

### Costs:

\$1,746 per person (based on double occupancy) with an additional fee for single occupancy of \$267. There is a \$75 *non-refundable* application fee, and the exchange rate is not guaranteed until final payment is received.

### What is included?

Hotel/taxes, meeting facility, all breakfasts, five lunches, eight dinners, one wine or soft drink with each meal, ground transportation, entrance fees for all tours, and tour guides.

### What is NOT covered?

Airfare, tips, and travel insurance.

### Contact:

Jennifer Swenson: [jswenson@7words.com](mailto:jswenson@7words.com)  
or 317-707-5029

Website: <http://cg-cm.org>



Faith Networks  
P.O. Box 1811  
West Chester, OH 45071

Presort Standard  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit# 4513  
Cincinnati, OH



A Newsletter for Cooperation in the Churches of God

September, 2007

## Happy Feast of Tabernacles, 2007

It's hard to believe the Feast of Tabernacles is just a few weeks away. One of the great blessings available to members of the Church of God today is the variety of Feast sites available. This issue features some of the best. From Ventura to Perugia there are Feast sites dedicated to celebrating a common faith in the reign of Jesus Christ. From beach front condo to rural campsite you will find a warm welcome and inspiring messages. Whether you're looking for traditional services or interactive studies, praise music or familiar hymns, seminars or sermons, youth messages or youth classes, you will find a site to please you among this list of excellent sites.



Jim O'Brien  
Ohio  
[jobrien@fuse.net](mailto:jobrien@fuse.net)

Happy Feast,  
Jim O'Brien

### Feast Sites in This Issue:

#### Domestic Sites:

Big Sandy, Texas	Church of God, Big Sandy	3
Branson, Missouri	Church of God, Big Sandy	4
Destin, Florida	Church of God, Big Sandy	4
Durango, Colorado	Christian Church of God, Grand Junction, Colorado	5
Fort Walton/Destin, Florida	Christian Educational Ministries	6
Lake Tahoe, Nevada	The Church of God Big Sandy	7
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina	The Church of God Big Sandy	8
Park City, Utah	Life Resource Ministries	9
Ventura, California	Guardian Ministries	9

#### International Sites:

Costa Rica	The Church of God in El Salvador and Herberth Cisneros	10
Italy	Common Ground Christian Ministries	11

## Costa Rica Festival Assistance

Our newly independent brethren in El Salvador will be celebrating their first Feast away from United this year in Costa Rica (*please see page 11*), but they need our help. Due to the average \$168 per *month*, many members have depended on financial help to attend the feast. They need about \$6000 for the members to be able to attend. If you can help, Church of God - Cincinnati will be collecting the donations and sending

them down to El Salvador. We also will give you a receipt for a tax deduction. Please send your donation to: Church of God - Cincinnati PO Box 8428 West Chester, Ohio 45069

Mark "El Salvador" on your check so that we can ensure it gets sent to them. Rest assured, 100% of what we collect for our brethren in El Salvador will be sent to them.

## Feast of Tabernacles "Daily Devotionals" Available

For those who are unable to attend a Feast of Tabernacles site this year—and for those who are—Pam Dewey is offering on the Internet for free download a choice of two "daily devotionals" for use for the eight days of the Feast. Each one has a Feast theme, and for each day provides relevant scriptures to consider, inspiration, and points for meditation or discussion. For those who must stay home, these devotionals will help keep a focus, each day, on this time of celebration. For those who print them out and take them to a Feast site, they can provide a very personal emphasis to why you are there.

