

Site Summary

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

Thank you for considering our group for your 2025 Feast of Tabernacles! This year, we will be hosting our Feast of Tabernacles at Tenkiller State Park in eastern Oklahoma. Tenkiller State Park in Vian, Oklahoma, is known as Oklahoma's "heaven in the hills." The sparkling blue waters of Lake Tenkiller offer water enthusiasts an abundance of recreational opportunities between 130 miles of shoreline and 13,000 surface acres. The park's plentiful amenities and lodging options make it a favorite destination for all ages. We will have daily church services in an indoor, heated & cooled meeting room that is located on site. We will also have planned events throughout the feast that are focused on fun and fellowship, to include everyone who comes. We look forward to meeting and feasting with you.

Location of Services

About Us & What To Expect At Our Feast:

We are a small, independent, home church group. We come from a Church of God background which had a lot of focus on world news and Bible prophecy. Some of our members are multi-generational Sabbath and Feast keepers, others were raised in the faith since birth, and our "youngest babe" in the group was baptized earlier this year. Between our teachers, we have an online ministry, a prison ministry outreach, we preach every other week at a 7th day congregation and have published a magazine that discusses world news in the light of Bible prophecy. During the Feast of Tabernacles, our teachers and elders will be available for baptism counseling and baptisms, prayer & anointing, and blessing of the children for protection. (For any first-timers thinking of joining us, please note that we keep the Holy Days in Leviticus 23 and we observe the clean dietary laws spoken of in the Bible.)

Our more traditional-style services will be held daily at 11 am. Our dress code is anything from casual to classy, but we do ask that you please dress modestly. We say the name Jesus Christ, but don't mind if you prefer to call Him by His other names. We will have a mix of old hymns and more modern praise and worship music for our song services. We don't mind snacking and beverages during our

services, but we ask that you please bring your snacks in containers that open quietly, as to not disrupt others during the messages. Speaking of that, we record our messages for our internet archives and we're hoping to live stream during the feast as well. So, if you have small children who may start to cry or become disruptive during services, we ask in advance that you please take them outside until they calm down.

Accommodations

Tenkiller State Park offers RV and tent sites scattered between seven campgrounds. Online reservations must be made for the RV and tent campsites. Primitive campgrounds are also available for those who prefer one. A total of seven comfort stations with restrooms and showers are available in the park, and there are two on-site waste dump stations.

In addition to the tent and RV campgrounds, Tenkiller State Park guests may choose from 38 cabins, ranging from one to three-bedroom styles. All the cabins, except for the three-bedroom models, are duplexes. Cabins are equipped for the maximum number of guests with linens, full kitchens, heat, air conditioning and satellite television. In addition, many cabins are pet friendly. (Please see their website or call the park office for more details.) Book your lodging directly through Tenkiller State Park.

Parking: If you are renting a cabin or a campsite for the feast, each family will be given a free parking pass for ONE vehicle. If you have more than one vehicle, you will have to pay for a daily parking pass for each vehicle that exceeds the one. Parking passes are \$10/day for anyone who resides outside of Oklahoma, and \$8/day for Oklahoma residents. *PLEASE NOTE: if you are planning to share a cabin or campsite with another person or family, only ONE of the vehicles per site will be given a free parking pass.

Service Opportunities

Parental assistance with your children will be needed during events and church services.

Registration and Contact Information

If you decide that you would like to join us this year or if you have any questions that weren't addressed in the information on this page, please let us know by contacting Bridgette, our Feast Coordinator, at: cogisbridgette@gmail.com

We would also love your email to include a short description about yourself/your family... like who's coming, the ages of your children, and some of your/your family's favorite F.O.T. activities that you've experienced in the past. We would also love for you to list a couple of your favorite hymns or worship songs. And lastly, we would love for you to include a topic (or two) that you would like to hear about in a message or discuss as a group in a Bible study.

The Enduring Dream A walk in the woods

Feast Schedule

This year's theme for the Feast of Tabernacles is: Kingdom Treasures. Our planned fellowship events include a "White Elephant Get Acquainted Night," a "Campfire S'mores Sing-Along Night," a Bible Study Night, a "BBQ Picnic and Lawn Games Afternoon," our annual "Wine and Cheese Social," a "Gift Basket Raffle Night," and a "Clear Your Tabernacle Fellowship Meal." The following information will give you more details about our planned events.

