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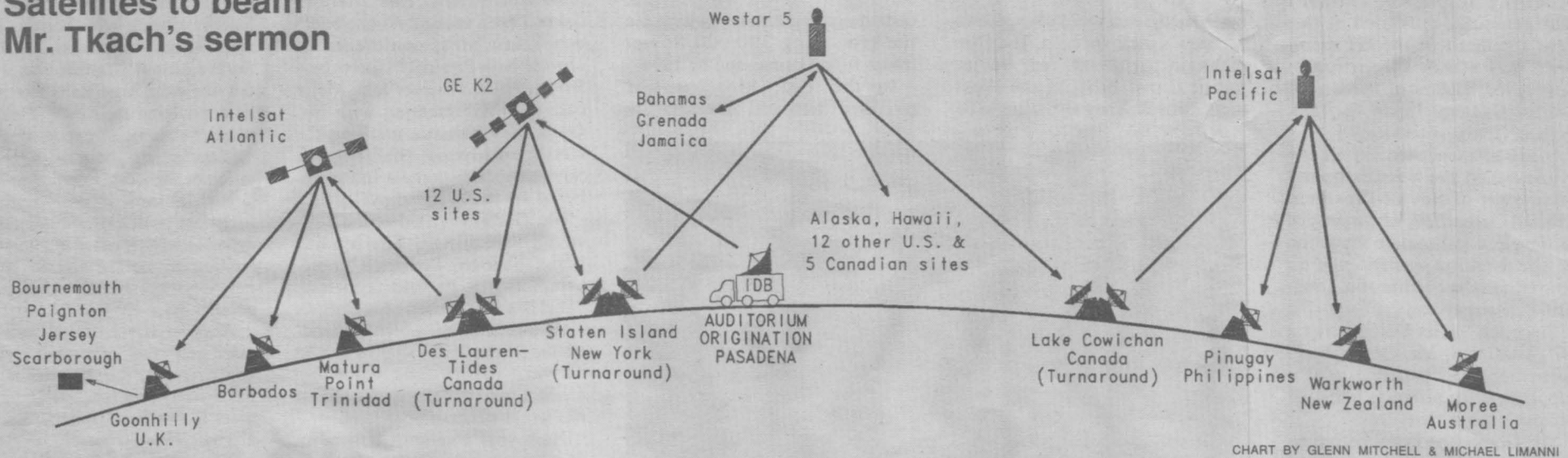
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Satellites to beam Mr. Tkach's sermon



Feast video: Personal message to members

By Paul Monteith

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach will speak to about 128,000 brethren simultaneously by satellite transmission on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, Sept. 23.

Forty-two sites in nine countries will receive the live satellite transmission. Because of differences in time zones, another 40 sites will

receive a video recording of Mr. Tkach's message later that same day or at some time during the Festival week.

Besides the transmission a Feast of Tabernacles video will be shown at all Feast sites Sept. 26. The theme of the video is "Growing in Grace and Knowledge."

"Past films have focused on

what is going on in the Work," said Feast video producer Mary Shaner, who works in the Television studio.

"This video will have more of a personal message to the brethren from Mr. Tkach," she said, "and will highlight the relationship between the membership and the Church in carrying out the commission of preaching the gospel."

The video will focus on how God's Church—collectively, as well as individually—is to grow toward spiritual perfection in Christ. The theme is centered on Mr. Tkach's sermons on church visits.

Also, the Feast video will spotlight four areas of growth and development that illustrate how the Church must move toward the goal of being a fitting (See VIDEO, page 3)



GOING LIVE—Just outside the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena an electronic signal will transmit Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's Festival message to thousands of brethren. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

Harare: Bomb explodes near church building

By Aldrin Mandimika

HARARE, Zimbabwe—"Bomb Blast Rocks Harare Sheraton" was the headline of the July 21 *Sunday Mail* newspaper here.

The paper reported that the blast injured three workers and ripped off the entire ground floor (first floor), and that investigations were in progress.

Aldrin Mandimika pastors the Harare and Chegutu, Zimbabwe, churches.

The international-class hotel, which is often used for visiting ministers, is located at the civic center in Harare, about 200 yards from the Courtauld Auditorium, where the Harare church meets for Sabbath services.

"The bomb, which was planted in the passage leading to Kombahari and Harvest Garden restaurants, exploded 30 minutes after midnight," *The Sunday Mail* reported.

"No one has yet claimed responsibility for the blast. But the Minister of State for National Security,

Cde Sydney Sekeremayi, who inspected the scene of the blast early yesterday morning [Saturday, July 20], said it was obviously an act of terrorism.... But the Government would not want to point fingers at this stage."

The hotel was 70 percent full at the time. Damage is estimated at around 4.5 million Zimbabwe dollars.

Gray Ntinda, a prospective member who attends the Blantyre, Malawi, church, was at a two-week management seminar in Harare and staying at the hotel at the time of the blast.

"I thought it was an earthquake," said Mr. Ntinda. "I know one if it occurs because we have experienced [one] in Malawi."

Mr. Ntinda's wife and two children had just joined him from Blantyre two days earlier. Mr. Ntinda, his family and other hotel guests had to be evacuated to other hotels.

Andre van Belkum, regional director for Southern Africa, and his wife, Elize, in Harare for a church visit Aug. 1, and David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa, in Harare July 31, on his way to Nairobi, Kenya, also had to have alternative accommodations.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and his traveling group stayed in the same hotel when they visited Zimbabwe in 1987, and ministers from East and West Africa met for a conference there in 1989.

The hotel is also the venue for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in October that Queen Elizabeth II is expected to attend.

We hope that this is only an isolated incident and nothing more.

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

Our incredible future in the eternal family of God is indeed wonderful and exciting beyond imagination!

Not only is this joyous knowledge from the word of God supremely important to us, but it is also supremely important to all those with whom God will yet enable us to share it.

It is important, therefore, that our speaking and writing present this subject clearly, from the Bible, and in terms that avoid needless misunderstanding.

Sometimes terms that are clear to us may not be quite so clear to others. Sometimes a term develops in the Church that is not appropriate. As a result, certain misconceptions can occur that are not intended.

Even though some may have thought they knew what they meant when they said that "we are to be 'Gods,'" the term "Gods" implies complete equality with God and a certain inde-

pendence of being. That is definitely not the Church's teaching. Ambassador College faculty have consistently recommended against this usage.

We teach that God is "bringing many children to glory" (Hebrews 2:10-17), that we are his "offspring" (Acts 17:29), that we are to be "like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2) and that we are "partakers of the divine nature" (I Peter 1:4). From these passages and others, we see that, by his Spirit, God is bringing children

into his own family and sharing with them his own nature and glory.

Based on these truths, some have gotten into the habit of saying that the resurrected saints are to become "Gods." While they thought they understood what they meant by that term, the term needs to be changed. Some have thought the Church's teaching meant total equality with God.

The saints will be immortal children of God. It is accurate to say that the saints will be members of the household of God, the sons of God, on a God-plane relationship, members of the God kingdom. But we understand that we do not mean we will be God as God is (See PERSONAL, page 3)

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Television crew in Greece

World Tomorrow presenter Ronald Kelly and Television Department employees Bardett Lucas, producer; Don Conard, audioman; Mark Broadwater, cameraman; and Wolfgang Thomsen, production assistant; visited Greece July 17 to 31 to tape a telecast.

The program, titled "The Unknown God," is about the travels and teachings of Paul in Greece, and is scheduled to air in the United States Nov. 3.

The group filmed in the cities of Kavala (Neapolis in Roman times), Philippi (where Paul first preached the gospel in Europe), Thessalonica, Athens and Corinth.

Summit: Is it now 'Seven Plus One'?

LONDON—Events in Europe, including the just concluded Economic Summit here, indicate that a New World Order, often spoken of by President George Bush, is definitely in the making. But it is not necessarily one in which the United States plays the dominant role.

The transition, a subtle one, is occurring despite the harmony that generally prevailed at this year's summit of the G7 members. (G7 stands for Group of Seven, the leaders of the United States, Canada, Japan, Britain, France, Germany and Italy.)

Many in attendance did not see eye to eye on a new issue: the surprise visit of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who managed to finagle a last-minute invitation to the London conference (a "party crasher" charged some British newspapers).

