

From the Pastor

Our hope is that everyone had a very uplifting, informative and rewarding Feast of Tabernacles. The spiritual benefits of the Feast are directly proportional to the spiritual efforts we put into keeping God's Feast. If we went to the Feast wanting to learn—praying to be taught by God—then I have no doubt that God answered our prayer.

As was mentioned at the Feast in New Braunfels, at the Feast of Tabernacles (FOT) God takes us to the top of the mountain to give us a vision of His kingdom to come, just as He took Moses to the top of Mt. Pisgah and showed Him the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 34:1-4). The purpose of that vision is to motivate us to seek God's kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). The vision is to motivate us to desire and to seek to change in order to inherit life in God's kingdom.

For the FOT to have a lasting benefit—for it to be more than simply a vacation from our normal routine—we need to harness that motivation and direct it into constructive effort for changing.

We heard from Mr. Chapman at the FOT in New Braunfels that God has invested a great deal in us. His desire is to have a positive return on that investment. What God wants to receive in return are sons and daughters who are embracing the values of His nature—His way of life—living by those values from the heart.

To produce the change God wants to see in us we need a definite plan for growth and changing that we are actually using—actually following. If we do not turn the motivation—the spiritual inspiration received from God's Feast—into positive concrete action, God's Feast will have no positive lasting benefit. Or, as Solomon expressed the results of His search (apart from seeking God) in Ecclesiastes 1:14, "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind."

Solomon's conclusion from all he did was given in Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Or, as it could be expressed, "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is what makes man whole."

Did the FOT motivate us to change—to seek to become sons and daughters in whom God is well pleased? Or, did we just have a vacation? If we seek to change, the benefits will be lasting.

We might all want to review the article on the LHT site "Seven Steps for Overcoming Sin." Please develop a concrete plan for changing.



Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Blessing of the Children
Bible Study: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

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"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going."

Ecclesiastes 9:10

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	6:53pm	6:55pm	6:58pm
Sunset Friday 10-27	6:47pm	6:50pm	6:53pm

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 10/21	Regular Sabbath times and locations for Corpus Christi, Victoria, Harlingen, and San Antonio.
Sabbath 10/28	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Chapman will be in Victoria. Mr. David Evans from HQ is scheduled to be in San Antonio. There will be a DVD sermon in Harlingen.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

Post Feast Social at the Hoyers' Home: Don't forget, this Saturday evening the 21st after services, is the post Feast "wine and cheese tasting and picture sharing party" at the Hoyers. We welcome anyone to bring photos of their feast on a thumb drive which we will view on a large screen for all to see and experience together. If you prefer to bring printed photos, those are welcome too! And if you don't take pictures of your adventures to share, come anyway and tell us all about your Feast and enjoy the company! Bring a favorite bottle of wine and cheese and/or crackers to snack on and your photos to see!

The address is 418 Arbor Vw, Adkins, TX 78101. Feel free to bring a change of comfortable clothes.

Please call Craig (602) 722-6474 or Rashele (602) 722-6439 if you need any details or directions. Look forward to all visiting our home and reliving their Feast!

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly scheduled potluck will be November 4.

Corpus Christi Brown Bag Social: Sabbath of October 21st, there will be a brown bag social after the Bible Study.