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Greetings from Cincinnati!

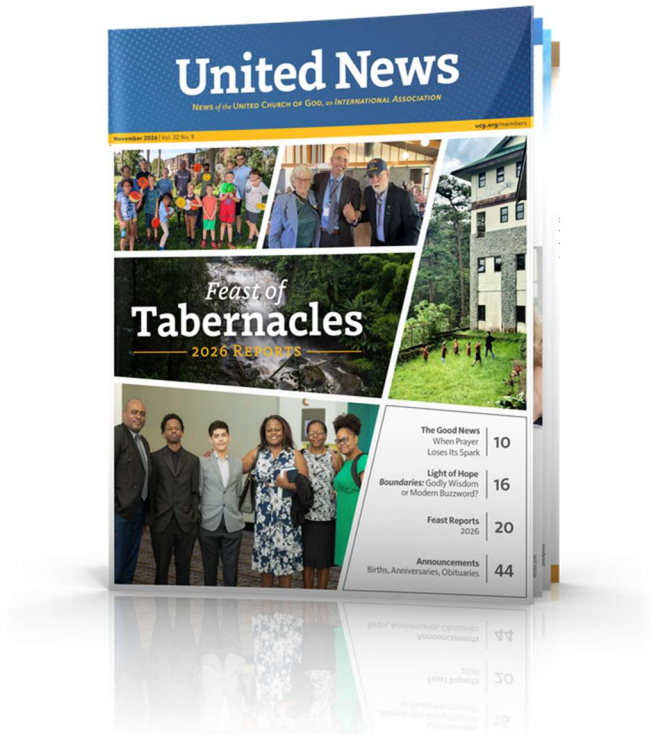
We're excited to share the link for the November *United News*! Today's email also includes an update from Ministerial and Member Services, a link to watch a special music video and the next feature in "Spotlight on Good Works."

Be sure to read the details for upcoming young adult and teen events—there's still time to apply!



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November *United News*



November 2026 *United News* Available Online!

The November issue of *United News* has been sent to the printer and is ready to view online!

Packed with photos and reports from the Feast, this edition features extra pages to reflect on this year's Feast highlights.

You can explore the key articles from the November *United News* in the links below!

Featured Articles

Anchor Yourself in the Kingdom of God
As the world's pressures grow stronger, how can we keep from drifting spiritually? Discover how to stay firmly anchored in God's truth and the hope of His coming Kingdom.

When Prayer Loses Its Spark
Does prayer sometimes feel distracted, routine or distant? Discover seven practical ways to regain focus, renew your joy in prayer and draw closer to God.

Boundaries: Godly Wisdom or Modern Buzzword?
Are boundaries a wise way to protect healthy relationships or just another modern buzzword? Discover what the Bible teaches about saying "no" with love, balancing responsibilities and knowing when to say "yes."

Prepare Your Child to Follow Christ
How can we help our children develop a lasting faith and choose to follow Christ? Discover nine practical ways to teach godly values, lead by example and prepare them to make their faith their own.

Stories of Faith: Nancy Egbert
An example of faith from an older member in the Charlotte, North Carolina congregation.

Ministerial and Member Services





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Southeast Region Hosts First in New Round of Ministerial Conferences

Seventy pastors, elders and their wives gathered in Atlanta, Georgia, Oct. 24-27, for the first of a new round of U.S. regional ministerial conferences. The gathering provided opportunities for fellowship and practical instruction focused on the ministry's shared responsibility to care for God's people.

The conference theme, "The Miletus Mandate," was drawn from Acts 20:17-38, where the apostle Paul gathered the Ephesian elders for a heartfelt farewell. His instruction in verse 28—"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock"—served as the conference's foundation.

Following a Saturday evening reception, Sunday's sessions brought elders and their wives together to explore Paul's example of faithful service. Presentations by John Elliott, Steve Myers, Gary Petty, Ben Light and Steven Britt addressed personal spiritual vigilance, guarding the flock, leading with credibility, working under authority and mentoring future leaders.

Monday and Tuesday focused on pastors and their wives, with additional sessions exploring the heart of a shepherd, God's grace, humility, preaching the whole counsel of God and caring for scattered congregations.

The conference also offered interactive opportunities for pastors and wives to discuss real-life pastoral situations, applying biblical principles and Church policies while considering the most loving and effective responses.

Throughout the conference, one important principle emerged: The ministry serves under Jesus Christ, and the flock belongs to God. A minister's responsibility is not merely to lead but to faithfully teach, encourage, protect and nurture those God has entrusted to his care.

Beyond the presentations, the fellowship, shared experiences and heartfelt conversations strengthened relationships and reinforced our shared commitment to serving God's people.

As this new round of regional conferences begins, our prayer is that God will continue to strengthen His ministry with the humility, courage, wisdom and love needed to faithfully shepherd His people—and, as Paul expressed, to finish our race with joy (Acts 20:24).

Every Valley



Enjoy the music video featured at this year's Feast of Tabernacles!

Spotlight on Good Works



How Your Support Has Helped Brethren in Mexico

Hurricane Otis devastated Acapulco in October 2023, severely damaging the homes of Church members and leaving families without reliable access to food, clean water, power and other basic supplies. Hurricane John brought further hardship the following year.

Through the Good Works program and the generous support of Church congregations and individual donors, urgently needed supplies were delivered, and damaged homes were rebuilt with reinforced concrete roofs. Despite shortages of materials and labor, difficult terrain and demanding construction conditions, the rebuilding effort was completed after nearly a year of dedicated work.

The brethren in Acapulco are deeply grateful to everyone whose generosity made this recovery possible. At a time when they wondered how they would obtain basic necessities or rebuild their homes, your support became a tangible answer to their prayers. To every congregation and individual who contributed, thank you for extending a helping hand and giving these families renewed security and hope during one of the most difficult times of their lives.

Read more

United Young Adults



Wamatochick Young Adult Weekend

Young adults ages 18-32, married or single, are invited to the sixth annual UYA Wamatochick Weekend, Feb. 19-22, 2027! Join us among the Ponderosa pines of northern Arizona for a weekend of fellowship, spiritual growth and outdoor adventure. Our theme, “Be Doers of the Word” (James 1:22), will challenge and encourage us to put God’s Word into action through our daily choices and way of life.

Weekend Details

When: Feb. 19-22, 2027

Where: Camp Wamatochick, 5101 S. Senator Hwy., Prescott, AZ 86303

Cost: $165 per person, including lodging and seven meals (discounts available).

We can't wait to spend this weekend growing in God's Word, building friendships and making memories together!

Learn more



Australian United Youth Camp

The annual Australian United Youth Camp is held in the southern highlands of New South Wales every December—during the southern hemisphere's summer. It has long been the camp's tradition to welcome camper applications from international areas (our staff positions are currently full).

The dates for this year's camp are arriving on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2026, and departing on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026. Camp fees are waived for all international campers.

Apply today!

UCG: Behind the Scenes



Katherine Rowland's office is a welcoming place for ABC students and staff alike.

Upcoming Events

October
30-Nov. 1: Houston Regional Family Weekend—Tomball, Texas

November
13-15: Tulsa Regional Family Weekend—Tulsa, Oklahoma

December
22-27: Winter Family Weekend—Hamilton, Ohio
25-27: Northwest Weekend—Portland, Oregon