Since the Soviet Union is not a G7 participant, Mr. Gorbachev's appearance was penciled in as a supplementary program after the summit's last activity.

Mr. Gorbachev knew before he came what economic or other assistance he likely would and would not get from Western leaders. First of all, no money, the British and the Americans having serious doubts about Moscow's nebulous reform plans. The Japanese, the Summit Seven's biggest bankroller, balked too, their Soviet-occupied Kuril Islands still a divisive issue.

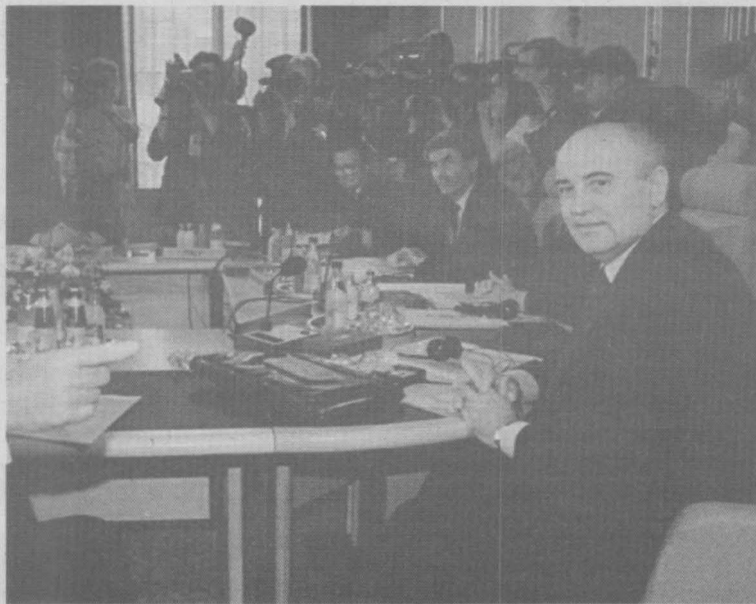
The continental powers, on the



other hand, were more amenable to Moscow's pleas for help. The Germans, in particular, fear Soviet political instability if the West turns its back. They also want to be

certain nothing hinders pulling out the remaining 300,000 Soviet troops from German soil by 1994.

In the end, Moscow was promised "technical assistance" to



SEVEN UPPED—"Party crasher" Mikhail Gorbachev opted himself into the Group of Seven's July summit in London. Though not everyone had a warm welcome, "the ice has begun to move," he said.

help renovate energy production, transport and food distribution. It also will be accorded a special association with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank so it can tap into these bodies' expertise in monetary reform.

The meeting's psychological impact was equally important to these concessions. That a threshold had been crossed no one could deny. At a press conference he chaired with President Gorbachev, British Prime Minister John Major called the G7 meeting with Mr. Gorbachev historic, marking the first step toward "helping the Soviet Union become a full member of the world economy."

Mr. Gorbachev said of the post-summit meeting, "The ice has begun to move." Perhaps a bit presumptuously, he told reporters: "This is now a 'Seven plus One.'"

At this briefing, which I attended, the Soviet leader said he looked forward to the time when his nation would be "an organic part of this world's economic system."

Next year's summit will be in Munich, Germany, with Chancellor Helmut Kohl as host. Already Mr. Gorbachev's biggest booster among the Seven, Mr. Kohl is expected to strengthen the G7-Moscow ties. The Soviets are expected to be invited to Munich to reevaluate the new relationship.

Regarding the role played at this year's summit by the Americans and the Soviets, the political commentator for *The Sunday Independent*, Peter Jenkins, made some interesting observations in his

newspaper's July 21 edition.

Mr. Jenkins noted the penchant of the White House press corps, traveling with the President, to set up its facilities in a location separate from the international press center. I can attest to this phenomenon, having attended all economic summits since 1981.

Briefings by the other six nations, plus the European Community, which is an eighth participant in the summits, took place in the QE II building. "The place was also swarming with helpful Russians," said Mr. Jenkins. "Here the multinational summit was acted out while the Americans seemed to be conducting their own. This display of American exceptionalism said something about the new condition of the world."

Mr. Jenkins, one of Britain's foremost political commentators, detected what seemed to him as the passing of one age and the beginning—not yet entirely defined—of another era.

Also at the London summit came news that, after nine years of deliberations, the Americans and the Soviets had reached an agreement to cut their strategic nuclear arsenals 25 to 30 percent.

The signing of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) in Moscow, continued Mr. Jenkins, should conclude "the unfinished business of the Cold War.... No longer will the chief business of the world be conducted tete-a-tete between the American and Soviet presidents. The age of superpower diplomacy is over."

From where he stood, said this observer, "at the G7 summit it was the Europeans who showed some

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Is truth dangerous?

One commonly asked question between Church members is, "How did you come into the Church?" Here is one man's story.

"A friend introduced me to *The World Tomorrow* on Radio Luxembourg. I listened and what Mr. Armstrong said made sense. I started reading *The Plain Truth*."

"I realized that if I was to continue with this religion, it would mean giving up my job because it involved working on the Sabbath. I told my friend I just couldn't give up my job and planned to stop listening to the broadcast and reading *The Plain Truth*."

"My friend was horrified. He told me: 'You can't do that. You know too much. God will hold you accountable for that knowledge.'"

That was it. He decided to obey God no matter what the cost. And God worked things out so within 18 months both he and his wife were baptized and he had a new job. This man was shocked into action by the revelation that he knew too much.

We should remind ourselves occasionally that we, too, know too much. God's truth is "dangerous knowledge."

Continue to plow

Jesus said to one person who was vacillating about following him: "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62, New King James throughout).

We have put our hands to the plow. We have made a decision to follow God no matter the cost—no matter where that path leads us. We cannot, must not, look back.

In another place Jesus tells us to "remember Lot's wife" (Luke

17:32). Lot's wife looked back with longing to Sodom, representative of a former way of life, and was turned into a pillar of salt.

The apostle Peter also warned of the dangers of apostasy: "For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them" (II Peter 2:21).

In Hebrews we are warned: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (10:31). That warning is set in the context

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of turning away from God after knowing the truth (verses 26-27).

Is it bad, then, to know too much about God's way of life? No. It's just that God holds us responsible for our spiritual knowledge. Actually, knowing a great deal about God's way should be encouraging to us.

God's investment in you

A man thought he was going to be fired because he had been in a slump at work. Then he found the boss had no intention of firing him.

On the contrary, the boss figured that too much time, instruction, supervision and money had been invested in developing a person who had the potential of becoming a valuable man in the organization some day. To fire him just when he was beginning to blossom in his work would

mean that the company's investment would be wasted.

Similarly, God has invested much time and effort into developing us as Christians. If we are in a spiritual slump, he won't give up on us—he will help us through it. He wants to see a return on his investment. He wants to see us in his kingdom.

When the apostle Paul was in prison, he wrote to his fellow Christians about this truth: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you ... for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:3-6).

Job also knew that God has a desire for the work of his hands (Job 14:15). King David confirmed what Job said in his prayer to God. He said: "The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the works of

Your hands" (Psalm 138:8).

Paul told the Corinthian brethren that Jesus Christ would confirm us to the end, that we "may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 1:8).

The weight of Scripture is enormous. Jesus Christ personally endorses the same promise. He told the disciples: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). And in Hebrews 13:5: "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

True, our knowledge of the truth puts an enormous responsibility on our shoulders. We should never take God's truth lightly.

But we should be encouraged by the fact that both the Father and the Son are totally, irrevocably and unalterably committed to see each and every spiritual son and daughter through to the finish.



When words won't work

BOREHAMWOOD, England—From London to Luxembourg, members of the European Community are becoming aware that words mean different things to different peoples.

The present argument is over the definition of the word *federal*.

The Belgians claim the term implies decentralization and greater independence. The British fear overtones of a burgeoning authoritarian bureaucracy from Brussels. Confusion and suspicion abound.

Reported the *Christian Science Monitor*: "The British and their European neighbors find themselves increasingly at odds over a couple of words. And the misunderstandings are no trivial matter."

The problem of communication is not simply the question of which language should one speak but the associations that languages and meanings develop in different cultures.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Britain's former foreign secretary, commented on the British and European definition of *federal*: "By a federation we [the British] tend to mean an organization with a lot of power at the center. Continental Europeans see it differently."

