

*Feast of Tabernacles*  
**FEAST of TABERNACLES**

2004



*Hagerstown*  
**Hagerstown, PA**

**United Church of God**  
*An International Association*

## Important Phone Numbers

Clarion Hotel	(301) 733-5100
UCG Anointing	
Festival Coordinator (Mr. Todd Carey)	(301) 733-5100

## Festival Brochure

This Festival Brochure is your information guide to this year's Feast of Tabernacles here in Hagerstown. Be sure to read it and become familiar with its contents. It contains virtually all of the information you will need while you are here. Since we have a limited number of copies, please keep it with you at services and refer to it often.

## Information Center

The Information Center is located in the lobby of the Grand Ballroom. It will be open one hour before and a half hour after services to assist you. The Hagerstown Convention and Visitors Bureau will also have a table in the lobby to provide us with information about the area and its attractions. You'll find area maps, brochures of attractions, shopping information, menus from restaurants, church literature, lost & found items, and other information all available to help you enjoy your time at the Feast.

## Feast Video Presentation

### "I Shall Return"

We are pleased to once again have a special sermon video at the Feast of Tabernacles this year that focuses on the mission and vision of the Church. In the sermon presentation titled, "I Shall Return," we will be examining the work of God's Church as we look forward to Christ's promised return to Earth to establish God's Kingdom. The message will revolve around an analogy based on Douglas MacArthur's famous World War II promise to return to the Philippines to liberate the country from Japanese occupation. In the video, the senior pastor for the Philippines, David Baker, uses the example of General MacArthur to illustrate Christ's promised return to Jerusalem to liberate mankind and begin His millennial reign.

In addition, interviews with various elders and members in the Philippines and other areas of Southeast Asia will help illustrate how Christians continue to fight the good fight in their daily lives as they wait for Christ. Roy Holladay, president, will show what United as a whole is doing in anticipation of that day, preparing the brethren and preaching the good news of God's Kingdom. The sermon will be about 65 minutes in length.

## Parents' Room

We have provided a Parents' Room for both moms and dads to change baby diapers and settle fussy children. The Parents' Room will be located in the Crystal Ballroom. A privacy area has been set up for mothers with nursing infants. Please do not bring in any noisy toys. If older children accompany a parent and infant, please make sure they sit quietly with you and do not disturb others. Since parents are listening to services, please restrict your talking to that required for the needs of your child. Attendants are on duty to assist you. Discipline of children should not be carried out in these rooms. Please use the Parents' Room for the minimum amount of time needed, and then return to your seats.

## Counseling and Anointing

Elders will be on duty one hour before and a half hour after services daily in the Anointing Room, located in the Lobby of the Grand Ballroom. During services an elder will be sitting in the designated area in the front left seating section, four rows back. At all other times call the UCG Anointing number, (see inside front cover for the phone number) with your request, and an elder will answer the phone. If there is an elder staying at your hotel please contact him first, if possible, with your request. *If you feel that you may have a contagious illness, do not come to services to be anointed. Please call for an anointing.*

## Childrens' Choir

All children ages five through twelve who will be singing in the Children's Choir will have only one rehearsal this year on the morning of the performance. All singers are asked to report to the stage at 8:30 AM on Monday, October 4th, for their rehearsal. Remember that children should have already learned the music before to coming to the Feast. The rehearsal is primarily for the purpose of organizing the children.

## Festival Youth Instruction

The Festival Youth Instruction program is being offered once again this year for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Our program is titled "Kingdom Rock" and takes its inspiration from the fact that Jesus

Christ is our Rock and the Chief Corner Stone of God's spiritual temple (1 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 2:20). Our lessons are designed to help parents teach their children how to build their lives on the rock of Christ's teachings, which will be the basis of the world tomorrow (Matthew 7:24). 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, this year we will once again offer material for sixth grade (or junior high school aged) students.

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

This year the classes will be held on Sunday and Tuesday beginning promptly at 9:30 AM and will conclude in time for all children and instructors to hear the scheduled sermon for the day. Parents are asked to escort their children to the classrooms at 9:15 AM, and pick them up in the lobby during the hymn immediately after the special music.

In order for your children to take advantage of these classes, parents are requested to register their children at the Information Center as soon as possible so that we will know how many children will be in each class. We encourage parents to register their children at the beginning of the Feast for this spiritually informative opportunity!

