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Dear Brethren,

THE 2026 FEAST OF TABERNACLES is now in the record books—and what a truly remarkable Feast it was. Many brethren expressed that it was among the most uplifting and spiritually enriching Feasts they have ever kept. It was a time of warm fellowship, encouragement, spiritual edification, and renewed vision—leaving lasting memories that will inspire us for years to come.

This year's Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day were especially memorable because, for the first time, the speaking schedule featured a number of elders from throughout the Christian Biblical Church of God. This idea was inspired by God and initiated by Fred Coulter.

Following Fred's opening night message—which set a powerful spiritual tone that carried throughout the Feast—we were indeed blessed to hear from faithful servants of God located around the world. Many commented on how meaningful it was to hear from elders who faithfully serve God's people in various locations. Their messages were encouraging, inspiring, and filled with hope. It was evident that God's Spirit was guiding both the speaking and the hearing. Through the messages presented, God gave us a clearer vision of His plan and purpose, reminding us of the glorious future that lies ahead for all mankind under the government of God.

The Feast serves as a yearly reminder that we have been called for a purpose far greater than ourselves. God has called us to become His sons and daughters, members of His eternal family, and heirs together with Jesus Christ. Indeed, what a marvelous calling we have received! Our future is not merely to enter the Kingdom of God but to *serve* mankind through the Kingdom. We will assist Jesus Christ in bringing peace, righteousness, healing, and truth to a world that has never known God's way—a world currently held under the sway of Satan.

As first fruits, we are being prepared today for that future responsibility. God is working with us now, developing His character within us so that we may be ready to help teach, guide, and serve the countless number of people who will one day come to the knowledge of God. The lessons we learn, the trials we face, the suffering we endure—it all brings the spiritual growth we need as God prepares us for His coming Kingdom.

As we leave the Feast behind and enter the months ahead, let us not lose sight of this incredible vision. We now begin the journey toward Passover, 2027. The period between the Fall Holy Days and Passover can seem long, but it also provides us with an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and strengthen our commitment to His calling.

The challenge before each of us is to remain focused on Jesus Christ and to continue

walking in His footsteps daily. The world around us is growing increasingly distracting, troubled, and uncertain; but our hope and confidence rest in God and His promises. We must be careful not to become entangled in the cares, concerns, and attractions of this present age. Instead, let us keep our minds fixed on the things above and on the Kingdom that is soon to come.

We can maintain the spiritual zeal and encouragement we experienced during the Feast by drawing close to God every day. Through heartfelt prayer, diligent Bible study, meditation on God's Word, and occasional fasting, we strengthen our spiritual relationship with our Father and with Jesus Christ. It is through these spiritual disciplines that God renews our minds, increases our faith, and helps us endure faithfully to the end.

Brethren, now is the time for *diligence*. God is preparing a people for His Kingdom, and He is preparing that people through His Church. Every day presents an opportunity to grow in grace, knowledge, understanding, humility, patience, and love. Every day is an opportunity to become more like Jesus Christ.

Let us therefore encourage one another, pray for one another, and support one another as we continue this journey together. Let us remain steadfast in the faith, unwavering in our commitment, and joyful in the hope of God's promises. The Kingdom of God is not merely a future reality; it is the very purpose for which we have been called. May we each dedicate ourselves anew to living God's way of life and allow Him to complete the work He has begun in each of us.

Thoughts on the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday: It is fitting and right that America has set aside a special day of thanksgiving to God for all His bountiful blessings. But as Christians, we *always* need to be thankful to God—as we live and move and have our being in Him. There are many passages from the book of Psalms that show how we are to praise God with thanksgiving for His goodness in all things and in all circumstances. For example, this is clearly shown in Psalm 107: "O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good: for His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy" (verses 1-2). Four times in this psalm it reads: "Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" (verses 8, 15, 21, 31).

Likewise, Psalm 136 is devoted entirely to extolling God. Each of its 26 verses ends with: "for His mercy [or steadfast love] endures forever." The first three verses begin with giving thanks to God: "**O give thanks** unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endures forever. **O give thanks** unto the God of gods: for His mercy endures forever. **O give thanks** to the Lord of lords: for His mercy endures forever" (verses 1-3).

Indeed, we need to be thankful for *all things*—especially the spiritual blessings that God has poured out upon us. Notice what Paul wrote to the Colossians: "Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, be walking in Him; being rooted and built up in Him, and being confirmed in the faith, exactly as you were taught, abounding in it [the faith] **with thanksgiving**" (Col. 2:6-7).

