

From the Pastor

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It is with great sadness that we received the news of the death of a long time daughter of our Father, Billie Sue McNair. Her husband, Burk, and she have been lived by God's truth for over 60 years. They both have been faithful servants of God's people for well over 50 of those years. Billie Sue's service has come to an end. But, the memory of her sparkling personality, her good humor and her love will not.

My wife and I have known the McNairs for over 40 years. Mr. McNair was the Regional Director (or, District Superintendent – I don't remember now the designation of that day) in Nashville, TN when we were assisting Roy Demarest (and later Ron Reedy) in Bowling Green, KY. In February of 1975 I was riding back from a regional conference in Louisville, KY with Mr. McNair. He informed me that I was to become the pastor of the Bowling Green, KY congregation as of that month. This was my first pastorate.

Mr. McNair was (and still is) one of the most "down to earth" personable persons I know. Billie Sue was the same way. They never put on "airs." They were always warm, friendly, loving and giving. Burk still is. We spent over nine years together working side by side in San Antonio from 1988 to 1997. He was a great mentor then and still is.

We are comforted by the words of God. Billie Sue McNair has gone to sleep. But, God willing, if we keep the faith as she did, we will see her again when Jesus Christ returns. The sorrow we experience should not be, as Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 4:13, "as others who have no hope." We are missing someone we love. But, God's promise is that we will see them again, if we keep the faith "firm unto the end."

The McNair family needs our expressions of love and support. Please keep them in your prayers.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	6:09pm	6:12pm	6:16pm
Sunset Friday 2-10	6:14pm	6:16pm	6:20pm

Church of God South Texas
Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



February 4, 2017

Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Mark Monsivais
Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Split Sermon: Gilbert Gonzalez
Split Sermon: Michael Watts

"But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope."

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 2/4	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, Harlingen, and Victoria. San Antonio will meet in the main Auditorium and NOT the Family Life Center
Sabbath 2/11	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, Harlingen, and Victoria. San Antonio will again meet in the main Auditorium and NOT the Family Life Center. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi.

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.

Goose Island State Park Campout

On the weekend of Friday February 24th through Sunday February 26th the Corpus Christi congregation will be hosting their 2nd annual Goose Island State Park Campout. Goose Island State Park is located about 10 miles north of Rockport, TX.

We are planning on having a group meal together on Friday evening and also a Sabbath meal together. The Corpus Christ congregation will be supplying the main course and drinks for the Sabbath meal. We ask that those joining us for the meal please bring side dishes, and desserts.

Weekend activities will include a Sabbath Bible Study, campfire fellowship, and a telescope star/planet viewing party after the Sabbath ends.

Last year we had about 70 participants from 4 different church areas, this year we are hoping to host many more. This will be a great activity for hiking, biking, fishing, and fellowshiping.

There is a handout that is available on the information desk (or from the pastor), which contains more information. Or you may go the Corpus Christi COGWA website where an announcement is posted and the handout can be downloaded and printed out.

If you have any question feel free to contact Arnold Mendez, Sr.
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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.

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