

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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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. Brochures of area attractions, shopping information, area maps, menus from area restaurants, church literature, lost & found items, and other information will be available to help you enjoy your time at the Feast here in Hagerstown. 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.

FEAST VIDEO PRESENTATION

"Being Equipped as Saints in Service to God"

This year's special sermon video presentation is titled "*Being Equipped as Saints in Service To God*". This topic has been an item of importance focused on by the Council of Elders and became the theme at the May, 2002, meeting of the General Conference of Elders. Since God's desire is to train each member of the body for service both today and later in His family, it is wise to focus on preparation for this responsibility. During the sermon we will be

looking at five points listed by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians chapter 4 and how they relate to us as servants in God's family as we prepare for His Kingdom.

NEW BOOKLET: THIS IS THE UCG

A brand new booklet about the Church titled: "*Preaching the Gospel, Preparing a People: This Is the United Church of God*", is available for distribution here at the Feast for brethren and visitors. You are welcome to pick up two or three copies per family at the Information Center. Obtaining your copies here rather than mailing them to individual households will save the church thousands of dollars in postage.

PARENT'S ROOM

We have provided a Parent's Room for both moms and dads to change baby diapers and settle fussy children. The Parent's 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 Parent's 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, (301)529-5044 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.*

CHILDREN'S 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 Wednesday, September 25th, 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

Once again the Festival Youth Instruction (FYI) program will be offered. The program titled "*Kingdom Grand Slam 2002*" consists of two separate classes for each of the following four groups: Kindergarten, First Grade, Second & Third Grades, and Fourth & Fifth Grades. The program will emphasize the four elements of a kingdom, giving age-appropriate lessons for our children including Bible stories, crafts, games, songs and memory scriptures. Your children will enjoy lessons that will include stories and activities that will emphasize the 1,000-year rule of Christ.

This year the classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday beginning promptly at 9:30 AM and will conclude in time for all children and instructors to hear the scheduled sermon for the day. In order for your children to take advantage of these classes, parents are requested to register their children at the information table on Friday evening or Sabbath afternoon so that we will know how many children will be in the classes. All pertinent information and class schedules will be given to you when you register. Parents are

asked to escort their children to the classrooms at 9:15 AM, and pick them up during the special music so that all may hear the scheduled sermon. . If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Foster. We encourage parents to register their children at the beginning of the Feast for this spiritually informative opportunity!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

All of our preteens age five through twelve will enjoy an afternoon at the Family Recreation Park on Sunday, September 22. Featured here are "pay-as-you-go" rides on the Chattanooga Choo Choo Miniature Train, Miniature Golf, Junior Go-carts, Bumper Boats, and Balloon Storm. Listen for more details during services. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in this activity for our smallest members!

TEEN ACTIVITY

Teens will enjoy an evening of activity on Saturday, September 21, from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM at the Clarion. A mixer and music activity hosted by Mr. Todd Carey will kick off the evening. At this mixer, held in the Hagar Room (the back right corner of the Grand Ballroom), teens will work together to decide what activity they would like to do later in the week. Don't miss this chance to design your own Feast activity!

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

"You Be The Judge!"

Will there still be a need for law in the Millennium? How will disputes be settled between people, and how will law be enforced? Which standard of managing human behavior will God have us use

during the 1000 years? As kings and priests will we use the laws found in the Old Testament or those in the New? Or are they the same? Make a point of joining our young people Friday evening, September 27, at 7:30 PM in the Grand Ballroom for an interactive, enjoyable, and educational Bible study as we take real life scenarios and bring them before our “judges,” to see if their rulings are biblically based and accurate. Do you think you are ready to mete out justice? You Be The Judge!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY SEMINAR

“Discerning the Times: What Do You Know and What Will You Do?”

According to a recent Time magazine cover, “*While America Slept*”, the nation was caught unprepared for the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Now, the question of how much advance information the government had—and whether that may have preempted the terrorist attack will be debated for a long time. But there is a larger question to consider, “What does it take for a people to awaken to the urgency of the times”? Now more than ever is the time for us to act like the leaders of Issachar described in 1 Chronicles 12:32 who, “understood the times and knew what Israel should do”. Join us for a special presentation designed to increase our understanding of today’s world. The Young Adult Seminar will take place on Friday evening, September 27, at 7:30 PM in the Crystal Ballroom.

BIBLE STUDY

“The Feast of Tabernacles And Eighth Day - Past, Present, and Future”

What was the Feast of Tabernacles like during the time of Christ?

