However, not only does Africa need the light of the gospel, but so does the whole world. In the video, pastor in Malawi, Bill Jahns, uses the example of Livingstone to illustrate Christ's promised return to bring light to all of humankind and begin His millennial reign. In addition, interviews with various elders and members in southern Africa will help illustrate how Christians continue to fight the good fight in their daily lives as they wait for Christ. Clyde Kilough, president, will show what United as a whole is doing in anticipation of that day, by giving a tour of the home office with his wife, Dee. They show the home office staff involved directly in preaching the good news of God's Kingdom and caring for God's people. The sermon will be about 62 minutes in length.

Lost and Found

Lost and found will be set up at the information booth. If you find anything that does not belong to you, please take it to the information booth. If you lose anything, this is the place to look.

Seniors Luncheon

Let's have a great meal together! Friday the 21st at 12:30 pm the seniors (age 65 and up) are invited to a luncheon at the Radisson Hotel, next to the Hyatt. **Please sign up at the information booth no later than Wednesday, the 19th** if you plan to attend. It is no cost to you. If you have a spouse that is not 65 and would like to attend, the cost is \$16. Please listen to the announcements for further details and arrangements on how everyone will get there.

Children's Choir

The children's choir will be singing Sunday the 23rd. Please listen for verbal announcements regarding practice times.

Teen Bible Study

All teens (middle and high school) are encouraged to attend a special Feast Bible study on Friday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. in **Elkhorn C.** Mr. Frank McCrady will be presenting a study entitled "Fear No More".

Young Adults Bible Study

"Culture Wars: How Postmodern Thinking Affects Education"

Jesus Christ told the church to be in the world but not of the world. How do we stand for the truth of God in a society that often rejects the Bible and the teachings of the Bible? Homosexuality, abortion, euthanasia and a drift away from moral absolutes makes our message less acceptable to many in our world. This young adult seminar will feature a discussion on the prevalence of postmodern thinking in our educational system and offer a workshop to help young people learn how to identify potential problems found in humanistic thinking. All older teens and young adults from 18 – 30s are welcome to attend. Join the other young adults here at the Feast for the Young Adults' Bible Seminar given by Mr. Randy Stiver at 7:00 pm in **Elkhorn B.**

Bible Study

A Bible study for everyone is planned on Friday evening, the 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the main auditorium. How well are we passing on our Holy Day heritage—the understanding of God's Plan of salvation? How well are our youth learning why we're here at the Feast? What can you do to help, whatever your age or place in the Body of Christ? Speaking from 30 years experience as a father, and ten years' working with church teens at Camp Heritage, Mr. Doug Johnson will explore some of the ways we as a Body can help "pass the baton" of the meaning of these special times on to the next generation in the Church.

Teen / YA Activity

We encourage all teens and young adults to join us Wednesday night, the 19th from 6-10 pm at Gattitown for an evening of good fun and food. Gattitown is a 30,000 square foot family, food, and fun facility. The buffet consists of pizza, pasta, salad bar, desserts and drinks. The Midway has over 100 games including real bumper cars and one of only 15 “In the Groove 2” dance games in the U.S. **If you wish to participate in this activity you may purchase one of 3 package deals at the information booth before or after services on the 19th. You will be given a ticket and need to turn it in at Gattitown once you arrive.**

Festival Youth Instruction

The Festival Youth Instruction Program is for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The program is entitled “Catch the Vision” and takes its inspiration from 2 Peter 1:9, where Christians are told that we must be able to “see afar off”. Also, the seventh chapter of Daniel gives a vision of Christ receiving His throne and shows that the Saints will have a part in ruling with Him. Lessons are designed to help the children learn how to live their lives with this vision in mind, and to realize they are a part of it. The format will emphasize the four elements of a kingdom giving age appropriate lessons for our children including Bible stories, crafts, games, songs and memory scriptures. In addition to Kindergarten through fifth grade, we will again offer material for sixth grade (or Jr. high school aged) students. 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 his/her Bible. We encourage parents to register their students at the beginning of the Feast for this spiritually informative opportunity in the coordinator’s office. Classes will be held Thursday, October 20th and Monday, October 24th beginning at 9:15a.m. in the Elkhorn Rooms. Listen for verbal announcements for more details.

