



FEAST

of Tabernacles

2023 Housing Brochure



Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles 2023 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 2023, 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 **Sunday, May 21, 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 **Sunday, May, 14.** (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.

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KEY DATES

April 9, 2023

Registration for assigned sites begins

July 10, 2023

Activity information posted to website

May 14, 2023

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

Sept. 30-Oct. 6, 2023

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May 21, 2023

General housing reservations begin

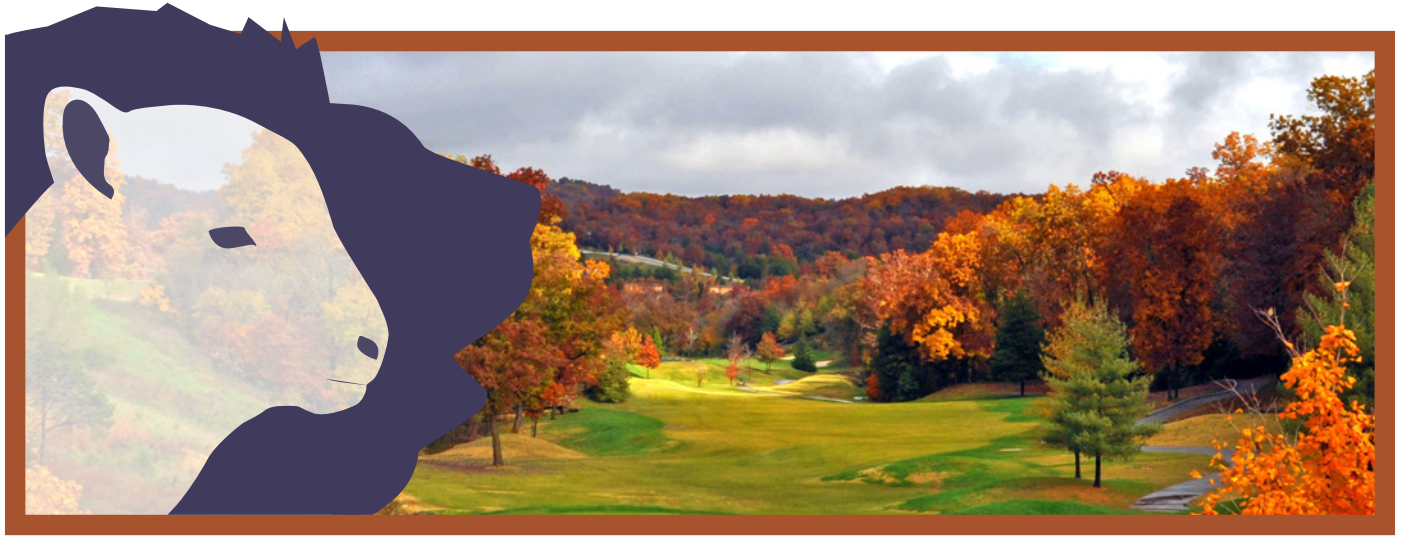
Oct. 7, 2023

Last Great Day

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

feast.cogwa.org



Branson, *Missouri*

Branson, Missouri, will once again be our Feast of Tabernacles site in the Midwest. This will be our 28th year in Branson, and it remains an ideal site.

The Branson area is situated in the midst of the rolling hills and hardwood forests of the beautiful Ozark Mountains. The area has several lakes and numerous hiking trails through pristine wilderness areas. The nature side of Branson allows you to get out into the woods or relax on one of the beautiful lakes.

Branson is also the entertainment mecca of the Midwest, featuring over 25 theaters with live shows, five golf courses, loads of family attractions and several museums, just to name a few. It also features a Sight and Sound Theatre (which at Feast time will be presenting *Queen Esther*), a zoo and an aquarium. There is truly something for everyone in Branson.

Housing of all types is available—from luxury condominiums to first-class hotels and smaller motels and cabins. Each year it has proved to be one of the most economical sites in the United States.