In "Bringing in the Sheaves of Your Year" you are invited to consider the spiritual harvest you have reaped in eight areas of your life. In each area, you will be asked to reflect upon: Provisions the Lord made for you to sow; seed that you sowed; the harvest that you reaped; and how you might improve next year's harvest. In "In the Beginning" you are reminded that the story of creation is the account of an awesome display of creativity by the great God of the universe. You are encouraged during the eight days of this annual "appointment with God" to take some time to look beyond your TV set and your four walls, and thank the Lord for His mighty work of creation. This devotional also includes lyrics to appropriate hymns for each day's meditation, and links to music mid-i-files on the Internet that you can sing along with. And it has many full-color photos of the beauty and majesty of God's handiwork, from the hummingbird to the heavens above.

Both devotionals are suitable for one person to use alone, or for whole groups to use as a focal point for a group discussion. You can read the devotionals right on your computer screen or print them out. "Bringing in the Sheaves of Your Year" includes sections that require writing down your thoughts, and thus this one in particular might best be printed out so that you can make use of the printed lines in the appropriate sections. The Website link for these devotionals is <http://youall.com/oasis/dev/devlinks.htm>.

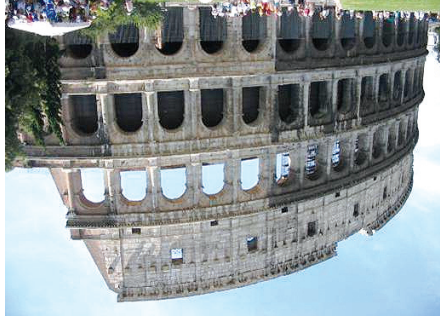


### Costs:

The cost is only \$85 per adult (children ages 4-12 is only \$40) per night for "all inclusive". You may make your reservations by contacting Herbert Cisneros at [herb@cisneros.com](mailto:herb@cisneros.com)

Meeting Facility, all Meals and drinks, and use of the hotel's non-motorized water gear are included in the cost.

## Perugia - Italy



### Common Ground Christian Ministries

Italy from September 26th through October 5th (10 days, 9 nights) for a unique, all inclusive Feast of Tabernacles specifically geared toward like-minded brethren, in beautiful Perugia, the capital of the region of Umbria. Focusing on spiritual growth and service with new twists on tradition, will all make this Feast an unforgettable and matchless experience. We hope you will take this

### Contact:

(for all English speaking) Patricia Cisneros: [paticisneros2@yahoo.es](mailto:paticisneros2@yahoo.es) or 011-503-2262-6232 (after 5:30 PST) (for Spanish speaking) Herbert Cisneros: [herb@cisneros.com](mailto:herb@cisneros.com) or 011-503-2225-4308.

### Note:

For those who have a surplus of 2nd tithe, some of the brethren in El Salvador could use your help attending the feast. The average monthly wage in El Salvador is only \$168 per month. Donations can be sent in care of "Faith Networks" marked "Costa Rica Feast."

opportunity and join us, for what will truly be *the Feast of a lifetime!*

Fellowship is always a main highlight for brethren; thus, all feast-goers will stay at the 4-star Golf Hotel Quattrotr: <http://www.golffhoteltrotr.com> where most meals will be served. The modern conference center next door will host services.

Spiritual food is the basis of the Feast. Each day you will enjoy a sound message in a unique combination of either regular services, focused Bible studies or a keynote sermon at dinner. With four guided tours to Vatican City, Ancient Rome, Florence, Torgiano, and Assisi, participants will get to enjoy the celebrated beauty of a region seeped in Church history.

### Times:

Times vary according to the daily schedule and are listed on the website: <http://cg-cm.org>.

surrounded by lush landscaping. The Inn is located within walking distance of historic Downtown Ventura and the San Buenaventura Mission, located just 58 miles from Los Angeles.

