

From the Pastor

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week (September 14 & 15), the headquarters administration conducted two days (five hours each day) of continuing education classes for the full-time ministry and employees of the Church.

Some of the material was simply employee related. For example, Mr. Britt Taylor, the Church's Treasurer and Risk Manager, covered material on insurance and gave a human resource update. Each year Mr. Taylor must negotiate with our insurance carrier to obtain optimum premium rates. The past two years our insurance carrier has not raised our insurance premiums as a result of these negotiations. Please be praying for God's blessing that we continue to have this favorable treatment. This provides the Work with beneficial financial savings.

As Treasurer Mr. Taylor did mention (as he did on last week's In Accord) that the year-to-date income was up 6% over last year's income at this time. This amounted to a 10% increase over what was budgeted. We thank God deeply for His continued blessings.

Mr. Horchak (Director of Ministerial Services) started Wednesday's sessions with introductory remarks and then a review of the new Christian Leadership Training Program manual that was recently sent to all pastors. We will use this material locally as we are able.

Mr. Taylor's presentation was next.

The afternoon session was conducted by Mr. Jim Franks. His session was titled "Dealing With the Spirit World." Though this is not a subject that is regularly dealt with, the ministry must occasionally deal with certain issues that arise in this area from time to time. Most of us in the ministry have had to deal with such issues (various people's contact and involvement with spirits). Therefore, it is a subject that needs to be addressed periodically (especially for those who are new to the pastoral ministry).

There were three sessions on Thursday as well.

The morning session was presented by Mr. Clyde Kilough (Media Director) and was titled "Preaching, Teaching and the Power of Storytelling." From the title you can see that the session was directed toward helping the ministry improve our speaking by the effective use of telling stories or accounts that help illustrate or enhance the points of a message.

This session was followed one given by Dave Evans concerning the various aspect of record keeping and reporting that we in the ministry must do on a monthly basis.

The concluding session was by Mr. Doug Horchak, again. It was titled "Responding to Criticism." In all of our Christian conduct we must learn to respond to all of life's situations as Jesus did.

The sessions each day were followed by a Question and Answer period. All in all the two days were very helpful.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	7:31pm	7:32pm	7:33pm
Sunset Friday 9-23	7:24pm	7:25pm	7:27pm

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Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



September 17, 2016

Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Split Sermon: DVD

Split Sermon: Gilbert Gonzalez

"O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. O LORD, correct me, but with justice; not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing."

Jeremiah 10:23-24

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 9/17	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 9/24	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlingen.

Friday Night Live--COGWA Bible Study for Young Adults:

Join us this Friday evening, Sept. 16, for our next "Friday Night Live" webcast Bible study, which will begin at 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain and 5 p.m. Pacific).

This month's study is titled "Personality and Character: What Role Does Each Play in How We Get Along with One Another?" Psalm 133:1 states, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" We tend to know it when we see it, but why is it sometimes extremely difficult to get along with certain people? Some chalk it up to personality differences, while others cite character flaws as the culprit. We'll examine God's Word on these subjects while offering tools (for example, discernment and understanding) on how to enhance our relationships with one another in the faith. If you have any questions you would like to see covered in the study this week, please submit them to Andy Burnett at andy.burnett@cogwa.org.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next potluck will be between the Feast of Trumpets services on October 3 in the Family Life Center of the Church of Christ in San Antonio.

Corpus Christi COGWA members-Sabbath Brown Bag Social: We will be having a Brown Bag social after Sabbath services on Sept. 17th. Please bring a meal with you and after services we will enjoy the meal and fellowshiping. If you have any questions contact Arnold Mendez.

Feast of Trumpets (October 3-Monday):

San Antonio – Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Victoria – Service will be at 10:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi and Harlingen will combine in Corpus Christi- Services will be at 1 p.m. followed by a covered dish social.

Day of Atonement (October 12-Wednesday):

San Antonio – Service at 2:30 p.m.

Victoria – Service at 10:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi-Services at 3:00 p.m.

Harlingen-Services at 10 a.m.