Language can be a barrier. At Babel God slowed down humanity's attempt at unity by confounding their language (Genesis 11:6-7).

Even when people theoretically speak the same language, they still fail to understand one another. As an American in Britain, this is something I face every day. The American *trunk*, *windshield* and *hood* are the English *boot*, *windscreen* and *bonnet*.

Difficulties with words can be crucial in times of crisis. In his *Memoirs of the Second World War*, Winston Churchill tells how an Anglo-American misunderstanding of a single word's meaning at a military meeting caused "long and even acrimonious argument."

Weaknesses in communication between nations even threaten the peace we take for granted. Reporting from Beirut, John Waller said that "guns are left to do what words might have done earlier, properly used."

As Peregrine Worsthorpe observed in the June 23 *Sunday Telegraph*: "Where words so totally fail, can actions do much better?"

Words can hurt and destroy. Words can be woven into propaganda hindering good judgment. Words can threaten human survival. But used rightly, words are wonderful tools.

Proverbs is full of advice on communication, which national leaders would do well to heed: "The mouth of the righteous is a well of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked" (Proverbs 10:11, New King James).

The Bible shows that proper communication bringing about positive fruits requires common truths. Even diversity of languages can be overcome if truth exists.

The Bible refers to revitalized communication in God's millennial reign—reinforced by positive action. Verbal expressions will no longer be filled with associations of hurt, anger, offense or aggression. Men and women will reason together with words that "are fitly spoken," suitable to the occasion.

PERSONAL

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God in all his attributes.

What do I mean? Just this: God is forever the supreme Creator and Sustainer of the universe, the supreme and ultimate Authority and utterly supreme in power and glory.

Even though we will be immortal children of God, we will be *subject* to God. God will be forever greater than his children. Likewise, our older brother, Jesus Christ, will be forever greater than his brothers and sisters.

All things are by God

Hebrews 2:10 points out: "For it became him, *for whom* are all things, and *by whom* are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

All things are *for* God, and all things are *by* God. The immortal saints are among all things, and are therefore also *for* God and *by* God. As children of God they participate in the divine nature, but they are not *equal* to God in every way.

Believing that we are indeed children of God, some have erroneously concluded that we are to become totally *equal* with God.

Years ago one minister preached that if one of God's children were to rebel, God would be in real trouble, because the resurrected saints will have the same power as God. This is, of course, sheer nonsense.

As I wrote in the last issue, God is the supreme Creator and Sustainer of all things, both physical and spiritual. The resurrected saints, the children of

God, will be partakers of the divine nature. They will share the glory and power of God. They will be, by virtue of having been born of God by the power of his own Spirit, the sons of God—yet in their glorified state they will *not* be as great, as powerful, or have the same authority as God.

For this reason, we ought to use biblical terminology—children of God—which is not so easily misconstrued as implying equality with God in power and authority.

When we use terms that are not in the Bible—like "we are to become Gods"—in reference to our destiny, some people will rightly misunderstand—thinking we mean total equality with God, which is not the teaching of the Church.

Our goal is to help people understand, not to use terms that cause them to misunderstand. Thus we say "God the Father" and "God the Son," but we do not say they are Gods—they are God (*Elohim* with the singular grammatical sense in Hebrew).

When we say we are to be "on the God plane" we mean that we are to be unique beings who are like God our Father, transformed by his Spirit into his own spiritual children, entering into his own divine nature, having face-

to-face fellowship with him, having glorious, immortal, spiritual bodies, his righteousness and perfection, his character.

In short, being made like God, though definitely lesser than God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, we will be sharing in God's glory and life.

Ever dependent on God

Yet, let's understand, this does not make us *independent* of God! Our lives will be forever "in him." We will have life inherent in us, but not in the absolute sense that God does, because God is the Source and Sustainer of all things.

We could not, as the aforementioned sermon suggested, exist without God the Father or overthrow God and sustain all things ourselves. This is to overlook the nature of God and God in us. God will always have the complete mastery. He will always have total authority and power over all. We will always be subject to him, and subject to Christ (I Corinthians 15:28).

We will be God's children, existing on the "God plane" by his gift. But we will not be Gods in the sense of having all the authority of God and all the power of God. We will not be Gods in the sense of having total freedom to act on our own

authority and power independent of God.

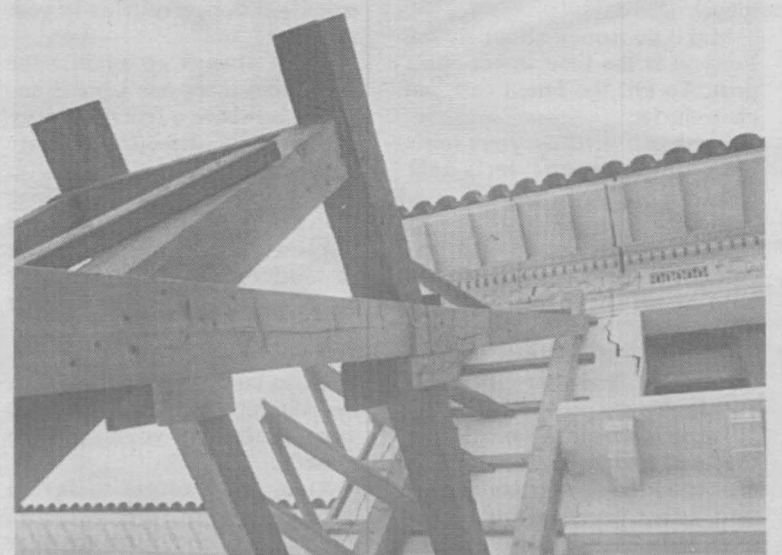
God is forever supreme, and is forever "fully" God. We will be his children, and therefore members of the household of God.

Over the years, many ministers have characterized our destiny of becoming immortal children of God with this term: "gods." This term may be better understood by some. But it can also be misunderstood in that it can imply merely super-power-

ful beings, diminishing the crucial point that the very nature of God is developed in his own children by his Spirit.

Once again, we are best understood when we stick to both the true biblical explanation and the actual biblical terminology—children of God.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and love as we work and grow together in the service of our Lord and Savior. I pray for you daily.



UP TO THE JOB—An earthquake of 5.8 on the Richter scale damaged Church property in Pasadena June 28. The structural repairs on this building, Ambassador Hall, will take about a year. [Photo by Hal Finch]

Summit

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vision of the new world in the making, while the Americans peddled the short-termism which is the bane of their economy and society.... The Russians, astonishingly, seemed to be more a part of the proceedings, more at home in the multilateral G7, than the Americans did."

In addition to saying this year's economic summit marked the end of superpower diplomacy, Mr. Jenkins added that it also explored, as yet tentatively, a "new concert of powers in a multi-polar world."

One indication of this transition to a new political order is found in Yugoslavia. Here the European Community, acting as a single entity, is making its first foray into international peacekeeping. The EC was invited to broker a settlement between the Yugoslav central government and the breakaway republics of Slovenia and Croatia.

Community officials first helped arrange a cease-fire, plus a temporary three-month suspension of the independence declarations. Next, the EC dispatched 50 observers, includ-

ing some military personnel, to monitor the cease-fire in Slovenia. The EC observers used their own vehicles, draped with the EC flag.

John Palmer, the ardently pro-European reporter for *The Guardian* and *The European*, views this development as a significant beginning to something destined to grow.

"The point about the European Community peacekeeping mission to Yugoslavia, wrote Mr. Palmer in the July 19-21 *European*, "is not that their mission remains imprecise or that there seems to be disagreement, at times a little comical, about the exact nature of their mandate. The point is that they are there. Only a few weeks ago we were being told that the Community could not possibly get its act together to deal with a real live security crisis, whether in far-off Iraq or uncomfortably close-by Yugoslavia."

The EC may be called on to deal with similar crises elsewhere in Europe in the 1990s, such as a flare-up between the Czechs and Slovaks. Then, of course, there is the ever-present threat to European interests in the Middle East. The next crisis in this region will likely not see major European

nations sitting embarrassingly on the sidelines, leaving the bulk of the fighting to America and Britain, as during the Gulf War.