White Elephant/Get Acquainted Night:

A White Elephant gift exchange involves bringing wrapped, anonymous gifts to a gathering, then taking turns opening and potentially stealing them from one another. The goal is to have fun with the gift selection and the swapping process, with the game ending after all gifts have been opened and a set number of steals have occurred. Here's a more detailed breakdown of the rules:

Gift Preparation: Wrapped and Anonymous: Each person who would like to participate brings a wrapped gift, making it impossible to guess the contents or the giver. It doesn't have to be an expensive gift, and it can even be a silly gag gift. We just ask that you bring something that's new or in good condition.

Gameplay: Number Drawing: Participants draw numbers to determine the order in which they'll select gifts.

Opening and Stealing: The first person opens a wrapped gift. Subsequent players can either open a new gift or steal one from someone else.

Gift Retirement: A gift can only be stolen once per turn. A gift is usually retired after being stolen a set number of times (often three).

Game End: The game typically ends when all wrapped gifts are opened and the final player has had a turn.

F.O.T. Get Acquainted Rules: When it's each person's turn, before choosing or stealing a gift, they must first introduce themselves. We want to hear things like, where you're from, tell us about your family--married with children/grandchildren, what you do for a living, how many years you've been attending the Feast of Tabernacles, etc., etc.

Additional Tips: Consider Gag Gifts: White Elephant is a great opportunity for fun, silly, or unexpected gifts. Be Creative: The gift wrapping itself can be part of the fun and mystery. Have Fun: The goal is to enjoy the exchange and the playfulness of the game.

Campfire S'mores Sing-Along Night:

Bring your musical instruments (or just your voices), graham crackers, and your favorite chocolates for a fun night of campfire fellowship. *But be sure to pre-purchase your kosher marshmallows before the Feast, as they are usually only found online. Amazon is a great place to find them.*

Wine and Cheese Social:

This has been a favorite event for many years. Everyone brings one bottle of their favorite wine (or a wine they'd like to try), a favorite or interesting cheese, as well as anything you feel would pair well, like fruits, chocolates, olives, nuts, etc. We then set everything out in our best charcuterie style for everyone to share and enjoy fellowship. We also vote on our favorite wine and wine/food pairing.

Gift Basket Raffle:

Everyone who is able and would like to participate brings one (or more) gift baskets filled with goodies to be raffled off. Each basket usually has a theme. Some baskets in the past were filled with items that focused on that year's Feast theme, some were fall-themed, some were Bible & scripture-themed, some were kid-themed, some were coffee or tea-themed, some were filled with homemade edible goodies, some were filled with crafty or handmade goods, etc., etc. We sell raffle tickets throughout the Feast for \$1 per ticket. Each basket will be assigned a number, and

you will put your raffle ticket into the container associated with the basket you hope to win. Raffle tickets will be blindly drawn from each container to try and give everyone a chance to win. However, there is no limit to the number of tickets that you can put in each container to try and win. Ticket sales go towards the cost of the meeting room and other such items needed to host a fun feast for everyone. Reminder: This year's theme is Kingdom Treasures.

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Area Attractions

Tenkiller State Park features two multi-use trails and one nature trail. The multi-use trail is a handicap accessible, paved trail 1.5 miles in length.

Also located on-site, the Pine Cove Marina, which offers fuel, snacks and boat rentals, as well as the floating Clearwater Café.

Tenkiller State Park also has “The Driftwood Nature Center” with a full-time Naturalist on staff.

Other facility amenities include:

- *Indoor Meeting Room
- *Amphitheater
- *Grills
- *Lake Access
- *Lake/River Views
- *Picnic Areas Throughout The Park *Playground
- *Volleyball Court
- *Basketball Court
- *Four Group Pavillions
- *Outdoor Pool
- *Restroom
- *Showers
- *Restaurant On Site

*Swim Beach

*Office Wifi

*Pets Allowed

*Gift Shop

***Credit Cards Accepted**

If you are looking for other things to do in the areas surrounding Tenkiller State Park, here are a few links for you to check out:

Things to do in Tenkiller Lake Area

Things to do in Green County

Places to eat

Fishing License Cost and Information:

For those who may be interested in fishing, if you are 18 and up, you will need to purchase an Oklahoma fishing license first. Oklahoma residents can buy an annual license for \$31, or you can purchase daily licenses for \$11. Non-Oklahoma residents can buy an annual license for \$81 and a daily license for \$26.

If you are a Texas resident who is 65 or older, you can take advantage of the reciprocal agreement between Oklahoma and Texas. This agreement allows anyone 65 and older to fish in Oklahoma without having to buy a license.