Services this year will be held at the Yakov Smirnoff Theatre (with plenty of seating), located on the north side of Branson. Once again, there will be several Church of God groups keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in Branson this year, making it an ideal site for families with members in various fellowships.

Fragrance-controlled room available: Yes.

Lodging tax rate: 7.5 to 13.8%, 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 apply for two nights before and after the Feast based upon availability. One night's room deposit is required to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled 10 days before check-in. Rates do not include tax. Applicable taxes: 13.7%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed with extra fee, outdoor pool, steep grades or many steps, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, refrigerator, free Wi-Fi, microwave, coffeemaker, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 4.3 miles

Classic Motor Inn

417-334-6991

oyorooms.com/us/92701

2384 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway

Branson, MO 65616

\$50 flat rate, 1-2 adults (aged 18 and older)

\$70 flat rate, 3-4 adults (aged 18 and older)

\$0 children aged 17 and younger

Note: These rates apply for two 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 seven days before check-in. You must state if you need ground-level unit. Applicable taxes: 11.7%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, refrigerator, free Wi-Fi, microwave, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 4 miles

Grand Plaza Hotel

417-336-6646

grandplazabranson.com

245 N. Wildwood Drive

Branson, MO 65616

\$69.95 flat rate, 1-4 people

\$79 mini suite, 1-4 people

Note: These rates apply for two nights before and after the Feast based upon availability. Applicable taxes: 12.7%.

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

Distance from meeting hall: 4.1 miles

Hunter's Friend Resort

800-338-2842

huntersfriendresort.com

118 Myrtle Lane

Branson, MO 65616

\$65 motel room, 1-4 people

\$80 efficiency, 1-4 people

\$110-\$120 2-bedroom apartment, 1-6 people

\$179 3-bedroom condo, 2-8 people

\$130 cleaning fee for condo

Note: These rates apply for two nights before and after the Feast based upon availability. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, 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: 12.4 miles

Quality Inn Branson

417-336-1600

choicehotels.com/missouri/branson/quality-inn-hotels/mo156

1835 W. 76 Country Blvd.

Branson, MO 65616

\$75 flat rate, 1-4 adults (aged 18 and older)

\$0 children aged 17 and younger

Note: These rates apply for two nights before and after the Feast based upon availability. One night's room deposit

is required to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled seven days before check-in. Resort fee: \$2 per night.

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

Distance from meeting hall: 3.3 miles

Serenity Inn

417-336-6600

serenityinnbranson.com

3355 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway

Branson, MO 65616

\$55 flat rate, 1-4 people

Note: One night's room deposit is required to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled seven days before check-in.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, refrigerator, free Wi-Fi, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 4.7 miles

Thousand Hills Resort

417-624-7000

877-262-0430

thousandhills.com

245 S. Wildwood Drive

Branson, MO 65616

\$140 1-bedroom condo, 1-4 people

\$170 2-bedroom condo, 2-6 people

\$225 3-bedroom condo, 2-8 people

\$325 4-bedroom condo, 2-8 people

\$150 1-bedroom cabin

\$185 2-bedroom cabin

\$245 2-bedroom cabin, plus loft

Note: These rates apply for three nights before and after the Feast based upon availability. One night's room deposit is required to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled 14 days before check-in. Applicable taxes: 12.6%.

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), no maid service.

Distance from meeting hall: 4.5 miles

International Feast Sites

Africa

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

Asia/Pacific

Bacolod City, Philippines
Negombo, Sri Lanka
Pacific Harbour, Fiji
Taupo, New Zealand

Caribbean

Bahamas
Barbados
Jamaica
Lethem, Guyana
St. Kitts
Trinidad and Tobago

Europe & Middle East

Cortona, Italy
Eastbourne, East Sussex, England
Montagnac, France

Latin America

El Quisco, Chile
El Rodadero, Santa Marta, Colombia
Huanchaco, Peru
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina
Veracruz, Mexico

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

Assigned site
registration begins

April 9, 2023

Transfer site
and international
registration begins

April 23, 2023

General housing
reservations begin

May 21, 2023

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