## Accommodations & Meeting

### Location:

The Pierpont Inn  
550 Sanjon Road  
Ventura, CA 93001

Toll Free: 800-285-4667  
Fax: 805-641-1501

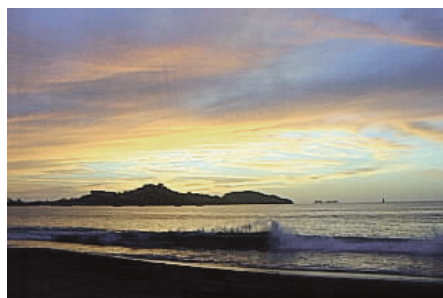
<http://www.pierpontinn.com>

### Times of Services:

Opening night: 7:30 PM  
Both Holy Days: 11 AM  
All other days 10:30 AM

## International Sites

### Fiesta Resort - Costa Rica



The **Church of God in El Salvador** along with Herberth Cisneros is sponsoring the Feast site along the coast of beautiful Costa Rica from opening night, September 26, through October 4. Fellowshiping with these new "independent"

### Costs:

Kings \$95, Double Queens \$109  
All rooms include full breakfast in dining room.

### Activities:

Activities for the entire family include: dance, senior luncheon, women's tea, golf tournament, beach volleyball and games for smaller children, prizes, snacks, karaoke and dance band, puppet show, and farewell banquet.

### Contact:

Molly Antion, 626-792-8439 or  
[mollyantion@earthlink.net](mailto:mollyantion@earthlink.net)

Website: [http://www.davidantion.com/feast\\_of\\_tabernacles.htm](http://www.davidantion.com/feast_of_tabernacles.htm)

church members will be a special Feast for everyone. There will be translation during services from Spanish to English for all English speakers. Feast goers will be staying at the beautiful, all-inclusive Fiesta Resort: <http://www.fiestaresort.com>. With breathtaking ocean views, Fiesta Resort is located right on a dark volcanic sand beach along Costa Rica's Central Pacific Region, ten miles outside of the port town of Puntarenas. It's convenient to nearby National Parks and Biological Reserves, rainforests, volcanoes, and beaches, both populated and hidden away. Enjoy the hotel tennis courts, aerobics and aquaerobics or exercise room as part of the package. Hotel activities include nightly shows and a Karaoke Nights as well as a disco, so there is no chance for boredom!

*Faith Networks is a voluntary effort by a group of individuals interested in promoting cooperation among the Churches of God and encouraging healthy relationships both within congregations and between them. Resources have been made available for the initial stages of Faith Networks by members of the Church of God Cincinnati.*

### Editor:

Jim O'Brien

### Associate Editors:

Pam Dewey

### Page Layout:

Dan Farnsworth  
Jenee Zaydon

### Peer Review Team:

Guy Swenson  
Bill Jacobs  
Ron Dart  
Wendy Pack  
Pam Dewey

### Contributors:

Brian Drawbaugh  
Jeff Osborn  
David Antion  
Bill Stough  
Scarlett Stough  
Lenny Cacchio  
Kerby Burton  
Ellen Burton  
Charlie Graby  
Ramona Leiter

### Contact Information:

P.O. Box 1811  
West Chester, OH 45071  
[jobrien@fuse.net](mailto:jobrien@fuse.net)  
(513) 755-0040

Donations are greatly appreciated; checks can be made out to Church of God, Cincinnati and mailed to the address above.

To request Faith Networks, call 513-755-0040 or send your name and address to [jobrien@gmail.com](mailto:jobrien@gmail.com). Faith Networks may also be downloaded at [www.youall.com/faithnetworks](http://www.youall.com/faithnetworks)

## Domestic Sites

### Big Sandy - Texas



This rustic setting is perfect for the feast in Big Sandy, Texas and is sponsored by the **Church of God Big Sandy**. Big Sandy has been a Feast site for the Church of God for many years. Located in the heart of East Texas, Big Sandy is 100 miles east of Dallas and 90 miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana. We provide a traditional site in a country atmosphere where the whole family can enjoy the Feast of Tabernacles. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Meeting Location:

Services will be held at the Church of God Big Sandy church building located in Big Sandy Texas, 1/10 mile West of city limits on North side of Highway 80.

