



FEAST *of Tabernacles*

2021 Housing Brochure

Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles 2021 Festival Housing Guide

“You shall dwell in booths for seven days.” With those words in Leviticus 23, we are reminded of the temporary dwellings that we all will live in during the Feast of Tabernacles.

As families, we talk about and plan where we want to go for the Feast and where we want to stay. We look forward to this time of the year. In order to make it a positive and memorable experience, we do not leave details till the last minute. We save our second tithe, we plan our budget, and we look to the Festival housing brochure to see what is offered at the various sites.

As you and your family make your plans and prepare to select and reserve housing for 2021, we recommend you review all available housing at the site you will be attending.

To assist you in this endeavor, we have included websites for the housing establishments listed in this brochure. Please check out those websites, as they will allow you to preview the facilities secured by the Church and the amenities offered at each. This will greatly assist you in avoiding unpleasant surprises, such as extra charges and incidental costs.

We encourage you to consider the choices at several sites that serve as anchor facilities for our daily Festival services. In many, if not most, cases, the Church benefits greatly with reduced meeting space charges when members stay on-site at these facilities.

Of course, if you do not find the housing you desire, you may find what you are looking for via an online search. The housing options we have listed are properties that desire to work with the Church by providing a discounted rate for attendees.

As you make your housing arrangements, please remember these important reminders:

In general, please do not attempt to make reservations prior to the opening day and time for reservations, which is **Monday, May 24**, at 10 a.m. in the time zone of the site you are attending.

The establishments have been asked to not accept reservations prior to the agreed-upon time.

Those with disabilities, health problems or other special needs that require specific types of facilities may make early housing reservations, beginning **Monday, May 17**. (Check with your local Feast adviser for guidelines.) Some sites may require a password in order to make early reservations.

When making your reservations, identify yourself as a member of the “Church of God, a Worldwide Association.” In some cases, the housing locations will use the acronym “COGWA.” Be sure to give your arrival and departure dates, be prepared to give a deposit, and be sure to ask for a confirmation number.

Please take notice of the maximum number of occupants allowed in a room and do not exceed that number. Reserving a room for four people and then putting six to seven people in the room is not allowed. It causes extra work for the housekeeping staff and violates the agreements we have made.

PLEASE make only one housing reservation at one Feast site. Making duplicate reservations blocks housing from others looking for housing. If your plans to attend a site change, be sure to cancel your housing reservations as soon as possible to free up housing.

Jon Pinelli
Festival Planning Team



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What if I have a large family and need a larger facility, such as a house, to have enough space. Can I rent “outside” our housing list?

A. If there is no satisfactory housing on our housing list, you are certainly free to rent something else. Most of the large, home-type facilities are “one of a kind,” and it would cause more potential problems than it would solve for us to list a large number of one-of-a-kind facilities. And once such a facility was reserved, it would be a waste of time for any other members who tried to reserve the facility.

Q. What if I’m torn between two different housing properties (maybe even at two different sites). What is wrong with reserving them both until I decide and then releasing the one I decide not to use?

A. This situation probably happens more often than most would think. It causes difficulties on more than one level. First, it removes a room from the available block that may eventually go unused if you cancel just before the Feast. Second, it may cause a facility to assume it is full and turn down possible bookings only to later have one or several cancellations by people who had double-booked rooms. This causes us problems when we go to book blocks of rooms for the following year.

Q. My extended family is all attending the same site, yet we find we are paying different tax rates on our rooms. Why is that? It seems confusing!

A. Some Feast sites have facilities in different communities, each with different lodging tax rates. Some facilities have a “county tax,” while others have a “county tax” and a “city lodging tax.” Generally, the difference isn’t that great, but it may be 4 to 5 percent different.

Q. What about “extra fees” that appear on my bill in addition to the basic room charge?

A. Some facilities have extra charges for things such as “resort fee,” or “fee for Internet service in sleeping rooms” (in some facilities, the Internet is free only in the public areas). Most of these should be listed in the housing brochure, but it is good to ask about any extra fees that the facility charges when making your room reservation. When in doubt, ask, so you aren’t surprised when you check out.

Q. I have found an establishment that I feel would be a great fit for our housing block. How do I go about giving this input to the right person?

