

***From the Pastor***

Yesterday (Wednesday) we just returned from a very positive and encouraging international ministerial conference. We ran the gamut of emotions. We laughed until we cried. We had tears of joy for those who were recognized for 50 years of dedicated and faithful service to God and His people. We had tears of sorrow for the loss of a brother in the faith (Todd Carey) and for Gloria, his wife, and his sons, Justin and Bronson, who are without the support of a loving husband and father. Please remember them in your prayers.

This was probably the best conference we have had in Cogwa. However, in another way, this conference was simply a continuation of the spirit that was present at Louisville when Cogwa began. Not once in all of these years have we encountered any negative spirit among the ministers and their wives. This has been very refreshing; and, it is as it should be.

The presentations given by Messrs. Franks, Horchak, Kilough, and Meeker were encouraging and helpful. I believe much of this material will be made available through different vehicles in the future. If the brochure sent from HQ concerning the conference is still on the information table, it will give a good summary of these presentations.

As always, one of the most inspiring sections of the conference was the time allotted for the international reports. These reports were given by Messrs. David Baker (Asia, Australia, New Zealand), Arnold Hampton (Caribbean), Joel Meeker (all French speaking areas of Europe and Africa), Saul Langarica (Latin America), and Steve Tshabalala (Zimbabwe). All of these reports highlighted the diversity of the many people God has called to be in the firstfruits of His family. All of these many diverse people believe the same truth and are looking forward to the return of God's Son to restore God's rule to this earth. We must remember that over half of the members of Cogwa live outside of the United States. We must remember them in our prayers for they live in such a different world than we do.

Those recognized for their 50 years of faithful service produced some of the tears of joy. These couples were mentioned in the brochure, but I want to give them here as well.

Jim and Barbara Chapman  
Roy and Pauline Demarest (Vivian and I were the first ministerial trainee couple they mentored.)  
Bruce and Phyllis Gore  
Greg and Marian Sargent  
Larry and Linda Neff

Again, the conference was filled with information that both encouraged and inspired. We really appreciated your prayers for the success of the conference. They were answered.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	8:19pm	8:18pm	8:16pm
Sunset Friday 6-2	8:22pm	8:21pm	8:19pm



**Victoria**

*Sermon:* Steve Moody

**Corpus Christi**

*Sermonette:* Arnold Mendez, Jr.  
*Sermon:* Arnold Mendez, Sr.

**Harlingen**

*Sermonette:* Orlando Mascorro  
*Sermon:* DVD

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”  
Psalm 133:1

## Announcements and Schedule

<b>Sabbath 5/27</b>	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, & Victoria.
<b>Sabbath 6/3</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Mendez will be in Harlingen. Corpus Christi will have a DVD sermon. Mr. Moody will be in San Antonio. Mr. Chapman will be in Victoria.
<b>Sunday 6/4 Pentecost</b>	San Antonio will meet with Austin in Austin. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria in the regular location at 10:00 a.m. and Corpus Christi in the regular location at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Mendez will be in Harlingen for services in the regular time and place.

### 2017 Camp Applications

#### Camp Carter:

##### Dates:

July 2-9, 2017  
Staff arrives July 1

##### Deadline for Applications:

June 1, 2017

#### Camp Lone Star:

##### Dates:

June 11-14, 2017  
Staff arrives June 10

#### Camp Scholarships:

We want to remind everyone that partial camp fee scholarships are available. We cannot pay for travel, and we like families to contribute some of the camp fee, but are happy to help if you need assistance. Contact the camp director to start the process of applying for a scholarship.

#### FT 2017: Festival Youth Instruction Volunteers

This year we will once again be offering Festival Youth Instruction at many U.S. Festival sites—and we will need volunteers to teach these lessons. Unfortunately, the option to volunteer for Festival Youth Instruction was inadvertently left off on the first day of registration. So if you registered for the Feast on Sunday, April 16, and would be willing to serve on our Festival Youth Instruction teaching team, please go back to

the COGWA member portal, log in, click on “Feast of Tabernacles 2017” and then click on the “Edit Your Registration” button and add Festival Youth Instruction under the service areas. Thank you for your dedication to our children!

### Harlingen Announcement-Church Thermostat

Please do not move the church thermostat. Mr. Mendez has given that responsibility to Michael Watts. If the thermostat can be moved by anyone at anytime it creates "thermal confusion." Mr. Watts has been instructed to set it at 72 degrees. This means the temperature will be the same each Sabbath and people can dress accordingly. Thanks for your help with this issue.

### Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

**San Antonio Potluck:** The next regularly scheduled potluck is July 1. There will be no potluck on June 3.

**Harlingen:** June 3<sup>rd</sup> Bible Study and meal and social after services at the home of Michael Watts.

**Pentecost:** June 4.