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Each year the administration of The Church of God, a Worldwide Association is required to update the Strategic Plan (this is a five year plan and is an update since some goals previously given in prior strategic plans have been accomplished) and give an Operations Plan for the upcoming year. These plans (Strategic and Operations) are presented to the Ministerial Board of Directors in December for their approval. I thought I would give you a few highlights of these two plans that would be areas for your prayers.

There were four strategic issues addressed in the report:

- #1 Facility Development – The major goal was the HQ office building which is now virtually complete. One issue left: “We still have to finish our studio before we will have the ability to produce the quality productions that we desire.
- #2 Leadership Development and Training – This involves both the national (United States) and international areas.

In the U.S. the Focused Mentoring Program is ongoing. Locally we have had two couples finish the 12 month program – Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. David Gatley. We deeply appreciate their service. Also Mr. and Mrs. Craig Hoyer have just entered the twelve month course of instruction for 2020.

The administration conducted 10 leadership training workshops in 10 different international areas in 2019. The plan now is to begin Focused Mentoring Programs in each of the areas for selected couples in each of these areas. Your prayers would be appreciated for these programs.

- #3 Preaching the Gospel – “Plans for 2020 include expanding all areas of media – video, print, advertising and our presence on the Internet. Our primary focus for Life, Hope & Truth is to employ several strategies for increasing our traffic.”
- #4 Infrastructure Upgrade – “We are facing a crisis in several countries in Africa, where it is now illegal to meet in private facilities, including homes. One member was recently arrested for having a Bible study in his home. He spent two nights in jail and was assessed a fine. We are being required to have an actual physical address for services in these countries, or we cannot legally register the Church of even hold services. In this next year we are committed to upgrading our facilities around the world, but especially in Africa. For an investment of \$10,000 to \$15,000, we can construct a modest building that can be used as the legal address for the Church and a location for Sabbath and holy day services.”

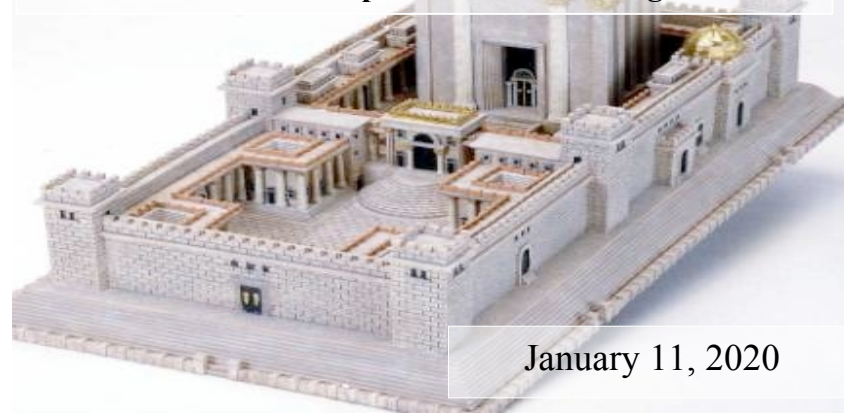
These are all areas about which to be praying.

We will cover a little more next time. However, I did not wish to conclude today without giving a list of the projected/proposed U.S. and U.S.-managed Feast sites for 2020: They are listed inside at the bottom of page three.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	5:48pm	5:52pm	5:57pm
Sunset Friday 1-17	5:53pm	5:57pm	6:01pm

# Church of God South Texas

## Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



January 11, 2020

### Victoria

Sermonette: Steve Ruiz  
Sermon: Jim Chapman

### Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Gabe Dempsey  
Sermon: Steve Moody

### Harlingen

Sermonette: In Accord  
Sermon: Michael Watts

“The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord,  
but the words of the pure are pleasant.”

Proverbs 15:26

## Announcements and Schedule

<b>Sabbath 1-11</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
<b>Sabbath 1-18</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlingen.

### Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

**San Antonio Pot Luck:** The next potluck will be on February 1.

**5th Annual Goose Island Campout:** On the weekend of Friday February 21st through Sunday February 23rd the Corpus Christi congregation will be hosting their 5th annual Goose Island State Park Campout. Goose Island State Park is located about 10 miles north of Rockport, TX. Weekend activities will include a Sabbath Bible Study, campfire fellowship, and a telescope star/planet viewing party after the Sabbath ends. Sabbath Services for Corpus Christi will be held at the campout, there will be no local services.

### 2020 Feast Sites

San Diego, CA/Tucson, AZ	Park City, UT
Kerrville, TX	Lancaster, PA
Branson, MO	Victoria, BC
Myrtle Beach, SC	Fort Myers, FL (a satellite site)
Orange Beach, AL	Cincinnati, OH (a satellite site)
*Loutraki, Greece – Managed by U.S./MS Minnesota (a satellite)	