Big things often start with small, hesitant beginnings as we

have seen so often and as we may now be witnessing with the presence of EC peacekeepers in Yugoslavia. Discounted by many now, it will be Europe that brings in the "New World Order."

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Video

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bride at Christ's return.

Senior producer for the Festival video is Larry Omasta, who is coordinating production and acts as mediator between Mr. Tkach's office and the Television studio.

"I oversee the project, answer and resolve questions, review and critique and act as a sounding board for ideas ... and discuss options based on time, money, creativity and the production schedule.

"Mary Shaner has the double duty of being the producer and writer" for this video, Mr. Omasta said. "She is visually putting the video together and has directed several of the shoots."

The theme "Growing in Grace and Knowledge" was proposed by Barry Sowder, a writer at Television.

Peter Lee is the associate pro-

ducer and "coordinates the video crew that travels with Mr. Tkach to gather footage of him speaking and doing other activities when he visits other church areas," Mr. Omasta said.

Shooting for the video began in the fall of 1990 and is set to be completed by Aug. 23. "That's our due date," Mrs. Shaner said. "Then it's into the studio for editing."

Art Gilmore will be doing the narration as he has done for many other Feast films.

Said Mr. Omasta: "It's always exciting to put together a message that Mr. Tkach wants to get across to the brethren worldwide and to see how that message develops throughout the year.

"We start off with a game plan, but as we proceed Mr. Tkach gives midcourse directives in the production because he wants to emphasize a point or introduce something new," Mr. Omasta added. "That's what makes the Feast video exciting."

"Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. This column shows how the *World Tomorrow* telecast and the Church's publications change the lives of subscribers, co-workers and prospective members.

Loving as Christ loved

I am thankful to those that make it possible for me to receive the *Plain Truth* magazine free. I have received a blessing from the articles in *The Plain Truth*. I did enjoy the article "What Is a True Christian?" [July *Plain Truth*] and I do agree with you. There are too many Christians that don't really love as Christ taught us to. May the Holy Spirit fill us so that we may love as Christ loved.

L.B.
Portland, Ore.

We didn't request our subscription to *The Plain Truth* but are thankful to God that we did receive it, however it may have gotten to us. We are now living through the most trying times in our lives so far and really need Jesus and have found a new meaning to true Christianity.

With our faith in Christ we will prevail.

T.S.
Menomonee Falls, Wis.

From a deaf viewer

Please send me free literature about your book, *Inside the Book of Revelation*. I saw your program last night about unlocking Revelation. I am a deaf housewife, always trying to understand what was being said on television programs. I read lips. Sometimes I understand and sometimes I don't. And mostly [when] I get my hands on any religious books and magazines I read everything. I understand better this way through reading them.

E.H.
Dallas, Tex.

Biblical Plain Truth

Just to say thank you so much for you outstanding biblical issues of *The Plain Truth* and other articles. God is love, and especially blessing you and your staff for the wonderful work you do.

A.S.
Los Angeles

World Tomorrow Program

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WBRC Birmingham, Ala.	Sunday, 11 a.m. & 1:30 a.m.
WBZ Boston, Mass.	Sunday, 7 a.m.
WCIV Charleston, S.C.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
WCPX Orlando, Fla.	Sunday, 8 a.m.

Feast 91

Feast-time feeding frenzy: Don't trifle with your health

By Paul Monteith

The Feast is a wonderful foretaste of the kingdom of God—"taste" being the operative word here in a Festival that lasts "ate days." And for many of us seasoned Feastgoers these are no longer salad days.

Make no bones about it, the Festival is the time to get one's goat. To kill the fatted calf and chew the fat.

Brethren, gird up your loins with a napkin and let's talk turkey.

But take care.

Don't bite off more than you can chew. Because going hog-wild about the Hungry Heifer restaurant's "Feeding Frenzy for Two" dinner special may gum up the works. And that could put your health in a pretty pickle.

Those who eat too much fine food may find themselves stuck in their hotel rooms, stewing in their own juices, teeth on edge from what feels like a stomach full of sour grapes.

Also, those riding the gravy train for breakfast, lunch and dinner, may become spiritually lame Peking ducks and lack the atten-

tive capacity needed during services to lick the stuffing out of a sermon. And then the Feast won't be worth a fig.

So this Feast, plan to save your bacon by exercising moderation in whatever you eat. Don't put too many gift hors d'oeuvres in your mouth.

Don't always go against the grain, remember one's bread and butter, and have a few salad days. Don't put the dessert cart before your health.

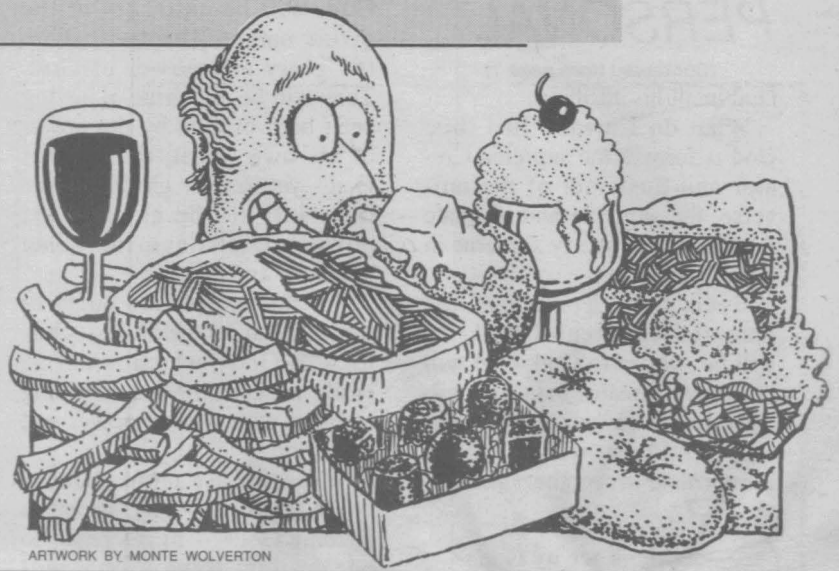
And, instead of always taking the cake or the biscuit, take the raspberry or cut a melon. Failure to moderate your intake may mean you end up too big for your breeches.

If you need stronger reinforcement to control your diet, then consider biting the hand that feeds you—preferably yours, not the waiter's.

Also, don't forget to save a slice of time for some exercise. Perhaps you could run amok or two, or walk the chalk if you prefer. And don't have too many late nights. If you're going to be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for services you need to sleep like a

cheese log occasionally.

Remember, the Festival is a time for spiritual edification and fellowship, and a time to enjoy the different culture and cuisine of the places you visit. Ensure that this is your best Feast yet by not sherry trifling with your health. And that's the way the cookie crumbles.



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Trouble meeting new people?

By Roger Smith

The Feast of Tabernacles provides us with the opportunity to talk to more people in an eight-day period than we would normally come across in a week. However, some of us have trouble talking to people easily.

One obstacle that can make fellowship difficult for some at a Feast site is the number of people in attendance. For those who come from small church areas the crowds at the Feast can be intimidating. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by a sea of unfamiliar faces.

To make the crowd a more manageable size conducive to fellowship, you could volunteer for some duty during the Feast. Whether it is parking, ushering or security, you will be working with a smaller group of people and find it easier to begin a conversation as you work with people on a project.

Another obstacle we may face is not being sure what to say to someone. Conversation does not have to be profound. Try commenting on another person's attire in a positive way or the flower arrangement on the stage.

The important thing is to keep talking. As you talk and listen,

you increase your chances of finding common interests and developing a relationship with the other person.

Sometimes we do not reach out to others because we feel they should reach out to us first. This

the reasons people give for feeling that way: young, old, single, married, parents with children, divorced or a nonmember spouse.

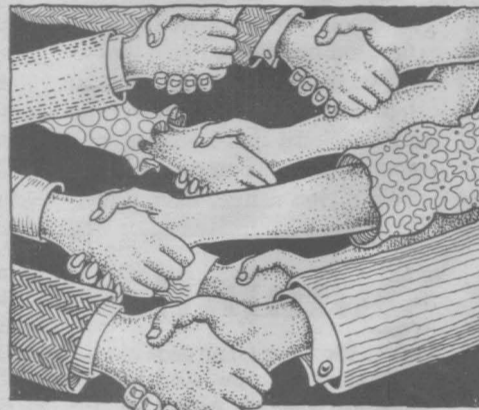
The truth is we all belong to the group and fit in Christ's Body, the Church (I Corinthians 12:12-27).