A. At times, members may find a facility that we may have overlooked or that may be under new management. There are a couple of ways you can give input in this area. First, since we may already have our room blocks set for this year, you can write in your suggestion on your copy of the Housing Survey, which is passed out at each site. The Festival coordinator for that site will see it and can follow up on it. Second, you can email the suggestion to the Festival coordinator for that site or to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But either way, please do not try to negotiate with the establishment on behalf of the Church.

Q. I have several ideas on areas that I feel would make wonderful Feast sites. How do I go about giving input on possible locations?

A. We are always keeping our eyes open for possible Feast sites. Our main criteria for site selection is desirable locations within a reasonable distance of the majority of our people in a region. We will occasionally have a specialty site on a one-time or a

periodic basis, but due to manpower and expense, we mostly focus on regional sites across the United States and regional sites in the international areas as well.

The Festival Planning Team is always open to suggestions for possible future sites and welcomes input from interested members. If you know of a specific facility in a particular area, feel free to mention it in an email to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But please do not contact the facility directly or discuss possible terms with the facility, as if you are representing the Church. Doing so can cause confusion. Send in your ideas, and we will look at and consider them in light of current needs, contracts and other relative conditions.

Q. What do I do if I check into a facility selected from the housing guide and, after checking in, I find the conditions to be totally unacceptable?

A. While this situation seldom happens, it is a possibility. Before you actually occupy the room, go back to the management and tell them the conditions are totally unacceptable and ask for either another room that is acceptable or for a refund. Most facilities will work with you. In the event that you still have a situation, feel free to contact the Festival coordinator for the site or, if you know his name, the housing officer. Either of them will be able to help you with the situation.

Feast of Tabernacles 2021 KEY DATES

April 11, 2021

Registration for assigned sites begins

June 28, 2021

Activity information posted to website

May 17, 2021

Early housing reservations begin
(see local Festival adviser for guidelines)

Sept. 21-27, 2021

Feast of Tabernacles

May 24, 2021

General housing reservations begin

Sept. 28, 2021

Last Great Day

**General registration for
U.S. and international sites begins**

APRIL 25

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Branson, *Missouri*

Branson, Missouri, will again welcome the Church of God by hosting the Feast of Tabernacles for the 26th year in a row. The site is always popular for all ages.

The Branson area, in the beautiful, hardwood-forested hills of the Ozarks, is a wonderful setting for God's Feast. The fall scenery can be spectacular, and the hills, lakes, forests and streams present an almost millennial setting. Wildlife can be seen in many areas—a very short distance from the theater and near many of the housing establishments and entertainment areas.

For those who want to be more active, Branson has something for everyone—ranging from first-class shopping and amusement parks to live music shows, golf courses, museums and the Promised Land Zoo.

Two new attractions are WonderWorks Branson, an “amusement park for the mind” with 48,000 square feet of “edu-tainment,” and the Wonders of Wildlife museum and aquarium in nearby Springfield. As well, Wild Animal Safari and National Tiger Sanctuary are less than 45 minutes away.

Housing in Branson is some of the most economical of any Festival site. Establishments range from first-class hotels, condominiums, houses and cabins to more economical motels. Virtually all housing facilities have, at the minimum, mini fridges and microwaves.

Services will again be held at the White House Theatre. This location offers several unusual but appreciated conveniences, including a large lobby for visiting before and after services and the West Wing conference center for other activities.

Fragrance-controlled room available: Yes.

Tax rate for accommodations: 7.5 to 11.8 percent, depending on location.

Closest airport: Springfield-Branson (SGF), 55 miles.

Mike Blackwell

Baymont Inn

417-334-7000

wyndhamhotels.com/baymont

2719 W. 76 Country Blvd.

Branson, MO 65616

\$50 flat rate, 1-4 people

Note: These rates are available three nights before and after the Feast based upon availability. Rates do not include tax. One night's room deposit is required within 10 days of a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled two days before check-in. Applicable taxes: 11.4%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, steep grades or many steps, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, refrigerator, free Wi-Fi, microwave, coffeemaker, hot breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.8 mile

Branson King Resort and Suites

417-332-8550

888-320-8550

bransonkingresort.com

450 S. Hwy. 165

Branson, MO 65616

\$44 flat rate, 1-4 people

Note: These rates are available three nights before and after the Feast based upon availability. One night's room deposit is required within 10 days of a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled two days before check-in. Applicable taxes: 12.7%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, steep grades or many steps, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 1.8 mile

