

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 5/28	Regular locations and times for San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Services in Corpus Christi will be at the home of Jay and Sue Hensley.
Sabbath 6/4	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen and Victoria.

Feast of Tabernacles Housing Reservations:

Festival housing reservation can begin on May 23 at 10:00 a.m. **in the time zone of the site you are planning to attend.**

Housing reservations for those who qualify for special needs (Please see your festival adviser to see who qualifies for special needs.) may begin on May 15.

The Victoria, British Columbia Feast site will be handled as a U.S. Feast site. This means that you will not need special permission from the Feast site coordinator to attend. Attendance will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis up to the capacity of the Feast site.

Prayer Requests and Updates: None

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: June 4, 2016

Harlingen Potluck and Bible Study: June 11, 2016 (the Sabbath before Pentecost).

Pentecost: Sunday, June 12, 2016

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:15pm	8:14pm	8:13pm
Sunset Friday 5-27	8:19pm	8:18pm	8:16pm



Victoria

Sermon: Jack Hendren

Corpus Christi

Sermon/Bible Study: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts

Sermon: Gilbert Gonzalez

“And the Lord said, ‘Who then is that faithful and wise steward, who his master will make ruler over his household...’”

Luke 12:42

From the Pastor

In the webinar on Sunday, May 15 Mr. Franks listed several physical issues at the office in Allen that need to be addressed due to the growth of the Work. They are:

1. A functional mail room. Currently the mail room is in a closet with inventory (booklets, etc.) kept in a separate rented space off site. As the need for mailing literature increases so does the need for a better mail facility.
2. Updated studio and recording facilities. As more video material is being produced the need for better production facilities has increased. The current area of the office used for these purposes was not designed to accommodate a recording facility.
3. Larger Foundation Institute (FI) classroom space. The current space because of fire codes can only accommodate 26 students. This year over that number have applied.
4. Larger conference room. The current conference room can only seat 12 at the table. Some conferences have had over 20 participants and require filling all available space with chairs.
5. More office space. Currently all cubicles and offices are occupied. Some offices have more than one person/office.

Mr. Franks then listed the three options that will be considered for addressing these needs. They are:

1. Lease office space in another facility. There is no more space available at the current location. Therefore, leasing different office space in other facility that would have more available room is one option.
2. Purchase an existing building that would have the needed space. This would require use of some reserves for the down payment.
3. Purchase land and build a building. This would also require the use of some reserves for the down payment on land and securing a loan for building the building.

Mr. Franks then gave two qualifications for any decision. They are:

1. We will not adversely affect cash reserves. We want to maintain prudent cash reserves.
2. We want to keep our monthly costs (compared to current monthly rent and utilities' costs) roughly the same.

Mr. Franks then stated three things we will not do. They are:

1. We will not create another office complex like the one in Pasadena.
2. We will not create another college.
3. We will not have any luxury offices.

A decision must be made by January 2017 on what option we will pursue. Currently an independent firm has been engaged to provide three possibilities for each of the three options mentioned above. These will be presented to the administration who will make a recommendation to the Ministerial Board of Directors.

Mr. Franks stressed that we truly need the prayers of God's people to seek God's guidance in making the decision on which option to choose.

More next time.