Even though we face circumstances that can make us feel isolated and alone, those feelings should not keep us apart. God's Church is composed of many people facing many different circumstances—people just like you and me. We need to reach out to one other and fulfill the command of Christ, that we love one another, as he loved us (John 15:12).

Don't let this Feast pass you by without being in fellowship with the members of the Body of Christ.

Determine to meet one new person or family a day. And try to overcome the obstacles that keep us apart, because our fellowship is important to God.

"Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name" (Malachi 3:16, New King James).



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feeling may stem from either a poor self-image or because we feel uncomfortable about making the first move.

The other person may be more confident and relaxed than you are, but there is no way to be sure. They may have just as hard a time beginning a conversation as you do.

A final area regarding fellowship is the feeling that we are not part of the group. Here are some of

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Before you leave home ...

The Feast of Tabernacles pictures a world under God's rule, a time of peace and safety. But that is not the world we live in today. So before you leave for the Feast take care of things at home to prevent your dwelling from being burglarized. The following tips were provided by Ambassador Security.

- Make sure the neighbors (that you trust) or relatives know where you're going and how they can contact you if a need arises.
- Make sure all the doors and windows are locked before you leave.
- Turn down the water heater to save energy.
- Notify the police or sheriff of your travel plans. Double-check to make sure the burglar alarm, if you have one, is set and working properly.
- Close the blinds or curtains so strangers can't look in the windows to see that no one is home.
- If you have a telephone answering machine, leave an indefinite message such as "We'll return your call as soon as we can." Don't invite burglars by saying, "Be back in two weeks."
- Lock the garage door. Turn off or disconnect the electric garage door opener if you have one.
- Stop deliveries of mail and newspapers so they won't pile up. When stopping newspaper, milk or other deliveries, "cancel services" instead of saying that you're going to be away for two weeks. Employees of these companies have been known to sell "vacation lists" to people with criminal intent. By canceling the service you stop the deliveries, which can be resumed by a telephone call upon your return.
- Arrange for neighbors to keep an eye on the house. See if a neighbor will park a car in your driveway so it looks like you're home.
- Put family treasures in a safe-deposit box or leave them with relatives or trusted friends.
- Plug a light or two into electric timers to turn lights on at dusk and off at bedtime. Some people like to set a television or radio to go on or off, too. When leaving a radio on a timer tune it in to a talk station. From outside it sounds like occupants engaged in conversation. This has been known to effectively deter burglaries.
- When packing the car, if possible load the vehicle in a more secluded area, such as inside the garage or behind the house. Loading the car in front of the house is a clear signal that you're to be away for some time.

Take one last look around the house before you go. Make sure no water is running, that the stove and oven are turned off and that an iron has not been left plugged in.

Alcohol: Is your drinking sin?

By Roger Smith

The Feast of Tabernacles brings us to people's attention more than anything else the Church does.

Therefore, we need to be careful how we conduct ourselves, because our behavior will tell the world much about our Christianity.

One example is our use of alcohol.

As Church members, we know that alcohol consumption is permissible according to God's Word. However, recovering alcoholics should not drink at all.

God tells us that we are to bring our second tithe to the Feast and "exchange the money for whatever you desire, oxen or sheep, wine or strong drink, or anything else you would enjoy, and there before the Lord, your God, you shall make merry with your family" (Deuteronomy 14:25-26, New American Version throughout).

But the same God who allows us to enjoy alcohol also wants us to be cautious in its use.

There are two primary areas we need to be concerned about when it comes to alcohol. Drunkenness is one of those areas. The Bible tells us to avoid drunkenness (Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:19-21, Isaiah 5:11). It

even warns that those who are habitually drunk will not inherit the kingdom of God (I Corinthians 6:9-10).

Besides drunkenness it is also important that we be careful when we drink and with whom we drink. Sometimes, it may even be better not to drink at all.

In the United States, television advertisements remind the viewer not to drink and drive. That is good advice for all of us to follow. When we drive we must not drink.

If you are traveling in a group to a social function choose someone in the group to drive who will not drink alcohol at all. Having a designated driver may

help prevent a careless accident.

Don't cause others to stumble

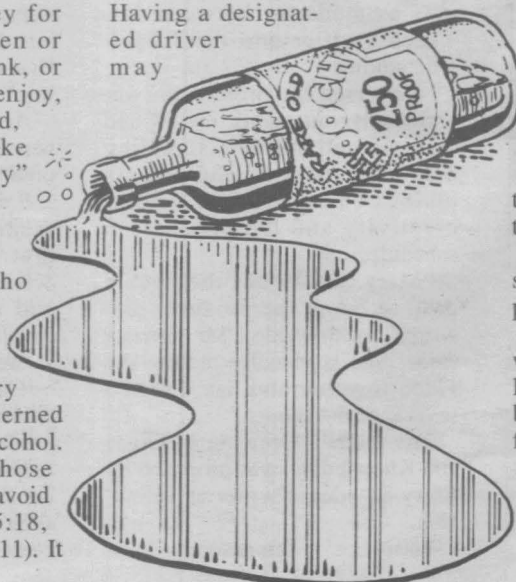
We also need to be concerned about the impression we give others when we drink alcohol. Some people sincerely feel that alcohol consumption is wrong at any time. We should be careful not to offend anyone who feels this way.

This principle is illustrated in Romans. Paul wrote to a church that was composed of Jewish and Gentile members. Even though both were Christians, they had different views on what meats were permissible to eat from the marketplace.

The Jewish members did not want to eat any meat since it may have been sacrificed to an idol. The Gentiles did not see anything wrong with eating it since the idol was not really a god (I Corinthians 8). Both sides tried to get each other to change their views.

But Paul said that each side should be sensitive to the other's point of view.

"If your brother is being hurt by what you eat, your conduct is no longer in accord with love. Do not because of your food destroy him for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be reviled. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness" (See ALCOHOL, page 6)



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Gauge Feast expenses before leaving home

By Becky Sweat

Budgets, penny-pinching, economizing and in general any restraints on your spending may be the furthest thing from your mind at the Feast of Tabernacles. Yet without some kind of budget, you may find yourself short of finances before the Festival is over.

A budget is simply a plan for how you are going to spend your money. It means making well-thought-out decisions and cutting down expenses when necessary.

Here are a few budget tips to help you with your second tithing.

Realistically plan Feast expenses ahead of time. Allocate a certain amount of money to spend each day for such things as food, lodging, entertainment, gifts and travel expenses, and stick to the amount set aside.

Write or call the chamber of commerce of the area you're visiting before you leave for the Feast. They should be able to give you a list of the restaurants (restaurant prices vary considerably from city to city), tourist attractions in the area and the costs involved.

Talk to people you may know who have visited the same site in previous years. They can give you reasonable estimates for food and entertainment costs, and may be able to recommend some good places to visit.

Also, it is a good idea to set aside some of your second tithing for an emergency fund. You may also want to carry a credit card with you in case emergencies

arise, such as your car breaking down.

Start now to make a list of items you are going to need to take to the Feast, and check off items as they are packed. This will save you from having to buy replacement hair dryers, shoes, Bibles, overseas electrical adapters and other items you may have forgotten to take with you.

If you are going to be renting a car at the Feast, compare rates ahead of time. You may be surprised how much rates vary from one company to the next. Ask about hidden costs such as drop-off fees, insurance, mileage costs, airport surcharges, additional driver fees. Remember too that (See EXPENSES, page 6)

Honey, I ate the kids!

By Paul Monteith

Parents who travel long distances with their children come to understand why some animals eat their young. However, with proper preparation, traveling with children can be tolerable and, who knows, maybe even enjoyable!

To prepare, consider the age of your child. Babies seem to leak from top to bottom, therefore be sure to take with you a sufficient supply of diapers, clothing and cleansing pads.

Also, don't forget an ample supply of food and liquids. These are necessary to keep your baby contentedly dribbling and trickling from the time you leave home until you arrive at the Feast site. (Now might be the time to consider purchasing a wet-suit for your journey.)

If traveling by airplane, feed the baby juice or water during the ascent and descent of the plane to induce swallowing. This will help relieve the baby's ear pressure.