### Accommodations:

Housing can be made at any one of the numerous hotels and houses in the area. For a housing list and contact information, go to:

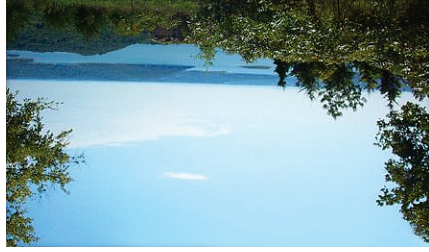
<http://bigsandychurch.org/bigandy/fot/sites/bigandy.shtml>

### Activities:

During the feast there will be a variety of social and recreational activities for attendees of all ages.

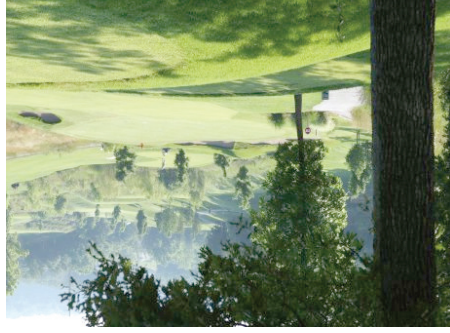


## Branson - Missouri



**Accommodations:** For reservations contact the establish-ment directly, toll free at 877-262-0430. Identify yourself with the Church of God Big Sandy, Texas.  
Motel units: \$61.00 per night  
1 Bedroom Condo: \$95.00 per night  
2 Bedroom Condo: \$127.00 per night  
3 Bedroom Condo: \$169.00 per night

**Contact:** Coordinators: Ed and Margaret Mitchell, 662-869-5831.



## Meeting Location:

Thousand Hills Golf and Conference Center  
245 South Wildwood Drive  
Branson, MO 65616  
<http://www.thousandhills.com/>

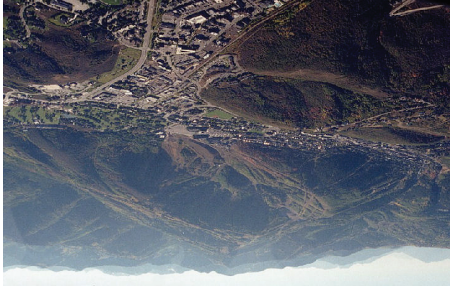
**The Church of God Big Sandy** will be sponsoring this fun filled Feast in the heart of the Ozarks September 27 – October 4. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us!

## Destin - Florida



**The Church of God Big Sandy** is sponsoring feast once again in Destin, Florida. Located at the heart of the Destin resort area, the Resorts of Pelican Beach overlooks the world-famous white-sand beaches and the Gulf of Mexico. The Resort features Destin's best vacation condo rentals in combining relaxed elegance with refined southern charm. Whether in the main hotel or in one of its towers, the view is excellent and refreshing. Plenty of enjoyable restaurants and shopping are nearby and a variety of water sports

## Park City - Utah



**LifeResource Ministries** with Bill Jacobs

is sponsoring the Feast in the mountain setting of Park City, Utah. The Prospector Square Lodge and Conference Center will host the Feast in Park City this year <http://www.prospectorsquarelodge.com>. Day time temperatures will run in the 70's-80's. Elevation is 6300 feet (much lower than most Colorado sites). Instead of sitting and listening, we will be involved in participatory learning and projects. This site is specifically designed to accommodate the needs of families, singles, young adults and teens. Adults who are young at heart will find this site socially and spiritually stimulating as well.

## Times:

The orientation meeting begins at 7:00pm, Wednesday evening; services on the Sabbaths at 11:00am; seminars on the other days at differing times.

