

From the Pastor

In the webinar on Sunday, May 15 the final presentations were by Mr. Leon Walker, the international liaison, and Mr. Britton Taylor, the church's treasurer.

I did not take many notes on these two presentations since much of what they covered would be put on *In Accord* or would be published in *One Accord*.

Mr. Walker spent most of his time relating all of the travels various individuals had made for the Spring Feasts. Many of the headquarters ministers and, of course, the regional pastors for the various international regions traveled to sites around the world. Their plans were to go to many of the more remote or "out-of-the-way" places where there were fewer members who seldom had ministerial visits from outside of the region. These brethren seldom got together with much larger groups except at the Feast of Tabernacles. The desire was to give these isolated members more of a sense of inclusion with the worldwide work. Though perhaps only 10-15 people were able to assemble for these Feasts (Passover and the two feast days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread), all (ministers and members) were greatly appreciative of and were positively benefited by this opportunity to spend these Feasts of God together.

Mr. Walker did give a few statistics about the Spring Feasts outside of the United States. There were 1928 that were able to assemble for the Passover worldwide. This did not include those who kept the Passover at home or who were eligible for the Second Passover.

3870 assembled around the world to keep the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and 3651 assemble for the last day of Unleavened Bread.

Mr. Britton Taylor followed Mr. Walker with the treasurer's report. He mentioned that the annual audit had been completed and the work had received an unqualified report from the auditors (i.e. everything was as it should be). He mentioned that the financial report would be printed in *One Accord*.

He did give a few statistics. 2015 ended with an income around \$11,000,000 which was \$500,000 above budget. Expenses came in at \$10,700,000 which was \$200,000 above budget. As you can see the expenses came in below income – which is always a good thing.

He then mentioned again that the work should reach its goal this year for reserves in the bank. We would like to have 8-10 weeks of income in the bank (as reserves) at the lowest point for income of the year (the month before the Feast of Tabernacles). This amount is between 1.7 million and 2.1 million dollars for reserves. This targeted amount should be achieved this year.

Please remember to thank God for His many blessings on the Work as we continue to strive to accomplish the commission He has given us.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Sabbath 6-11	8:26pm	8:25pm	8:23pm
Sunset Friday 6-17	8:28pm	8:27pm	8:25pm



Weekly Sabbath 6-11-16	Pentecost 6-12-16
<u>Victoria</u>	<u>Victoria</u>
<i>Sermon:</i> Jim Chapman	<i>Sermon:</i> Steve Moody
<u>Corpus Christi</u>	<u>Corpus Christi</u>
<i>Split Sermon:</i> DVD <i>Split Sermon:</i> Mark Monsivais	<i>Sermonette:</i> Mark Monsivais <i>Sermon:</i> Steve Moody
<u>Harlingen</u>	<u>Harlingen</u>
<i>Sermon:</i> Arnold Mendez <i>Bible Study:</i> Arnold Mendez	<i>Sermonette:</i> Michael Watts <i>Sermon:</i> Arnold Mendez

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”
Ephesians 1:3

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 6/11	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Passover 6/12 Pentecost	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, Harlingen, and Victoria. San Antonio will combine with Austin in Austin. Services in Austin will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Norris Conference Center, 2525 W. Anderson Lane #365, Austin, TX 78757. Steve Moody will be in Victoria & Corpus Christi at the regular service times. Arnold Mendez will be in Harlingen, TX.

Updates

Member Letter for June 9, 2016 has been posted on the Corpus Christi-Harlingen COGWA website. If you need a printed copy please see the pastor.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: July 9, 2016

Pentecost: Please see information in the box on the left.

Harlingen Potluck, Bible Study and Restaurant Meal: June 11, 2016 (the Sabbath before Pentecost) the Harlingen Church will have a Bible Study and potluck following morning services. The Harlingen Church will also meet the evening of the 11th for a combined restaurant meal. Location: Los Asados Mexican Restaurant 210 N. 77 Sunshine Strip, Harlingen TX . Time: 7 PM.

Corpus Christi Picnic Lunch and Bible Study: On the Sabbath of July 30th The Corpus Christi congregation will be having a Bible Study following services and then a picnic, brown bag social. Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own food.