How was it different from the feast that the United Church of God, properly observes today? Did you know that the Jews lived in their festival booths only during the seven days of the feast, but not on the eighth day? Why? Where did they eat, sleep, and reside during the eighth day? Have you ever seen an official Talmud, the written version of the Jewish Oral Law? An English translation of The Babylonian Talmud will be on display at the Bible Study. Come and join us beginning at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 24th, in the main auditorium here at the Clarion as we explore *The Feast of Tabernacles and eighth day - past, present, and future*.

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FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES

The historic and beautiful Hagerstown City Park will be the location for Family Day on Wednesday, September 25th. Families will be able to enjoy lawn games, music, feeding the ducks, softball and food! Luxury coaches will transport you from the Clarion to the Hagerstown City Park beginning at 12:30 PM and return you in shifts beginning at 4:30 PM with the last shuttle departing the park at 6:00 PM. Lunch will be served at the park, followed by picnic games and entertainment. This promises to be a great old-fashioned family day at the park! Tickets for lunch in the park must be purchased no later than Monday afternoon at the Ticket Table in the lobby before or after services. Parking is extremely limited at the park, 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 at the park on Wednesday, September 25, 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!

SINGLES-IN-THE-MIDDLE

Throughout the Feast we will have a hospitality area in the Argosy Room of the Tortuga Restaurant at the Clarion for our "singles-in-the-middle" - singles ages 30-55. Come in and enjoy light refreshments before services on most mornings. Use the hospitality room for fellowship and as a staging ground for the activities you organize for yourselves. Don't miss this opportunity to develop friendships and spend some time together.

SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITY

Our seniors are cordially invited to an afternoon luncheon right here at the Clarion on Tuesday, September 24, at 1:00 PM. Lunch, followed by an afternoon of music and fellowship will be enjoyed by all. All senior citizens age 60 and up are encouraged to attend. The menu will delight you with a Spring Greens Salad with warm whole wheat rolls, a main dish of delicate Chicken Piccata made with lemon butter sauce and capers, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Capri Mixed Vegetables, complemented by a dessert of Cheesecake with Raspberry Topping. Lunch will be followed with entertainment provided by our very own senior citizens!! The cost of the activity will be funded by donations. In order to know 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.

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, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli, Beef Tips over Rice; Chicken Parmesan, beverages, and a choice of either New York Cheesecake, Chocolate Mousse, or Tiramisu for dessert. Cost for this wonderful buffet will be \$12 for adults, and \$8 for children ages 4-12. Tickets must be purchased no later than Thursday afternoon at the Ticket Sales Booth in the Lobby of the auditorium. The luncheon is limited to the first 350 people who purchase tickets.

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER'S "DANIEL"

On Thursday, September 26 at 1:00 PM a luxury coach will pick up Daniel ticket holders at the front entrance to the Grand Ballroom here at the Clarion to begin your trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. During the 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 "*Daniel, a Dream, a Den, a Deliverer*", a musical dramatization of the biblical story of Daniel. Watch young

Daniel live in Jerusalem, be taken captive into Babylon as a slave, be chosen to interpret the king's dreams, boldly hold fast to the truth, be thrown into the lion's den, and be rescued because of his trust and obedience to God. 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 Historic Strasburg Inn for a sumptuous Amish Dinner served family style at your table. Your hostess will also inform us about Amish ways of food preparation and be available to answer your questions. 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. While all seats are sold, you may check at the booth for any last minute cancellations.

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 Monday, meet at 12:45 PM at 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. 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 Information Center 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 Monday, 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 in 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, live demonstrations) 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 approximately 10:00 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.

MEMBER FESTIVAL SURVEY

On Friday, September 27, those attending the Feast of Tabernacles will receive a general statistical data and information survey. Each head of household age 19 and over is asked to complete the survey. The information gathered from this survey will help in future Feast planning and will help the church learn how to better serve the festival needs of our brethren. Turn in completed surveys to the ushers or at the Information Center. If you do not receive one on Friday, the survey will available at the Information Center.

HOUSING SURVEY

Wednesday, September 25, 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 Pangborn 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 Center 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 AT THE FEAST

In past years, some members have applauded during sermons and sermonettes at the Feast, which all too often became an embarrassment to both audience and speakers. Normally, it is inappropriate to applaud for sermonettes or sermons. However, spontaneous applause for announcements of inspiring developments in the Work, special intervention, or miracles from God would be appropriate and fitting. Also, except for the children's choir, it would not be appropriate to applaud for special music. In summary, please do not applaud for sermonettes or sermons, or for special music at the Feast.