

From the Pastor

In the webinar conducted on January 8 the current statistics for the number of congregations and elders in the worldwide word was given. The numbers are as follows:

U.S. congregations – 107

Congregations outside the U.S. – 163

This gives a total of 270 congregations worldwide.

These congregations are served by 69 pastors. There are 47 pastors in the U.S. which means there are 22 pastors serving the other congregations in the rest of the world. There are a total of 210 elders worldwide. The only contact that a number of members in the world have is through the Internet. Please keep your brethren around the world in your prayers.

Mr. Doug Horchak, who oversees Ministerial Services, stated four important goals for this department. They are:

1. To engage and develop the younger generation in the work of the Church; and, to encourage service in the local congregations.
2. To provide support, continuing education, and development opportunities for our lay membership, families and the ministry.
3. To continue to develop leadership and pastoral development tools to effectively address future needs for new pastors and growth within the Church in the U.S. and around the world.
4. Anticipate needs and plan ways to serve congregations and church circuits when/if the current pastor can no longer serve fulltime when we have no currently trained men to replace him.

Obviously, if time goes on, more and more current church pastors will need to be replaced when they retire or are no longer able to serve as they now do. That is an area in which we all need to be entreating God for His blessing and guidance. We will finish the report next time.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	6:03pm	6:06pm	6:10pm
Sunset Friday 2-3	6:08pm	6:11pm	6:15pm

Church of God South Texas
Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



January 28, 2017

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: DVD
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

Sermon/Bible Study: Arnold Mendez

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course [literally – may run] and be glorified, just as it is with you.”

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 1/28	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 2/4	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Chapman will be in Victoria. Mr. Palmer will be in San Antonio. Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Watts will deliver split sermons in Harlingen.

Guest Speaker from Allen, TX

On Sabbath, February 18, 2017 Dr. Ralph Levy, an instructor for Foundation Institute in Allen, TX, will be the guest speaker in San Antonio. We look forward to his visit.

FOI Ghana Camp Project - Summer of 2017

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults to serve in mid-August in the West African country of Ghana. Ideally, we would like two young adult men and two young adult women from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who are interested in serving on the activity staff at our teen/youth camp in Ghana in summer of 2017. This project will be a total of 12 to 14 days in length.

We recommend you visit the FOI website (accessible from the COGWA member website). If you are seriously interested in any of these unique service projects, please pick up copies of both the fact sheet (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the ATTACHED FULL application. Note: Please submit this FULL APPLICATION (available at the information table or attached to this email). DO NOT submit the short, interest application from the website. The deadline for applying is April 7, 2017, so get your application in soon!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tom Clark at thomas.clark@cogwa.org, or Doug Horchak at doug.horchak@cogwa.org.

Dallas - Fort Worth 2017 Spring Holy Days Dinner and Dance

On April the 15th, the Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread, the Fort Worth congregation will again be hosting a combined Sabbath Service for the Dallas and Ft Worth congregations at the beautiful Marriott Solana Hotel in Westlake Texas (near the DFW Airport).

Later that evening, we will have a full 3 course dinner served and then

dance to a live band as we celebrate the Festival together. The hotel has agreed to hold their pricing to what they did for us in 2014.

All rooms will be \$99.00 a night and include a full complementary buffet breakfast for 2 and the meals will be a choice ranging from \$34. to \$39. depending upon the entree chosen. As this is during the Feast Days, it is an appropriate use of 2nd Tithe if you so choose.

Please hold the date and add it to your calendars. Full details on reserving a room, meal selections and reservations will follow by the end of January. Again, the date is April the 15th – the Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The schedule for the next potluck will change. On February 11 the Family Life Center will be used by the Church of Christ congregation. As a result the potluck in San Antonio will have to be rescheduled. Services on that day will be in the main Auditorium.

Harlingen Bible Study & Potluck: The next Bible Study/potluck is scheduled for January 28.

Corpus Christi Bible Study & Brown bag: The next Bible Study/brown bag is scheduled for February 11.

Corpus Christi Goose Island Campout: is scheduled for February 24-26. There will be no local Sabbath services, they will be held at the campout.