Family Day

This year's family day activity is scheduled for Lexington Ice Center. The time is Thursday the 20th from 1:00-5:00 pm. Lexington Ice Center offers an Ice skating rink, 2 full basketball courts, a miniature golf course, a room for card playing and a concession and seating area. One basketball court will be set up for basketball and the other for volleyball. **Cost is \$6 per person or \$27 max per family. To purchase your family day tickets please do so at the information booth on Wednesday or Thursday.**

Cell Phones

Church services are considered a sanctified assembly and an opportunity to both worship and learn of God. Therefore, we request that cell phones be turned off prior to the song service to prevent possible interruption and distraction. For emergency situations where phone calls are anticipated, we ask that phones be placed on vibration mode and to wait till departing the service to answer.

Family Dance

After taking a year or two off from having a family dance, we are again offering a fun filled evening of dancing out together with your family members here in Lexington at the feast. Our family dance begins at 7:30 pm Tuesday night, Oct 18th. The dance takes place at the Four Points Sheraton on Stanton Way (just off exit 115 on I-75/I-64). Stanton Way is off of Newtown Pike. (Maps available at the Information booth) Dress is nice casual. Cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family payable at the door. Music will range from Dean Martin and big band classics to new pop and country music...something for everyone. Make plans to join us for an evening of fun.

My Old Kentucky Dinner Train

All those that prepaid and registered to participate in Sunday evening's dinner train ride please be sure to have your name checked off at the information booth and pick up your tickets. **You must have a ticket to board the train.**

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Services Schedule, Lexington, KY

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	Songleader	Sermonette/Offertory	Sermon
Monday 10/17 Opening Night	Rick Beam		Doug Johnson
Holy Day 10/18	Ed Smith	John LaBissoniere	Lyle Welty
Wednesday 10/19	Rick Beam	Craig Clark	Frank McCrady
Thursday 10/20	Ed Smith	Roland Clark	Rick Beam
Friday 10/21	Rick Beam	Robert Borton	Feast Video
Saturday 10/22	Ed Smith	Art Morris	John Foster
Sunday 10/23	Rick Beam	Kenneth Pulliam	Mark Winner
Monday 10/24	Ed Smith	John Sackrider	Steve Shafer
LGD AM 10/25	Rick Beam	Don Shaw	Don Henson
LGD PM 10/25	Ed Smith		Randy Stiver

Speaker Profiles

Mr. Rick Beam – Rick, a native of Mississippi and a 1972 graduate of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, TX, and his wife Angela have three grown children: Leigh-Anne, Jonathan and Loren. They are in the process of moving from Huntsville, AL to Paducah, KY & will also pastor Cape Girardeau, and Poplar Bluff, MO congregations. He has served congregations in Texas, Kansas, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee for 32 years.

Mr. Robert Borton – Robert Borton serves as a local elder in Fort Wayne. Robert married Janet Welty and they were married for 37 years before Janet passed away in November of last year. Robert worked 43 years for the same company before the company downsized. For the last three years he has worked for an insurance co. He was ordained a local elder in 1978. Robert has two sons, Jeff and Joel who both graduated from Ambassador College in Big Sandy. Joel married Suzanne Oliver of Spokane, WA., and they have two daughters Sophia and Tessa, who Grandpa really loves. This year will Robert's 40th F.O.T.. .

Mr. Craig Clark – Craig is an elder serving the Saginaw, MI congregation. Craig and Jana are here with their 14-year-old son, Brandon, and 5-year-old daughter, Kacy. Craig's parents, one brother and his family are also here in Lexington. Craig and Jana have will celebrate their 21st anniversary in November. .