For those of you traveling with older children, I'm sorry to inform you that the science of cryogenics (low-temperature suspended animation) has not yet been perfected. This means that your children will be conscious for most of the journey—that might be a frightening thought, but it doesn't have to be.

Traveling with children is a mind game. You must find ways to engage their minds in ways that don't drive you out of your mind. Example: After a child's 20th consecutive rendition of "Chopsticks" on an electronic keyboard, the neurological channels leading to patience and love in the adult

brain disintegrate. There is an emotional explosion, which leads to much weeping and gnashing of teeth by parents and children alike.

Conclusion: Try to choose low-tech toys that don't squeak, bleep, honk or blurr endlessly. However, let your children choose their favorite books, quieter toys (avoid toys that have lots of small pieces) and games to take with them.

And don't let them play with everything at once, otherwise they will soon become bored. Bring their toys out as the journey progresses and pack others away.

As many mothers and children know, once dad gets behind the wheel of the car it's the Feast site or bust.

Dad, when you notice that your children are watery-eyed, sitting cross-legged and white-knuckling the seat and door handles, it's safe to conclude that the next convenient restroom would be much appreciated.

Also, if your children ask are

we there yet? or how much longer? it's fair to assume that they are bored.

Both of these problems can be relieved if you plan on making several stops along your route, perhaps every two hours or so. If you have time, make selected stops at places that will be of interest to your children.

Take along a skipping rope or a ball and play catch. Let your children expend the pent-up energy that they were using in the car to irritate their sister, brother or you.

Also, take along pillows and blankets for your children so they can nap, a few snack items to appease the "hungries," and extra clothing if you're traveling from a warm to a cooler climate.

We hope you will make the journey to your Feast site safely and with your nerves intact for a Festival of family togetherness. If you still think there's a possibility that you might eat the kids, however, remember to pack some condiments.



If you're driving to the Feast ...

By Jeff Zhorne

With the recession hitting so many this year, some members have delayed purchases of newer, more reliable automobiles, opting instead to run the "old buggy" a little longer.

Those traveling to Festival sites in such vehicles would be wise to spend some time doing maintenance and checking out their cars, trucks or vans before the trip.

This helps prevent problems from occurring at the Feast, where parts and repair work may be far more expensive and difficult to find.

Self-service or miniservice stations often miss vital under-the-hood checks that are often routine at full-service stations. Checking engine oil, antifreeze, hoses, fluid levels or brakes can be easily ignored or forgotten.

Here are some tips:

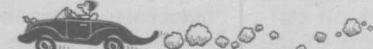
- Have your car tuned up every 20,000 miles.
- Check engine belts. If there is a single crack on the underside of one, replace it.
- Be sure hoses are soft, pliable and don't show signs of leaking.
- Check all fluid levels—motor and transmission oil, power-steering and brake fluid, battery and radiator coolant fluids.
- Make sure your car has either all radial or all bias-belted tires. Using different types of tires increases the danger of increased wear and blowouts. Check air pressure.
- When driving to or from the Feast, do not drive all night. Stop before your normal bedtime and get a good night's sleep, rather than risk falling asleep at the wheel. Traveling with a second driver helps ensure no one has to drive more than two hours at a time.
- Check the brakes. "Probably the most helpless feeling you can have on the road is to push the brake pedal to the floor and have nothing happen, especially if you're going downhill," said Dean May, director of the Church's Fleet & Transportation Department.

If your brakes go out, you might restore pressure by pumping the brake pedal. Try the emergency or parking brake, but only brake gradually to avoid spinning the car. Then shift into a lower gear to allow the engine drag to slow down the car.

"You should always slow down and use extra caution when weather or other factors adversely affect road conditions," Mr. May added.

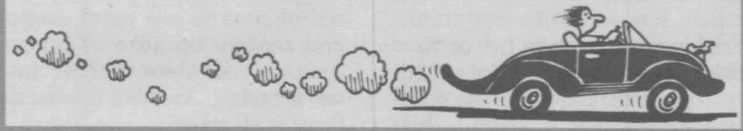
• Watch for vehicles appearing suddenly from a parking space or side road. Night driving poses special problems. Dangerous hazards include hard to see, unexpected obstacles such as animals or pedestrians.

• Watch that trailer! Towing a trailer puts a heavy load on the transmission and fluid. High-capacity transmission-oil coolers are specially tailored for the demands of trailer towing.



Here are some final items to remember to take:

- jack and lug wrench
- fire extinguisher
- first-aid kit
- flares or triangle reflectors
- jumper cables
- flashlight
- plastic jug of water
- tool kit, rags, duct tape



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Fire: Here's what to do

Hotels and motels do a lot to keep guests safe from fire. But fires can happen in any building.

You can increase your chance of surviving a fire by being prepared and doing the right thing in an emergency.

Take the time to become familiar with your surroundings and plan your escape in the event of a fire. If a fire starts, follow these 10 tips for hotel-motel fire safety.

1 Understand your hotel or motel's fire safety system. When you make a reservation, ask about and try to stay at hotels or motels that have smoke detectors and automatic sprinklers. Upon arrival, read the fire safety and escape information posted in your room or in common areas.

2 Find the two exits nearest your room. Make sure they are not locked or obstructed. Count the number of doors between your room and these exits. This will enable you to find the exits in the dark or in smoke.

3 Be sure you can find and unlock your room in the dark. Keep your room key and a flashlight close to your bed. In the event of fire, take your room key with you so you can return to your room if exits are blocked. And don't stop to take anything else.

4 Locate the fire alarm on your floor. If you discover a fire, sound the alarm, leave the building, then call the Fire Department.

5 If a fire starts in your room, get out and close the door. Once you're out, sound the alarm, report the fire to the management and call the Fire Department.

6 Crawl low under smoke. Smoke rises, so cleaner air will be near the floor. If you encounter smoke or fire as you're crawling, turn around and find another exit. If no exit is clear, return to your room.

7 Never use elevators during a fire. An elevator might stop at the floor where the fire is or malfunction because of the fire. Use the stairs.

8 If you hear the fire alarm evacuate—don't investigate. If possible, leave the building immediately and stay out of the way of firefighters.

9 Be sure your door is cool before you open it. Feel the doorknob and the space between the door and its frame with the back of your hand. If your door is cool, open it slowly and go to the nearest safe exit.

10 If your door is hot don't open it. If your room has another exit, check it and use it if it's cool. If the fire is outside your room, your room may be the safest place for you.

Call the Fire Department to report the fire and let them know where you are trapped.

Seal all cracks with wet towels (or pack duct tape and use the tape to seal off the space between the door and the frame).

Shut off fans and air conditioners. Signal at your window or balcony and wait to be rescued.

Remember, never cook in your room unless your hotel or motel unit has kitchen facilities. Never use portable stoves, hot plates or immersion heaters.

Unplug irons, clothing steamers, hair dryers and curling irons.

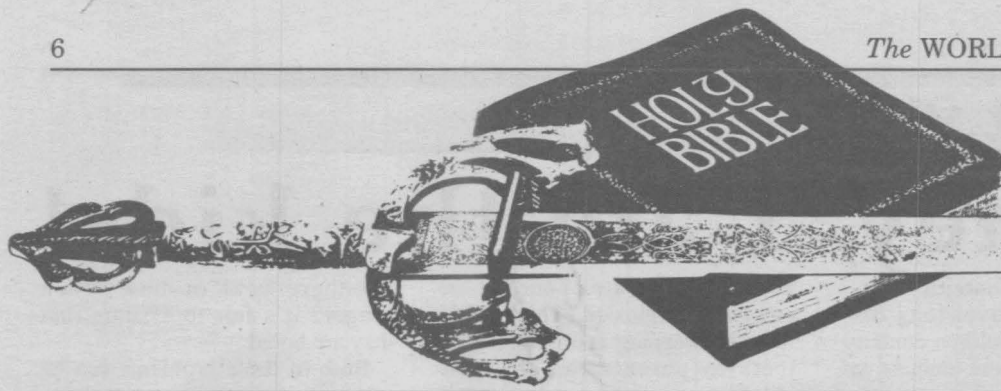
U.S. Holy Day Envelopes

PASADENA—Holy Day offering envelopes for the Fall Festival season have been mailed to U.S. members.