## Teen Activity

Teens will enjoy an evening of activity on Thursday, September 30, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Clarion. An Ice Cream Social (build your own sundaes!) and mixer activity will kick off the evening. The Ice Cream social will be the perfect opportunity to meet all the teens who have come to Hagerstown this year and plan your other Feast activities. The activity will be held in the Hagar Room - the back right corner of the Grand Ballroom. Don't miss this chance to meet with friends and meet new people!

## Teen Bible Study

"Are You Still Hungry"

The Feast pictures that time when our spiritual hunger will be nourished as we take up our positions in the Kingdom of God, when we will no longer hunger and thirst for righteousness. There is so much a young person can achieve in this day and age, yet are those achievements meaningful? Teens still find themselves hungry for substance and meaning. Please join us for our Teen Bible Study where we will discuss the restlessness that seems to be pervasive with many young people who have a lot of "things," but want so much more. This interactive study will focus on the areas that are truly meaningful to our youth and to God. If you're still hungry, bring your appetite, and your Bible! Join Mr. Todd Carey on Friday evening, October 1st, at 7:30 PM in the Grand Ballroom for this interactive, enjoyable, and educational Bible Study.

## Young Adult Bible Study Seminar

"God, Politics, and The World Tomorrow"

Perceptive young adults today seek to be involved in a cause that they believe will accomplish something worthwhile. In this, an American presidential election year, politics is commanding the attention of many. But you have to ask, How much lasting goodwill results from the work of Young Democrats, Young Republicans, Young Greens and Young...? What cause should true Christian young adults involve themselves in? To answer that you need to ask, Does God have a cause?

Come to the Festival Young Adults\_ Bible Seminar called "God, Politics and the World Tomorrow." There we'll analyze what God has planned for you to do, and what you can practically do to support and work for the greatest cause of all time!

Join the other young adults here at the Feast for the Young Adults' Bible Seminar on Friday evening, October 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom (Parents Room).

## Bible Study

"Romans 9, 10 & 11 – The Wisdom of God"

If you were God, would you have done it this way? 6000 years of deception, destruction, and death? Selecting a few, allowing the masses to be ignorant of your plan? Followed by a golden age of 1000 years of happiness and salvation? And finally bringing the deceived masses back to life to reveal your purpose to them? On the eve of the Last Great Day, let's explore for insight and answers from Romans 9, 10, and 11. Let's ponder God's purpose and plan! Let's marvel at "The Wisdom of God"! Join Mr. David Mills for this fascinating Bible Study on Wednesday evening, October 6th, at 7:30 PM in the Grand Ballroom.

## Family Day Activities

The beautiful grounds of Antietam Recreation will host Family Day on Monday, October 4th. Families will be able to enjoy a family atmosphere with lawn games, music, fellowship, food and an authentic Wild West Show! Luxury coaches will transport you to Antietam Recreation after services and return you in shifts with the last shuttle departing the park at about 6:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at the park, followed by picnic games and fellowship – a great old-fashioned family day! Cost will be \$3.00 per person.

Activities unique to Antietam Recreation include a 300' cable ride, a 52' downhill slide, five gigantic rope swings, and the Burma Bridge across Antietam Creek. Additional activities include volleyball, badminton, basketball, table tennis, air hockey, horse shoes. For those who would like to play more “relaxing” games inside the enclosed pavilion, bring along your card deck or other table games.

In addition to the \$3.00 admission fee, tickets for lunch at Family Day must be purchased no later than Friday afternoon at the Grand Ballroom Ticket Table (front right of the auditorium before or after services. Parking is limited, so we encourage everyone to ride the shuttles which will depart from the front of the Conference Center.

## Family Fun Show

Following the Family Day activities at Antietam Recreation on Monday, October 4th, the brethren will join together at 7:30 PM at the Clarion for the Family Fun and Talent Show. Members from around the country are prepared to share their talent, skit or musical performance with all who attend. Don't miss this opportunity to draw closer to your spiritual family and have a great time!

