

From the Pastor

An important aspect of the New Testament meaning of the Feast of Pentecost is the Holy Spirit (as clearly seen in the events of the Pentecost of Acts 2). On Pentecost in 31 A.D. God began to build His New Testament Church by giving His Spirit to the 120 disciples who were assembled keeping this Feast of God.

Many go to great lengths to describe the Godhead as a trinity of beings—three beings (persons) in one god. This false concept has become the basis of the view of the Godhead in churches today though it did not take its final shape until late in the fourth century A.D.

The word “trinity” is never used in the Scriptures though some will persist in quoting 1 John 5:7-8 to prove that the concept of the “trinity” is biblical. These verses in the NKJV are, “For there are three who bear witness [in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth:] the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.”

All reputable theologians recognize that the words that are enclosed in brackets above are spurious additions that are not supported by the vast majority of Greek manuscripts.

The margin of the 1983 NKJV published and copywrited by Thomas Nelson has this footnote, “a passage found in Greek in only four or five very late mss. [manuscripts].”

The Jamieson, Faussett, and Brown (JFB) “Commentary on the Whole Bible” gives the following comment:

“The only Greek MSS. in any form which support the words [the words in brackets above] are the Montfortianus of Dublin, copied evidently from the modern Latin Vulgate; the Ravianus, copied from the Complutensian Polyglot; a MS. at Naples, with the words added in the margin by a recent hand; Ottobonianus, 298, of the fifteenth century, the Greek of which is a mere translation of the accompanying Latin. All the old versions [of the Vulgate] omit the words. The oldest MSS. Of the Vulgate omit them; the earliest Vulgate MS. which has them being Wizanburgensis, 99, of the eighth century.”

Scholars recognize that even the Greek manuscripts that have these words are translations of the Latin Vulgate. In other words, they are a product of the church at Rome.

The JFB, however, goes at some length using human reason to show “There must be some mystical truth implied by using “three” (Greek) in the masculine, though the antecedents, ‘Spirit, water, and blood,’ are neuter.”

The bracketed material above was added because the concept of three persons (beings) in a trinity cannot be found anywhere in the Scriptures. The trinity is a concoction of man’s reasoning. It was neither in God’s mind nor the minds of His people.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:06pm	8:06pm	8:05pm
Sunset Friday 5-12	8:10pm	8:09pm	8:08pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



May 6, 2017

Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Mark Monsivais

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Orlando Mascorro

Sermon: DVD

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

1 John 5:14-15

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 5/6	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, & Victoria.
Sabbath 5/13	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlingen. Mr. Moody will be in San Antonio and Victoria.

2017 Camp Applications

Camp Carter: Dates:

July 2-9, 2017

Deadline for Applications: June 1, 2017

Staff deadline is May 15, 2017

Camp Lone Star: Dates:

June 11-14, 2017

Deadline for Applications: Campers and staff - May 1, 2017

Festival registration

We would like to remind all COGWA members who have not registered for this year's Feast of Tabernacles to please do so by Monday, May 15. Registering during this time period is very helpful for festival planning. While no U.S. sites are full, we do have some sites that are very near capacity. Even if you are unable to attend the Feast this year, we request that you register and indicate such.

IN ADDITION, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL MEMBERS KNOW

- If you already registered for the Feast, you should have received a confirmation email in return. If you did not receive a confirmation email, please re-register and make sure it is completed correctly.
- We would like to remind everyone that we have new U.S. sites this year. If you are still deciding where to attend, we would like to make you aware that these two sites still have plenty of room. Please consider attending one of these attractive options:

Redmond, Oregon – located in eastern Oregon.

San Diego, California – located in the beautiful coastal city in Southern California. This year we will be at a new hotel—the refurbished Crown Plaza Hotel.

Thank you very much for taking the time to register and letting us know

what your plans are. Again, we encourage everyone to complete the registration process by Monday, May 15.

Early housing reservations also begin on Monday, May 15. Beginning on Monday, May 22, general housing reservations will be accepted. In addition, everyone who registers for the Feast will receive an email offering an opportunity to serve.

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!

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly scheduled potluck is May 6.

Corpus Christi: May 20th Brown Bag Social after services.

Harlingen: June 3rd Bible Study and Pot Luck Social after services.

Second Passover: May 10, 2017, is the second Passover day, with services conducted shortly after sunset the night before (Tuesday evening, May 9).

Pentecost: June 4