If you have not received your envelopes by Aug. 23, please call the toll-free number (1-800-423-4444) no later than Aug. 28. This is the last date the Mail Processing Center can mail personalized envelopes with assurance they will reach you by the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 9.

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How to make sure you enjoy God's presence at the Feast

By George Kackos

"Best Feast ever!" That's how the Israelites felt about the Feast that followed the temple dedication in the reign of King Solomon. But what was it that made that Feast so special for the Israelites?

Let's go back and consider what took place.

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After seven years of labor the temple was finished. Solomon summoned the Israelites to a weeklong dedication service leading up to the Feast.

During the dedication, when the ark was placed in the Most Holy Place, a cloud that signified the presence of God supernaturally appeared (I Kings 8:10-13, 62-66).

The presence of God was a cause for the Israelites rejoicing and they continued to rejoice throughout the Feast of Tabernacles.

"On the twenty-third day of the seventh month he [Solomon] sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that the Lord had done for David, for Solomon, and for His people Israel" (II Chronicles 7:10, New King James throughout).

Those Israelites fulfilled an important purpose for the Feast. They rejoiced in and enjoyed the presence of God.

The Feast of Tabernacles is a festival that God's people are commanded to enjoy.

"You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles ... and you shall rejoice in your feast.... Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord chooses ... because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice" (Deuteronomy 16:13-15).

As God's people today, we need to enjoy God's presence at the Feast also. We need to make sure we have a Feast that is truly "to the Lord your God" by making him the focus of our enjoyment.

Source of happiness

From the time of Adam and Eve, Satan has convinced humanity that there is nothing to rejoice about concerning God or his way of life. Our happiness has to be found elsewhere, according to the devil.

But we know better. We know that no life is more enjoyable than true Christianity. "Whom [Jesus Christ] having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory" (I Peter 1:8).

We know that in the presence of God is fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16:11).

of to your hotel room. Motels charge 50 percent or more for calls made from their rooms, and even local calls can run up to \$2 a call.

Don't overlook less expensive activities. Invite a friend to go with you on a long walk exploring the city. Take advantage of free exhibits, parks, museums and other low-cost attractions. Bring some games from home, such as Pictionary, Outburst, Trivial Pursuit, Scattergories, and plan a game night in your motel room. Use your imagination. You don't have to spend a lot of money to make it a memorable Feast.

ter to abstain from alcohol when in their company.

And, when in the company of those who do enjoy alcohol, we must drink in moderation. Remember that we are to be a light to the world (Matthew 5:14). Because of this, our conduct will have to be modified at times so it will not be spoken of as evil (Romans 14:16).

Be discreet

We should also be careful about displaying bottles of alcohol in the hotel room. When the maid comes in she could get the wrong idea if she sees liquor bottles on the counter top. Be discreet and put alcohol in a drawer or cupboard.

By following these principles our personal witness to those around us will be positive. Our willingness to use extra caution and abstain because of others' feelings will show that we love our neighbor. And that is what the Feast is all about.

We long for the full realization of this in the world tomorrow when God's kingdom will reign, and we will be immortal members of God's family.

With this in mind, here are some things we can do to make sure we enjoy God's presence at the Feast.

● **Stay close to God.** When we are close to God we enjoy peace, and the other fruits of God's Spirit flow from us. We deal more effectively with our problems and difficulties. We look forward to God's kingdom with hope and anticipation.

To remain close to God during the hectic pace of the Feast, don't neglect daily prayer and Bible study. These help us maintain intimacy with God. Being obedient to his law also helps us remain close.

Listening to the messages is another way to stay close to God. They allow God to speak to us through his ministers. And, when we respond to those messages we are drawn closer to him.

So don't neglect these things at the Feast. They will bring you a

lot of happiness. "Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You" (Psalm 40:16).

● **Spend time with the brethren.** God doesn't want us divided. He wants us united. He wants us to be of one mind (I Corinthians 1:10). Unity brings happiness. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

To build unity spend time with brethren and talk about the things of God (I Corinthians 2:12-13). Through the services, activities and meals together, we can experience the joy of true fellowship (I John 1:3-4).

● **Serve where needed.** Service is an important part of our calling (Matthew 25:40). And through service we also bring ourselves joy (Acts 20:35).

So look for opportunities to serve. Besides the many announced opportunities, you may discover many on your own.

Start with your family. What can you do to make their Feast more enjoyable? Talk it over with them. Consider other people. What can you do for them? It may be something as simple as opening an auditorium door for a mother or elderly person.

Use your powers of observation and love (Luke 10:33-37). You may find many ways to be

of service to others.

● **Set your mind on God's kingdom.** The Feast pictures God's coming kingdom—a time when the whole world will enjoy being under God's government. Today's problems will be replaced by the wonderful solutions of the world tomorrow.

The result: "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10).

A joyous occasion

Think about this wonderful time. Let it put your problems into perspective: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). And keep in mind all the blessings you've already received.

For those Israelites at time of the temple's dedication during Solomon's reign, the Feast was a joyous time—a time when they enjoyed God's presence.

Think how much more joyous this Feast ought to be for us. We are called to eternal salvation. We have the hope of the kingdom of God. So rejoice with great joy in the presence of God at the Feast.

Biking, ballooning, bowling and 33 other ideas for teens

By Kerri Dowd

At some Feast sites what to do is obvious. The beach and all kinds of water sports beckon at St. Petersburg, Fla. In Vail, Colo., quaint shops urge you inside to buy or at least to look.

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In Hawaii you can catch a luau at one of the big hotels. At some sites you may try river rafting or jet skiing.

At others you might want to visit museums (if you like museums) or historical landmarks. Some sites are near amusement parks or water slides. Some are so scenically beautiful that you may want to spend all your spare time just driving around seeing the sights.

But what if you've been to the same site for the last 15 years and you've done and seen it all? What if your Feast site doesn't seem to have much to offer? Then take the initiative and add life to your Feast. Here are some ideas for you, your family and groups of friends.

● Do something you've always wanted to do but didn't have the time, couldn't afford or were too chicken. Go hot-air ballooning. Take a few hours of tennis, golf or horseback riding lessons. Drive a go-cart. Climb a mountain. Activities like these will give you a sense of accomplishment and make your Feast memorable.

● If there aren't many Youth Opportunities United activities at your site, talk to the Festival elder about the possibility of adding one. Offer to call around to make arrangements. How about an

afternoon at a roller-skating or ice-skating rink? What about a bowling or sand-castle-building contest? If you're attending a smaller Feast site, you might have a lunch or dinner in the banquet room of a restaurant.

● See the area around your Feast site from a perspective other than the car window. Rent bikes or horses. Get information on good riding trails or routes from the local tourist office or chamber of commerce. Take a river or harbor cruise if there's one at your site.

● Look for a way that a group of you can serve the community. Could you visit a retirement home or orphanage? What about participating in a park cleanup? Check with the Festival elder for your Feast site to see if he knows of opportunities you might arrange in advance.

● Spend an afternoon putting together cards or care packages for those who could not attend the Feast. End the afternoon by having pizza delivered or by going out for dinner as a group.

● Ask your parents if you can plan an afternoon or evening activity for the whole family. Ideas: Pack a picnic lunch and include a small gift for each family member. Take the family out to lunch and have flowers delivered to your mother at the restaurant. Go to a play because your Dad has always wanted to go to one. Plan a date for your parents and offer to take care of your younger brothers and sisters so your parents can have the evening to themselves.

Note: You may not have enough money to pay for an expensive outing. See if your parents might be

willing to let you use the money they have budgeted for that day.

● Have a get-acquainted party. On the first day of the Feast invite some people you know and some you don't know to a get-together at your hotel room (ask your parents for permission first). Ask each person to bring an inexpensive gift (you may want to set a price range for these gifts).

When guests arrive, collect their gifts and label each one with a number. Write corresponding numbers on slips of paper and put them in a paper bag or hat. Later, have each guest draw a slip of paper. He or she then gets to keep the gift with the same number.

This kind of event also works well after the Feast especially if your friends are going to several different sites. Before your friends leave, ask them to bring back a gift from the site they attend.

Remember that you and your friends will be representing the Church to the community. Be respectful and considerate of regulations at motels, restaurants or other establishments you may use for activities.

