

From the Pastor

During the Feast of Tabernacles in 1984 in Biloxi, Mississippi (which came in October as well—October 11-18) a local TV station reporter approached me for an interview (the coordination of the Biloxi Feast site was my responsibility from 1982-1987). In those years in WCG the Feast made a major impact on the local communities in which the Feast was held. The Biloxi Feast site averaged from 6,000 to 8,000 people during those years.

1984 was an election year as well. President Reagan was seeking his second term. The first question from the reporter went something like “Who does your church support in this year’s election?” My answer threw her whole line of questioning totally out the window. I answered that we were apolitical (we are not connected with political matters). She stammered and paused while she recovered. She finally asked what we were doing here in Biloxi. This opened the door for me to explain the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles. The piece that ran was fairly accurate. Later, a local newspaper reporter also asked for an interview and ran a fairly lengthy and accurate article.

Due to our small size we seldom have the local media seek us out for interviews anymore. But, if they did, what would we have said during this election year? The election is over. We know that Donald Trump is the president-elect. What does that mean? My answer is the same. We are apolitical.

There are a few scriptures that reveal God’s involvement in such affairs:

Daniel 2:20-21 “Daniel answered and said, ‘Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings...’”

Daniel 4:17 “This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men.”

Ephesians 1:11 “In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will...”

God will see that the rulers are in place who will accomplish His purpose. One very important purpose is to have man see that no human can bring about lasting solutions to the problems confronting mankind.

What we need to do is pray that God will provide the conditions that we need to accomplish the work He has given us to do—to preach His gospel and feed those whom God calls.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	5:32pm	5:36pm	5:40pm
Sunset Tuesday 11-25	5:31pm	5:34pm	5:39pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



November 19, 2016

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: DVD
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

“Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.’”

Isaiah 46:9-10

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 11/19	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 11/26	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. There will be a DVD in San Antonio. Mr. Gonzalez will present the sermon in Harlingen. Mr. Bill Palmer will be in Victoria.

Winter Camp:

Winter Camp is only weeks away. This year's camp will run from Monday, Dec. 26, through Sunday, Jan. 1. The camper application deadline is Nov. 15. For more information and to apply online, please visit the COGWA Youth Camps website at <http://camps.cogwa.org>.

From Mark Winner, coordinator, Winter Family Weekend:

We are once again offering a webcast from the Winter Family Weekend in Louisville on the Sabbath of Dec. 24. This webcast will start at 2:15 p.m. Eastern time, with services beginning at 2:30 p.m. The webcast link will be available at COGWA.TV prior to Sabbath. If you have the ability to connect to COGWA.TV and would like to connect to the webcast, please see Mr. Moody for the password.

Friday Night Live:

Join us tonight, Friday evening, Nov. 18, for our "Friday Night Live" webcast Bible study, which will begin at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain and 5 p.m. Pacific).

This month's study, presented by Paul Carter, is titled "Hope and Trust in God." Getting a vision of the promises ahead for us can be easy. The picture God gives us through the holy days just seems to come together. We can have a strong hope and complete trust in all that God has prepared for us—from the place of safety and the resurrection to eternal life, the Millennium and beyond. But do we have that same hope and trust in our daily lives? Do we have a disconnect between our beliefs and our actions? Our hope and belief system should form a foundation for our lives that everything else builds upon. What we do day to day, and what we prepare for in the future, should have the same strong foundation. That's tonight, on Friday Night Live!

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next potluck will be December 3.