## Ventura – California



**Guardian Ministries** with David

Antonio is sponsoring a Feast sight in gorgeous Ventura California. With sweeping panoramas of the Pacific Ocean and cozy craftsman-style architecture, the 77-room historic Pierpont Inn is situated on a bluff overlooking the ocean

## Contact:

Bill Jacobs: 505-890-6806 or [info@liferesource.org](mailto:info@liferesource.org)

[www.liferesource.org](http://www.liferesource.org)

Gordon Enger with Global Challenge will to teach us how to evangelize in our communities. We have daily interactive youth education and youth activities including alpine slide and laser tag. One day will be dedicated to a community service project as a part of the Global Challenge evangelism training. More details, including a speaking schedule and activity calendar, may be seen on our website: [www.liferesource.org](http://www.liferesource.org)

## Activities:

from parents' plates.

Room rates range from \$79 per night to \$225 per night, depending on accommodations; from 1 room to 3 bedroom condos. A meal package is attached to accommodations: 11 meals at \$240 for adults, \$120 for children 12 and younger, children 2 and under eat free

## Costs:

**Accommodations:** The Prospector Square Lodge reservations must be made over the phone: 888-283-3030 Call between 7:00AM & 12:00PM, Mountain Time. Please identify yourself with the Feast of Tabernacles.

## Myrtle Beach - South Carolina



Once again the **Church of God Big Sandy** will sponsor a Feast site in fabulous Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This is a great location for a Feast. The Resort is located in the most desirable section of North Myrtle Beach. The city of Myrtle Beach has countless activities to suit every age and taste. The temperature should be upper 70s daytime/ mid 50s evenings. But if we are having Indian summer at that time, it could well be in the 80s daytime. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Meeting Location:

Bay Watch Resort & Conference Center is located in the heart of North Myrtle Beach and is an ideal oceanfront destination for families and groups of all sizes.

Bay Watch Resort  
2701 South Ocean Blvd.  
N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582-4641

Services will be held in the main ballroom overlooking the ocean at Baywatch Resort.

### Accommodation:

At Bay Watch Resort, the oceanfront views are just the beginning of a great getaway featuring ocean front and ocean view studio units, and one to three bedroom condominiums. This is a new resort consisting of three magnificent 18-story condominium towers. The resort has a very nice oceanfront restaurant, which serves breakfast and dinner, and will accommodate our dietary needs. In addition to a nice beach area, the resort has an indoor lazy river, 310' outdoor lazy river, three outdoor pools, two indoor pools, indoor tot pool, outdoor tot pool, indoor and outdoor jacuzzis, exercise room, game room, laundry facilities, and garage parking.

Direct phone: 843-272-4600  
Reservations (toll-free): 800-845-9700  
E-mail: [stay@baywatchresort.com](mailto:stay@baywatchresort.com)  
Website: [www.baywatchresort.com](http://www.baywatchresort.com)

Make reservations by calling the resort directly. Identify yourself with the Church of God Big Sandy. Please book early, as the resort will fill up.

### Costs:

BB: Ocean view 1-bedroom studio:  
\$57 / night

EB: No ocean view 1-bedroom studio:  
\$57 / night

Room details can be found at:  
<http://bigsandychurch.org/bigsandy/fot/sites/myrtlebeach.shtml>

### Contact:

Lyle and Kathy Kerby, 304-354-7147

including fishing, kayaking, jet-skis, wave runners, sailboats, cruises, and, of course, swimming. The hotel hosts a kiddie-pool, a swimming pool and a jacuzzi as well as sauna and a weight-room with a sandwich shop. Beautiful sunsets on the beach with mid-80s during the days make this site ideal for nearly anyone.

### Accommodations and Meeting Location:

The Resorts of Pelican Beach  
1002 Highway 98 East  
Destin, FL 32541  
Shelly at 800-946-5545 (DAYTIME)



### Costs:

Pelican building (on the beach)  
1 bedroom -- \$102 per night  
2 bedroom -- \$124 per night

Pelican Terrace (50 yards from beach)  
2 bedroom -- \$95 per night  
3 bed/2 bath -- \$135 per night  
3 bed/ 3 bath -- \$156 per night

## Durango - Colorado



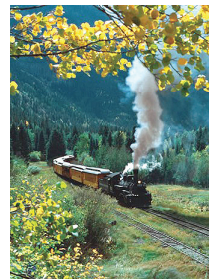
Please join us for worship and rejoicing with friends and family in beautiful historic Durango Colorado, hosted by the **Christian Church of God, Grand Junction, Colorado**. Services run from the evening of September 26th through October 5th.