For motel parties and outings for lots of teens, don't forget to include some chaperons. Of course your parents are good candidates for this job, but how about asking some of the single members to come along too. This will give you a chance to get to know another group of people, and it will be fun for them, too.

These are just a few ideas of things to do with your family, with your friends or with new people you've just met. See what else you can dream up—and have a great time!

Expenses

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weekly and weekend (Friday through Sunday) rates are much lower than daily rates.

You may want to join the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) if you are 50 years or older. AARP members receive benefits such as lower motel rates, airline and restaurant discounts and road hazard insurance.

Bring a "calling card" with you to charge phone calls directly to your home phone number instead

Alcohol

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teousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.... It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble" (Romans 14:15-17, 21).

Conduct yourselves wisely

The principle of loving your brother applies not only between members but also between members and nonmembers. "Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity" (Colossians 4:5).

It is possible for some to have two or three drinks and feel minimal effects. But in the eyes of one who never drinks, even that amount may appear to be too much. For someone who thinks drinking is a sin, even two or three drinks could be considered ungodly. Therefore, following the apostle Paul's advice, it would be bet-

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UPDATE

BAD WOERISHOFEN, Germany—Evangelist **David Hulme**, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, attended the Pogorelich Music Festival here June 23.

The event is named for Yugoslavian pianist **Ivo Pogorelich**, a world-class musician, who was one of several artists and ensembles who performed.

During the festival, Mr. Hulme had several opportunities to speak privately with Mr. Pogorelich.

Mr. Pogorelich is interested in the Foundation's activities and frequently remarks that the Ambassador Auditorium is "the best in the United States," Mr. Hulme said.

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BIG SANDY—Malta's acting ambassador to the United Nations, **George N. Vella**, and his wife were greeted by **Carn Catherwood**, regional director for Italian-speaking areas, his wife, **Joyce**, and staff when they paid a visit to the Italian Office here June 27.

The ambassador and his family were on vacation in Texas and during their trip visited Big Sandy Church members who had met him at a United Nations function in New York.

They invited him to tour the Ambassador College campus and meet the staff behind the Work in Italy and Malta.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office made the following announcements and changes regarding the 1991 Festival of Tabernacles.

If you have applied to a Feast site outside your country, you should have received an approval or denial letter by now (except between the United States and Canada). If you haven't heard from the regional office in charge of the site, please contact your Festival adviser right away.

To attend an international Feast site, you must receive approval directly from the appropriate regional office.

The only way to obtain that approval is by submitting an international Festival application to your pastor or Festival adviser.

If you only filled out a local information card for your pastor, the regional office won't have a record of your request.

If you have had a change of plans and will not be attending an international site, please notify the appropriate regional office. Your Festival adviser or pastor has information on contacting the regional office.

The site at San Fernando, Philippines, has been canceled because of damage from the Mt. Pinatubo volcano eruption. Those assigned to the San Fernando site have been reassigned to Bagio. Because of the reassignments, Bagio is closed to further transfers.

The following sites have been confirmed: Santa Marta, Colombia; San Isidro de General, Costa Rica; and Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

The site at San Isidro, Costa Rica, has reached capacity. No further transfer applications can be accepted.

There has been a change in the location of Sabbath services before the Feast, Sept. 21, in Daytona Beach, Fla., and Biloxi, Miss.

Services in Daytona Beach will begin at 1 p.m. at the Tupperware

Convention Center Auditorium on Highway 441 (Orange Blossom Trail) in Kissimmee, Fla.

Services in Biloxi will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 3800 W. Beach Blvd.

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PASADENA—**David Treybig**, pastor of the Spokane, Wash., church, was ordained a pastor June 8, not Kenneth Treybig, as was reported in the July 22 *Worldwide News*.

Joseph Willie, a deacon in the Hammond, La., church, was ordained a local church elder June 8, not Willie Joseph as was reported in the July 22 *Worldwide News*.

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BONN, Germany—The Bonn-Duesseldorf church welcomed 250 members and families from Belgium, Holland and Germany to an International Family Day picnic in the city park of Wuerselen, near Aachen, Germany, June 16.

Activities included soccer, children's field hockey and badminton in the morning, a potluck buffet and barbecue lunch, and



ALL FOR ONE—Perth takes on South Sydney in a Church touch football tournament July 7 in Sydney, N.S.W., where 400 players from 37 teams competed in the annual event. A 1,000-strong crowd saw Brisbane beat North Sydney 2-1 in the final. [Photo by June Underwood]

FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

The Tanzanian government ruled that Saturday, previously a work day, will now be an additional free day, creating a five-day work week.

"This is an extremely positive development for our members," said David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa in the British Office.

"Over the years, Sabbath observance has proved a very serious obstacle to people becoming interested in the Church."

African countries do not usually provide any welfare support for people discharged from work. This was often because people refused to work on Saturdays.

Farm programs in Nigeria

Benin, the capital of Bendel State, is considered the major bread basket of the country. Many members in the area are farmers, and in the last two years, some

volleyball, soccer, softball, chess, a "pull for peace," and a water balloon toss in the afternoon.

"In the future Europe will be united for basically selfish reasons," said **Winfried Fritz**, Bonn-Duesseldorf pastor. "God's Church is already united by the spirit of love. But that love has to be expressed in learning to appreciate a different culture and mentality."

"The International Family Day was intended to promote this appreciation for one another."

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The Indianapolis North and South churches were hosts to brethren from 28 states and Canada at a weekend social honoring black culture July 6 and 7.

Sabbath messages were given by evangelists **Stan Bass** and **Harold Jackson**. Activities that evening included touring various sites in downtown Indianapolis and roller-skating.

A formal dinner dance was conducted Sunday with music provided by the Chicago Cosmopolitan Band, composed of members from the Chicago, Ill., South church.

During the dance prizes were given for those most recently baptized, the longest married couple, the oldest guest present and the farthest traveled.

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GAYLORD, Mich.—The church



CULTURED SOCIAL—Ministers and wives at a social honoring black culture July 6 and 7 in Indianapolis, Ind., are (from left): Stan and Millie Bass, Harold and Helen Jackson, Darris and Debra McNeely, and Richard and Mary Pinelli. [Photo by Earl Wilson]

here celebrated its 20th anniversary June 22 with combined services for the Gaylord and Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., churches.

Sabbath messages were given by **Donald Mears**, pastor of the Gaylord and Sault Ste. Marie churches, and **Al Skinkle**, a deacon in the Gaylord church.

Highlights of the day included a turkey dinner after services, a decorated cake and a "Walk Down Memory Lane," where various members spoke about their experiences during the past 20 years.

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HAMBURG, Germany—The church here celebrated its 25th anniversary the weekend of July 5 to 7. Visitors were present from Berlin, Bonn-Duesseldorf, Darmstadt, Hannover and Zwickau, Germany, and Aarhus, Denmark.

A classical concert opened the celebration Friday, followed by a Bible study conducted by **Alfred Hellemann**, Berlin, Hamburg and Hannover pastor.

Two services took place on the Sabbath. Mr. Hellemann spoke in the morning and **John Karlson**, regional director of German-speaking areas, spoke in the afternoon.

Sunday the group took a boat tour around the harbor, had a barbecue and watched the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

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MONROE, La.—**Jay Frasier**, a member here, was named the Outstanding Graduate Student in Speech Communication at North-

thousands of southerners fled for safety.

The sudden flight of so many people into some of the major towns and villages in Anambra and Imo states will likely lead to increases in the costs of transportation fares, food and other necessities.

Although no members were directly affected by the riots, some have relatives and friends who were. Some members now support their fleeing relatives who returned home destitute.

Italy

The Italian Office received positive reports from all churches in Italy for Pentecost.

Attendance increased overall by 10.3 percent, and offerings were up 37.3 percent over last year. So far this year offerings in Italy are up 15.2 percent from 1990, reported evangelist **Carn Catherwood**, Italian regional director.

Luciano Cozzi, formerly assistant pastor of the Milan and Vicenza churches, transferred to Catania, Sicily, in June to serve as church pastor there.

Mr. Cozzi's move to Sicily was prompted by a consistent increase in the number of visit requests there.

The Catania area was previously administered out of Rome by **Daniel Boesch**.

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