## Senior Citizens' Activity

Our seniors are cordially invited to a Sabbath brunch right here at the Clarion on Sabbath, October 2, at 10:30 a.m. The brunch, along with music and fellowship will be enjoyed by all. The brunch will consist of Spring Green Salad, Chicken Piccata made with Lemon Butter Sauce and Capers, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Capri Mixed Vegetables, Warm Whole Wheat Rolls, Cheese Cake with Raspberry Sauce, Regular and Decaf Coffee, Hot Tea, and Iced Tea. All senior citizens age 60 and up are encouraged to attend the brunch to take place in the Grand Ballroom. The menu will delight you followed with entertainment provided by our very own brethren! The cost of the activity will be funded by donations. To get an idea of how many to prepare for, we must ask each senior to sign up for the luncheon at the Information Center as soon as possible. Anyone of any age who would like to donate to help others attend this luncheon is asked to please do so at the Information Center.

# 2004 Festival Schedule - Hagerstown

	Wed 9/29	Thurs 9/30	Fri 10/1	Sab 10/2	Sun 10/3	Mon 10/4	Tues 10/5	Wed 10/6	Thurs 10/7
	Preparation Day	HOLY DAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	4 <sup>th</sup> Day	Family Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Day	6 <sup>th</sup> Day	7 <sup>th</sup> Day	LAST GREAT DAY
AM		NO MORNING SERVICE	MORNING SERVICE 10:00-12:00	SENIOR CITIZENS' BRUNCH 10:30 AM	F.Y.I. YOUTH LESSONS 9:30-10:45  MORNING SERVICE 10:00-12:00	MORNING SERVICE 10:00-12:00	F.Y.I. YOUTH LESSONS 9:30-10:45  MORNING SERVICE 10:00-12:00  ABC MEETING 12:30	MORNING SERVICE 10:00-12:00	MORNING SERVICE 10:00-12:00
PM	CHOIR PRACTICE 1:30-4:30 PM  DEPT. HEAD MEETING 3:00-4:00 PM  SPEAKER'S MEETING 4:00-5:00 PM	HOLY DAY SERVICE 2:00-4:00 PM		AFTERNOON SERVICE 2:00-4:00 PM	WASHING- TON, D.C. TOUR DEPART 1:00 PM	FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES 1:00-6:00 PM	"NOAH" THEATER TRIP 1:00 -10:00 PM	BALTIMORE TRIP DEPARTS 1:00 PM	FAMILY BUFFET LUNCHEON 12:00-2:00 PM  AFTERNOON SERVICE 2:30-4:30 PM
EVE	HOLY DAY EVE  OPENING SERVICE 7:30-9:00 PM	TEEN MIXER 7:00-10:00 PM	TEEN BIBLE STUDY 7:30 PM  YA BIBLE STUDY 7:30 PM			FAMILY FUN SHOW 7:30 PM		BIBLE STUDY 7:30 PM  <i>HOLY DAY EVE</i>	

## Last Great Day Luncheon

Rather than rush out between services on the Last Great Day to try to find a meal, plan to enjoy lunch together with your brothers and sisters. A lunch buffet will be set up in the Atrium area of the pool here at the Clarion so brethren will be able to walk over after morning services to eat a relaxing lunch and make it back in plenty of time for afternoon services.

The buffet luncheon will consist of Tossed Salad, Tri-Color Pasta Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Beef Tips over Rice; Lemon Pepper Chicken, steamed Broccoli, warm rolls, beverages, and a choice of assorted fruit or cream pies for dessert. Cost for this wonderful buffet will be \$13 for adults, and \$8 for children ages 4-12. Tickets must be purchased no later than Thursday afternoon at the Ticket Sales Table at the left front of the auditorium. The luncheon is limited to the first 400 people who purchase tickets.

## Sight and Sound Theater's "Noah"

On Tuesday, October 5th at 1:00 PM a luxury coach will pick up 'Noah' ticket holders at the front entrance to the Grand Ballroom here at the Clarion to begin your trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. During the 90 minute bus ride you will be served a box lunch to hold you over until the evening meal. Your destination is the renowned Sight & Sound Millennium Theater where you will be treated to a spectacular live performance of "Noah - the Musical" - a musical dramatization of the

biblical story of Noah. Be there as Noah labors for long years amid the scorn of his neighbors. See the miracle as countless animals peacefully embark on his wooden ship, two by two. As the world perishes in the flood, be comforted by God's care for the faithful, no matter how few. Experience the joy of a new beginning, the joy of a God whose promises are true. This will be a truly an outstanding performance that will be one of the highlights of your Feast. Following the performance you will be taken to the Willow Valley Inn for a sumptuous dinner. You will return to the Clarion at approximately 11:00 PM. For those who have purchased advanced tickets, please stop by the ticket sales counter in the ballroom lobby to pick up your tickets. There may still be tickets available at the ticket sales counter at \$85 for adults; \$65 for teens ages 13-18, and \$50 for children ages 3-12.