Mr. Roland Clark – Roland has been serving as an elder in Southern California for over 30 years. Roland and Dianne currently serve the Redlands, CA congregation. They have been married for 51 years and have three sons, two of whom are also attending the feast with them in Lexington. Roland and Dianne enjoy spending time with their family, traveling in their motorhome, and relaxing on their boat when not working on the 5 acre avocado grove they 'retired' to.

Mr. John Foster – John Foster began attending services 47 years ago in Chicago with his parents. He is an Ambassador graduate, and has served in the full time ministry for over 30 years. After serving congregations in 7 different states, he currently pastors in Charleston, and Princeton, WV, and in Roanoke, VA. He is married to Susan (Graf) from Akron, and they have three children: Timothy, Edward and Amy.

Mr. Don Henson - Don & Rannie Henson are 1972 graduates of Ambassador College (Pasadena campus) and over the years have served congregations in Oregon, Tennessee and Ohio. They have resided in Pittsburgh since July 1996, pastoring the Pittsburgh and Meadville, PA and Wheeling, WV congregations. Their daughter and her family (Rachelle & Eric Metzger and 7-month old Kyle) reside near Dayton, OH and their son and his family (Ryan & Kylie Henson and two-year old Nolan) are in the Front Royal, VA area.

Mr. Doug Johnson – Doug and Janel Johnson have been married over 32 years, and have served God’s people in several locations in Canada and the United States in those years. They are in the process of moving to Cleveland, OH where they will also pastor the Meadville, PA congregation. Their three children are all grown now – Pam, Richard and Debbie.

Mr. John LaBissoniere – John LaBissoniere, originally from Wisconsin, is an elder serving in Knoxville, TN. He is employed by UCG in the Publishing and Media area. He and his wife Linda, were married in 1979 and have two children, Joy, 22 & David, 20.

Mr. Frank McCrady – Frank and his wife, Sonja, are 1969 graduates of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, TX. They have three sons, Rick, Scott, and Michael, all residing in Dallas, TX. The McCrady's have served congregations in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Florida, Indiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Ohio. They presently pastor the Dayton and Cincinnati North congregations.

Mr. Art Morris – Art studied Engineering at Ohio State University and in the U.S. Air Force and Business Administration at Ashland University. He has been employed in various management positions at Barnes Pumps, Inc. for over 46 years. He and his wife, Rilla, were both baptized in 1966. They have one son, two daughters, seven grandchildren and one great grandson. Art has served as a local church elder in the Mansfield, Ohio congregation since 1980.

Kenneth Pulliam – Kenneth has a wife, Jean, four children, twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren. The first Sabbath he and his wife attended was 12/7/63. They were baptized the same night 3/16/64. Kenneth was ordained a deacon 6/3/68 and ordained an elder 2/11/84. Over the years he has served in Cincinnati-West, Portsmouth Ohio, Cincinnati-East, Cincinnati-South and is now serving in Cincinnati-East UCG.

Mr. John Sackrider – John was baptized in 1973. He and his wife Linda have one son, John (32). John and Linda own and operate a water well drilling and excavating company in Wolverine, MI. John was ordained an elder in 1993, and continues to serve the UCG Wolverine congregation under Steve Shafer.

Mr. Steve Shafer – Steve graduated from Big Sandy in 1967. He and his wife Evelyn, who also attended Big Sandy, have been married 38 years. They have three children, all of whom are married, and five grandchildren. He worked for Quasar Electronics, as a Manager for Parts & Service, for twelve years before being hired into the full-time ministry in 1982. He currently pastors the Flint, Saginaw and Wolverine, MI congregations.

Mr. Donald Shaw – Don and his wife Annie live in Christiansburg, Virginia. They have five grown children and five grandchildren. Don and Annie have been attending services since the late 60's. They were both baptized in Bluefield, WV in 1969. Don was ordained an elder in 1981 and has retired from Virginia Tech. The Shaw's assist Mr. John Foster in Charleston, and Princeton, WV and in Roanoke, Va.