On a similar note, America is now celebrating its 250th year as a nation. Numerous commentators and pundits have weighed in on *how* and *why* America has become so great—arguably the greatest nation in all of history. Typically they refer to things like the enduring values of freedom and justice, opportunity and fairness, economic and technological strength, the rights of the individual, religious freedom, America's resilience and entrepreneurial spirit, etc.

And to be fair, a good many of them (including President Donald Trump) have noted that our nation is *clearly blessed* by God. But they all fall short in their explanation. They cannot say

why God has so abundantly blessed our nation. Ultimately, God has *not* blessed America because of any inherent goodness on our part. We have earned nothing. Rather, God has blessed America solely because of promises He made to the biblical patriarch Abraham—covenantal promises that his offspring would indeed become an astonishingly great nation. This understanding is vital to comprehending biblical prophecy and God's plan for mankind. If you are unfamiliar with this understanding, please request our free book *American and Britain—Their Biblical Origin and Prophetic Destiny*. You will see exactly *why* America has become so great—and what her exciting future role will be in God's plan.

ONCE AGAIN, BRETHREN, thank you for your prayers, your love, and your continued faithfulness. We deeply appreciate your concern for all the brethren and your dedication to supporting the Work of God through your tithes, offerings, and service. We especially thank Fred for his tireless service over the years in caring for God's people and teaching the truth. We continue to pray that Fred will recover quickly from his hip repair.

We thank God the Father and Jesus Christ for Their goodness, mercy, protection, and abundant blessings. We continually pray that God will watch over you and your families, grant you health and healing, provide for your needs, strengthen your faith, and fill your hearts with His peace. Please know that you remain in our prayers daily. May God continue to bless you, encourage you, and draw you ever closer to Him as we look forward with anticipation to the return of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the Kingdom of God on this earth.

"*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*"
I Corinthians 15:58

With love in Christ Jesus,

Stephen Durham

Steve Durham

A personal note from Fred:
Thank you all for your prayers for my health and healing! I feel well, my voice is strong, and I am eager to get back to work. But I must be very careful with this hip. So, for now I am restricted to my home as I get stronger. We are having a small studio set up in a spare room so I can do one or two Bible studies each month from right here at home. Looking forward to that!

Also, we are helping Robert B. Johnson, Jr. publish his book *Enchantress Athena—Her Ancient Spell on Modern Christendom*. It is a fascinating publication showing just how much paganism has infiltrated mainstream Christianity. Your copy is already in the mail on the way—I know you will enjoy it! Love to all….

Fred Coulter

Reports from Feast site coordinators and elders

What follows is a review of the various 2026 Feast of Tabernacles sites and some of the blessings experienced by the brethren at each location.

Shipshewana, Indiana—We were blessed once again this year with a wonderful festival gathering at the Shipshewana site. All of the brethren in attendance commented on the joyous festival spirit and love they felt. The spirit of service, daily fellowship, and encouragement were wonderful.

We had a wonderful opening night and first and last day Sabbath services with 45 in attendance. We averaged about 35 each day for the rest of the Feast. The weather was mostly sunny with pleasant fall temperatures—adding to everyone's festive spirit.

The focus this year was once again placed on God's family, fellowship, and spending quality time together to enjoy and share our physical and spiritual blessings from God. The majority of our meals were prepared and served by the brethren, and enjoyed together in a family banquet style. The ladies were able to enjoy their formal tea party—elegantly decorated and complete with food, fellowship, and fun filled activities. The men participated in a "spokesman event" that focused on using the Scriptures to prove doctrinal truth and provide brotherly edification and understanding to be used in our local congregations.

Brethren participated in bike rides, a group horseback trail ride, and a visit to a local interactive farm. We enjoyed an authentic Amish family dinner, along with an afternoon of bowling and go-carts. We held our traditional Family Day cookout and took in an evening at the Blue Gate Theater. We enjoyed a Pizza night, a movie night, and a brunch served by the youth. We conducted three interactive Bible Studies that focused on God's millennial work. We concluded most of our days with our traditional "fellowship by the fireplace." All of the activities were designed for brethren to share time together to get to know one another better as members of God's family.

We were truly blessed this year with both a physical and a spiritual Feast from our loving God. We were also blessed to share our rejoicing with several visitors from other churches of God. We truly felt God's presence, inspiration, protection, and warm embrace as we rejoiced in His Feast. Thank you Fred for all you do, and may God continue to bless and guide you in the service of His people.—*Albert Jones*

Victoria, Australia—A group of about two dozen brethren attended the Feast site in Yarrawonga, Victoria, Australia. Everyone enjoyed an inspiring Feast, and greatly appreciated the daily sermons from all the speakers. What a wonderful future God's Feasts and Holy Days picture!