## Washington D.C. Tour

For those who have purchased advanced tickets for the Washington D.C. tour, please stop by the ticket sales counter in the ballroom lobby to pick up your boarding passes. On Sunday, October 3rd, meet at 12:45 PM in the ballroom lobby. A host or hostess will help you get settled on the correct bus. At 1:00 PM the luxury coach will depart to begin your tour of Washington D.C. with a box lunch to eat on the bus. The Smithsonian Museum, dinner and an evening tour of the monuments awaits you. After the tour you will be dropped off at the Clarion at approximately 11:00 PM. For those who have not purchased advanced tickets and would like to go, please stop by the Ticket Sales Counter to see if there are any open seats.

## Baltimore Trip

For those who have purchased advanced tickets for the Baltimore trip, please stop by the Ticket Sales Counter in the Grand Ballroom lobby to pick up your boarding passes and information about Baltimore. At 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 6th, a luxury coach will pick you up at the ballroom lobby to begin your trip to Baltimore with a box lunch to eat on the bus. You'll be dropped off at Baltimore's renowned Inner Harbor area. Harborplace and The Gallery feature a mix of 101 unique shops, 16 sit-down restaurants and 40 diverse eateries, as well as live entertainment on the waterfront. You may wish to visit the Maryland Science Center (three floors of hands-on exhibits featuring the Chesapeake Bay, Structures, Hubble Space Telescope, Beyond Numbers, Energy, IMAX five-story theater, Davis Planetarium,) 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 the information provided at the Ticket Sales Counter for the prices of these activities. You will be dropped off at the Clarion at about 8:00 PM. For those who have not purchased advanced tickets and would like to go, please stop by the ticket sales counter to see if there are any open seats.

## Home Office Media Department Survey

We would like each individual Feast attendee age 18 or older to fill out the Media department survey. We appreciate your cooperation in filling out the survey so the information we gather will be as useful as possible. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

## Housing Survey

Monday, October 4, the Housing Surveys will be distributed. Each head of household should fill one out. This information greatly assists in future negotiations and provides legitimate feedback to the hotels. Return your completed Housing Survey form to an usher or the information desk

## Business Office

The Business Office is located off the walkway between the ballroom and the hotel lobby in the Burriss Room. Office hours are one hour before and a half hour after services daily, except on the Sabbaths. Tithes and offerings may be turned in at the Business Office during business hours. The Business Office cannot cash personal checks.

## 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*.



## 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."

## Cell Phone Etiquette

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.

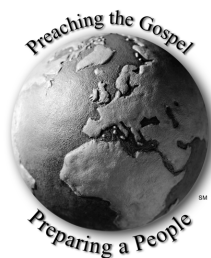
## Ambassador Bible Center Meeting

An Ambassador Bible Center representative is in attendance at our Feast here in Hagerstown. He would like to meet with any who are interested in attending ABC this year or in the future. This meeting, in the Crystal Ballroom (Parent's Room) at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, October 6th, is open to people of all ages. Parents are encouraged to come with their children. ABC accepts students of all ages beyond high school age who have a high school diploma or equivalent. We prefer students be at least 20 years old in the year they enroll; however exceptions are made. Mr. Richard Thompson will be available to answer any questions you may have about ABC.

## Internet Café

We are providing an Internet Cafe' located off the walkway between the ballroom and the hotel lobby here at the Clarion hotel. There will be four computers available for your use to surf the internet, check your online email or do homework. Each computer has Microsoft Word software. If you brought your laptop with a Network Interface Card, we have four Cat 5 cable connections for you to hook up directly to the internet. Or if your laptop has wireless capabilities, just enter the cafe to access our wireless service. No security codes are needed. We will also have a laser printer available for a nominal cost per page. Free 3.5" floppy disks are available if you need to save work to take home. The Internet Cafe will be open daily from 8:00 am until midnight except during services. To safeguard our equipment we ask that no unsupervised children be permitted in the cafe. If you have suggestions to improve our cafe, need other software or computer help, just write us a note in the suggestion/donation box and we'll get back to you. Come enjoy a computer and a cup of java!





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