Classic Motor Inn

417-334-6991

classicmotorinn.com

2384 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway

Branson, MO 65616

\$45 flat rate, 1-4 people

Note: These rates are available three nights before and after the Feast based upon availability. One night's room deposit is required within 10 days of a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled two days before check-in. You must state if you need ground-level unit.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, refrigerator, microwave, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 1 mile

Grand Plaza Hotel

417-336-6646

grandplazabranson.com/

245 N. Wildwood Drive

Branson, MO 65616

\$69.95 flat rate, 1-4 people

\$79.95 mini suite, 1-4 people

Note: These rates are available three days before and after the Feast based upon availability. One night's room deposit is required within 10 days of a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled two days before check-in. Applicable taxes: 11.6%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, refrigerator, microwave, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.6 mile

Hotel Grand Victorian

417-336-2935

800-334-8751

hotelgrandvictorian.com

2325 W. 76 Country Blvd.

Branson, MO 65616

\$69 flat rate, 1-4 people

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Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled two days before check-in. Applicable taxes: 11.6%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed with \$40 one-time fee, steep grades or many steps, indoor pool, king or queen beds, microwave, refrigerator, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, hot breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.9 mile

Hunter’s Friend Resort

417-338-2849

800-338-2842

huntersfriendresort.com

118 Myrtle Lane

Branson, MO 65616

- \$45 motel room, 1-2 people
- \$52 efficiency, 1-2 people
- \$82-\$90 2-bedroom apartment, 2-8 people
- \$134 3-bedroom condo, 2-8 people
- \$95 cleaning fee for condo

Note: These rates are available three days before and after the Feast based upon availability. One night’s room deposit is required within 10 days of a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled 2 days before check-in. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Shopping nearby, waterfront (some), king or queen beds, outdoor pool, air-conditioning, maid service once a week, pets allowed with a \$25 one-time fee.

Distance from meeting hall: 9.3 miles

Oak Grove Inn

417-334-4419

866-430-2692

bransonoakgroveinn.com

215 Gretna Road

Branson, MO 65616

- \$45 flat rate, 1-4 people

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hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled two days before check-in.

Amenities: Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 1.4 miles

Radisson Hotel Branson

417-335-5767

radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-branson

120 S. Wildwood Drive

Branson, MO 65616

- \$97 hotel room, 1-2 people
- \$127 king suite, 1-2 people

Note: These rates are available three days before and after the Feast based upon availability. One night’s room deposit is required within 10 days of a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled seven days before check-in. Applicable taxes: 13.3%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, king or queen beds, indoor pool, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, hot breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.9 mile

Thousand Hills Resort

417-243-2245

877-262-0430

thousandhills.com

245 S. Wildwood Drive

Branson, MO 65616

- \$120 1-bedroom condo, 1-4 people
- \$153 2-bedroom condo, 2-6 people
- \$220 3-bedroom condo, 2-8 people
- \$250 4-bedroom condo, 2-8 people
- \$123 1-bedroom cabin
- \$168 2-bedroom cabin
- \$215 2-bedroom cabin, plus loft

Note: These rates are available three nights before and after the Feast based upon availability. One

night's room deposit is required within 10 days of a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled four days before check-in. Applicable taxes: 11.6%.

Amenities: Restaurants on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, indoor pool, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, free Wi-Fi, elevator (at some locations), mid-week maid service.

Distance from meeting hall: 1.3 miles

International Feast Sites

Africa

Mugina, Burundi
Man, Côte d'Ivoire
Douala, Cameroon
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Elmina, Ghana
Kenya
Salima, Malawi
Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius
Benin City, Nigeria
Giti, Rwanda
Uvongo, South Africa
Kpalimé, Togo
Mapoko, Zambia
Gweru, Zimbabwe

Asia/Pacific

Mooloolaba, Australia
Yanuca Island, Fiji
Kolkata, India
Taupo, New Zealand
Negombo, Sri Lanka
Philippines

Caribbean

Christ Church, Barbados
St. George's, Grenada
Lethem, Guyana
Runaway Bay, Jamaica

Europe & Middle East

Torquay, Devon, England
Montagnac, France
Loutraki, Greece

Latin America

Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Lican Ray, Chile
El Rodadero, Santa Marta, Colombia
Antigua, Guatemala
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
Huanchaco, Peru

Note: Not all locations in this list are final. Please check feast.cogwa.org for up-to-date information on international sites.

**Registration for
International Sites
Sunday, April 25
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