Services were held in the tiny town of Bundalong, a short drive from Yarrawonga. A relaxed, loving atmosphere prevailed, and the brethren enjoyed plenty of time for fellowship. We were pleased to witness the ordination of a deacon during the Feast. Other highlights included a live message, a lunch cruise aboard a paddle-steamer on Lake Mulwala, and a ladies light lunch.

Several meals were shared together, including a BBQ lunch and meals at brethren's accommodations. Brethren participated in fishing, swimming, walks, and games such as table tennis and billiards. The brethren appreciated the efforts of everyone involved to ensure that services, activities, and meals were enjoyed by all. How blessed we are to be able to keep God's Feasts together in unity!

Rotorua, New Zealand—The Feast in New Zealand was held once again in Rotorua where we enjoyed a serene millennial setting. We all had a wonderful time—with plenty of spiritual and physical nourishment. Twenty members gathered, unified in spirit, and enjoyed godly fellowship while celebrating the Feast. We were joined as well by brethren from some of our "sister" churches. Cards filled with messages of encouragement were sent to brethren who were unable to attend.

Messages were delivered live by local speakers and elders from around the world, and centered on our roles as kings and priests in the millennium and beyond. We appreciated Fred's opening message to set the tone for the Feast and understand his wisdom behind "The Work Continues Until He Comes."

Activities included a visit to Chipmunks Adventure Park for our younger children, a Rail Cruising experience, and a Duck Tour across two lakes in a modified World War II amphibious vehicle. The "young at heart" enjoyed racing each other down the Luge (always a favorite). There were also garden walks, a lakeside walk, and the Redwood Forest walk. The elders visited with nearby brethren who were unable to make it to the Feast.

We shared meals together on the Holy Days and continued to gather throughout the Feast to enjoy meals, snacks, and meaningful fellowship. Overall, the spirit of peace, joy, and loving fellowship described in Psalm 133 was clearly evident throughout the Feast. All praise to our Father and Christ for blessing us at this very special appointed festival!—*Merelesita Tuikubulau, NZ Office Team & Simon Massey, Office Team and Festival Coordinator*

Phuket, Thailand—The Malaysian brethren had a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day this year in Phuket. We had a fantastic meeting hall where we enjoyed luncheons and dinners for the first high day and the Last Great Day with a very quiet environment.

The weather was beautiful and all of our activities were a great success. We all participated in meals, various activities, Bible quizzes, and an entertainment night. We enjoyed a city tour and some island hopping. A highlight again this year was the wonderful fellowship and the spiritual nourishment we received in the extraordinary sermons by Fred and the other elders.

We had 30 in attendance, including brethren from the Philippines, India, the United States, and Canada. We are very grateful to God for all the blessings, protection, love, and mercy. A big *thank you* to Mr. Fred.—*Andrew Moses*

Naga City, Philippines—In Naga City, we had wonderful fellowship—singing hymns, praying, and watching Fred Coulter's messages. On one day, we had a special luncheon in the meeting hall. The weather was great. We all participated in meals and activities, which all went through without a problem. The extraordinary sermons by Fred and the other elders were well received. We had 20 in attendance, including children, throughout the eight days. A highlight again this year was all the wonderful fellowship. Overall, the Feast was a great success.—*Rexar Madrona*

Radium Hot Springs, B.C., Canada—Our western Feast site in Canada, Radium Hot Springs, was a tremendous and uplifting experience for everyone attending. With an attendance of 68 to 71, we enjoyed the beautiful East Kootenays of British Columbia—featuring a mixture of crisp air and sunshine along with some awesome mountain scenery. The messages were superb and the brethren thoroughly enjoyed having different speakers each day. We were all inspired and uplifted by the

messages—all with one obvious theme: rejoicing in God's Word and in His great plan for mankind. There was a variety of activities for the brethren and the participation was very good. The godly love was clearly evident throughout the entire Feast and the fellowship was truly awesome. The Holy Spirit was certainly present throughout the Feast and it was a very rewarding and uplifting experience for us all.—*Norbert & Denise Bohnert*

San Miguel de Allende, México—We had a wonderful Feast in San Miguel de Allende, a historic colonial city in the state of Guanajuato in central Mexico. Spanish-speaking brethren from México, the USA, Argentina, and Chile gathered to worship God and learn from His Word. For most of the brethren gathered, this was the first CBCG Feast site they were able to attend. Attendance varied from 15 to 24 throughout the Feast, in addition to an average of 13 brethren connecting to the services via Zoom from Guatemala, the USA, Chile, Spain, and México.