### Meeting Location:

Durango Community Center complex

### Activities:

Our main family activities are Historic Durango to Silverton Steam Train Ride and Family day at Trimble Hot springs and spa with a picnic in park.



### Contact:

For festival packet and other information call our festival coordinators Neta or Coy Colbert at 970-858-9299 or [codalgarts@bresnan.net](mailto:codalgarts@bresnan.net)



## FT. Walton/Destin – Florida



Hats off to Ron Dart and the **Christian Educational Ministries** for sponsoring one of the longest running and largest independent Feast sites with over 800 attendees annually! It will be back again this year in beautiful Ft. Walton Beach Florida. Relax and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere. You'll delight in the spectacular beaches (voted the "safest in the country" and among the top 10 in the country) and the expansive waters of Choctawhatchee Bay. Discover miles and miles of pure playground for sun bronzing, sandcastle building, soul searching and surrendering to sun-drenched solitude.

### Times:

**Feast service location:**  
Emerald Coast Conference Center  
1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE  
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548  
Phone: 850-609-3800  
Opening night - 7:30pm  
YEA Classes - 9:30am  
Seminars - 9:30am  
Services - 11:00am

**Activities:**  
As fellowship is always a highlight of the Feast, activities will include "Fellowship on the Terrace" every morning from 9:15 until 10:45. There will be other activities specifically for children, teens, singles and seniors – something for everyone! Details can be found under "activities" at: <http://www.borntowin.net/2007/tabernacles.aspx>

### Housing arrangements:

Housing can be made at any one of the numerous hotels and houses in the area. For a housing list, go to: <http://www.borntowin.net/2007/tabernacles.aspx?depart=Accommodations>

### Contact:

1-888-BIBLE-44 (1-800-242-5344)  
Skip Martin  
[smartin400@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smartin400@sbcglobal.net)  
Linda Benton  
[lsbtexas@cemnetwork.com](mailto:lsbtexas@cemnetwork.com)  
Website: <http://www.borntowin.net/2007/tabernacles.aspx>



## Lake Tahoe - Nevada



**The Church of God Big Sandy** is sponsoring the festival in the spectacular Lake Tahoe Area (Stateline, Nevada) for the first time! Everyone is welcome to attend. Overlooking the breathtaking and beautiful Carson Valley and nestled on a spectacular Sierra Nevada ridge above Lake Tahoe, this 11 acre hotel resort offers year-round vacation rentals with panoramic views and luxurious accommodations. Complimentary health club, indoor sports complex, indoor/outdoor swimming pools and jacuzzis, restaurant, deli, market, full service spa and more are all on-site. Shuttle service whisks guests 6 miles to Lake Tahoe and exciting nightlife. The magnificent hotel resort is located on Heavenly Ski Resort's Nevada slope, adjacent to the Stagecoach Lodge and ski chair lift.

### Accommodations & Meeting Location:

The Ridge Tahoe  
400 Ridge Club Drive  
Stateline, Nevada 89449  
For reservations, contact The Ridge Tahoe directly at 775-588-3553 and identify yourself with the Church of God Big Sandy.  
[www.RidgeTahoeResort.com](http://www.RidgeTahoeResort.com)



**Cost:**  
Motel unit – \$88 per night  
1 bedroom condo – \$121 per night  
2 bedroom condo – \$182 per night  
**Contact:**  
Dennis and Vickie Moulard  
928-460-0230  
Web site: <http://bigsandychurch.org/bigsandy/foi/sites/tahoe.shtml>