Mr. Randy Stiver – Randy and Linda met at the Temple Mount Excavations in Jerusalem as part of the Ambassador College "Big Dig" summer project in 1973. He comes from a South Dakota ranching background and she from a multi-generational, forest management family in Oregon. Together they have served congregations in Montana, Oregon, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and now Ohio with their transfer to the Columbus and Cambridge circuit this summer. Their daughter Amanda, a University of Oregon history major graduate, also moved to Ohio with them. Family interests include piano and vocal music (the ladies) and great love of the outdoors with longbow archery as a special interest for Randy.

Mr. Lyle Welty – Lyle began attending services as a teenager with his family in 1963. He grew up in northern Indiana. He attended Ambassador College, Big Sandy for two years and graduated from Ambassador, Bricket Wood, England in 1968. He married Margie (Wilcox) from Columbus, OH in 1969. They have two children. Debbie lives in Columbus and Doug lives in Cleveland. The Welty's have served in the following church areas: Columbus and Dayton, OH, Kingsport, TN, Bluefield, WV, Cincinnati South, Albany, NY, Springfield, MA, Cleveland, OH and are presently moving to the Home Office to pastor the Cincinnati East congregation.

Mr. Mark Winner – Mark was born and raised in God's church, the son of Bill and Carolyn Winner. He and his wife Colleen (Adams) are 1985 Ambassador College, Pasadena graduates. They have 2 children in college, a daughter Sarah (23), and a son Vince (19). Both are attending the feast in Panama City this year. He currently pastors in Henderson, Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky.

Restaurant Guide

Some of the finer restaurants in town:

Downtown Lexington:

- **Le DEAUVILLE** (French - \$18 to \$38)
Reservations a must – it's small
199 N. Limestone (Limestone one-way North)
(859) 246-0999
- **BELLINI'S** (Italian -\$16 to \$26)
Reservations suggested
117 W. Main Street (one-way West)
(859) 388-9583
- **JONATHAN at Gratz Park** (Regional/Continental - \$15 to \$30) Historic Gratz Park Hotel
➤ (Reservations suggested)
120 W. 2nd. Street (one-way West)
Hotel parking lot
- **a la lucie** (French/Continental - \$15 to \$25)
Reservations a must – it's small
159 N. Limestone (one-way North)
(859) 252-5277
- **DUDLEY'S** (Continental - \$8 to \$35)
Reservations suggested
380 S. Mill Street
(859) 252-1010
adjacent parking lot entry on W. Maxwell St, one-way East
- **COACH HOUSE** (Continental - \$13 to \$27)
Reservations suggested
855 S. Broadway
(859) 252-7777
adjacent parking lot

Other Lexington Areas:

- **THE MANSION at Griffin Gate** (Continental - \$18 to \$38) Reservations suggested
Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort (North end of Lexington)
1720 Newtown Pike
(859) 288-6142
adjacent parking lot

- **MERRICK INN** (Regional/Continental - \$17 to \$29)
Reservations suggested
Merrick Place (South end of Lexington)
3380 Tates Creek Road
(859) 269-5417
adjacent parking

- **MALONE'S** (Steaks/Continental - \$12 to \$35)
Do not take reservations
Lansdowne Shoppes (South end of Lexington)
3347 Tates Creek Road
(859) 335-6500

- **EMMETT'S** (Regional/Continental - \$16 to \$28)
Reservations suggested
1097 Duval Street (South end of Lexington)
(859) 245-4444
(near Tates Creek Rd & Man O' War)
adjacent parking lot

- **THE CHOP HOUSE** (Steaks/Continental - \$12 to \$30)
2640 Richmond Road (South end of Lexington)
(859) 268-9555
(Known for their steaks.)