We all stayed in a villa where we shared delicious home-cooked meals, services, lots of fellowship, and interactive Bible Studies. In the middle of the week, we went to a hot springs water park to enjoy the natural thermal waters and various water slides. We also visited the historic center of San Miguel and enjoyed shopping at the local markets—where we had delicious treats like churros and hot chocolate and ice cream at the plaza. The highlight of the Feast was the inspiring messages from the elders and the fellowship we all enjoyed.—*Eduardo & Stephanie Elizondo*

Townsend, Tennessee—We experienced a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day in Townsend this year. Spirits were high, and God's love was evident in the warm fellowship and unity shared by all in attendance.

Opening day brought 45 attendees, with an average daily attendance of 35 throughout the Feast. We were also blessed with beautiful autumn weather all week long. While Fred's presence was deeply missed, God guided us through teachings delivered by many of the CBCG elders. The spiritual food spanning every message and Bible study was rich and abundant.

Brethren enjoyed a variety of activities together. Evening hours at the hall were filled with visiting and playing games. The Ladies' Tea—a tradition originally introduced to the CBCG by Terry Durham—was once again a great success, while the men enjoyed an outing on the golf course. Karaoke night was fun. We also shared two catered meals together, one on the first day and another to close out the Feast.

The true spirit of the Kingdom of God was present from the initial setup through our final farewells, making the Christian fellowship an uplifting experience for all.—*Steve & Pam Durham*

Branson, Missouri—Between 40 and 45 brethren had a wonderful and spiritual Feast in the city of Branson. The Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center proved to be an excellent choice for hosting services. The weather was accommodating—not too hot, not too cold. The wonderful messages were well received by all.

All the activities were well attended. They included a Pizza luncheon, an ice cream social, and a night of bingo and karaoke. Some of us even attended a stage presentation of "David"—from his early years to his becoming King of all Israel. It was very well done. Everyone is looking forward to next year's Feast. May it be as good as this year's was—if not better.—*Michael Heiss*

Sanford, Florida—The fruits of God's Spirit were abundant at the Sanford Feast of Tabernacles site coordinated by elder Nolan Joseph and his wife Faye. Daily complimentary hot breakfasts at the comfortable hotel included turkey sausage or bacon, eggs, biscuits, waffles, and much more.

Daily gatherings were filled with spiritual meat, hymns, and inspiring special music; we also had one very meaningful baptism at the hotel's pool. Special activities included a Bible question-and-answer session, a game night, karaoke nights, and impromptu gatherings of brethren to edify one another.

While Fred's presence throughout most of the Feast was sorely missed, we felt that his teaching and influence was wonderfully reflected in all the messages. God's blessing has been upon this Feast location for many years, and plans are under way to return in 2027. Praise to God for a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day!—*Gil Nalley & Nolan Joseph*

Blanchard, Idaho—It was with a relieved and glad heart that a small group of God's people met in Blanchard again this year for the Feast. There were 17 adults and 2 young people, most of whom were long-time committed members of God's church. The smaller group made for more intimate fellowship and more in-depth discussions, which helped us in getting to know each other better. A major topic of discussion was how God is training each of us to be able to serve with Christ in the coming Kingdom.

This loving atmosphere is what triggered our relief and thankfulness at being able to keep one more Feast of Tabernacles, especially in such troubled times. The peace and hope we felt truly paralleled what God gave us in the Scriptures at each day's meeting.

God cleansed the skies over the area just prior to the Feast, which left us with deep blue skies! What could be better?! This set the scene for us to enjoy our activities, which included a catered meal the first day with a Bible study after; a group tour of a farm animal habitat; a dinner sunset cruise on Coeur d'Alene Lake; horseback riding for the girls and a few others; and various other individual activities in the very pleasant area.

The Feast at Blanchard was made possible by the selfless serving of Georgia and Patrick Ryan, who interacted with the resort's management throughout the year. We who attended do thank them! So, next year? May God's will be done!!—*Roger & Sherry Tointon*

Gananoque, Ontario, Canada—Brethren from Eastern Canada gathered in Gananoque and enjoyed a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles! Our group was smaller this year due to various circumstances, but the love of God was felt by all. There were many opportunities for brethren to gather together in fellowship and activity. Members enjoyed a gorgeous afternoon on a boat cruise of the St. Lawrence River and the amazing Thousand Islands region. Families with children, as well as the young at heart, enjoyed a fun afternoon of mini golf, which was followed by a fabulous church meal for the entire congregation. Above all, it was so refreshing to stir up God's Holy Spirit and to spend quality time bonding with brethren. Together with the encouraging and inspiring sermon messages, brethren were truly able to REJOICE!—*Jennifer Gates*