

*From the Booklet; From Holiday to Holy Days-God's Plan for You*

### **Should Christians Celebrate Halloween?**

Halloween, with its dark and demonic themes, seems an unlikely holiday for Christians to celebrate. Yet it has become increasingly popular in America and other countries, marketed as a harmless dress-up night for kids and an excuse to party for adults. Where did Halloween come from?

“The Celtic festival of Samhain is probably the source of the present-day Halloween celebration. The Celts lived more than 2,000 years ago in what is now Great Britain, Ireland, and northern France. Their new year began on November 1. A festival that began the previous evening honored Samhain, the Celtic lord of death. The celebration marked the beginning of the season of cold, darkness, and decay. It naturally became associated with human death. The Celts believed that Samhain allowed the souls of the dead to return to their earthly homes for this evening” (*The World Book Encyclopedia*, 1990, article “Halloween”).

It seems costumes of animal heads and skins played a part in their celebration, as well as fortune-telling using the remains of the animals that were sacrificed. So how did this gory pagan holiday become associated with Christianity?

“Many of the customs of the Celts survived even after the people became Christians. During the 800’s, the church established All Saints’ Day on November 1. ... The people made the old pagan customs part of this Christian holy day” (ibid.).

In spite of its marketing as innocent entertainment for children, Halloween remains a celebration of evil, not a fitting holiday for Christians.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	6:47pm	6:50pm	6:55pm
Sunset Friday 10-25	6:48pm	6:51pm	6:56pm

## **Church of God South Texas**

**Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen**



October 26, 2019

### **Victoria**

Sermon: Jim Chapman

### **Corpus Christi**

Sermonette: Jarred Brunick  
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

### **Harlingen**

Sermonette: Michael Watts  
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

“Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.”

Deuteronomy 12:32

## **Announcements and Schedule**

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<b>Sabbath 10/26</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
<b>Sabbath 11/2</b>	Mr. Moody will be in Victoria. A sermon DVD will be played in Harlingen. Mr. Mendez will present Noah's Ark and Early Man Seminars in Corpus Christi; there will be a double service Sabbath.

## **Prayer Requests and Updates**

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The Blessing of the Little Children traditionally takes place after the Feast of Tabernacles. Please contact Mr. Moody or Mr. Mendez if you need a child or grandchild blessed.

## **Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember**

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**Noah's Ark-Early Man Seminars:** Corpus Christi will be hosting Noah's Ark and Early Man Seminars. The seminars will be on the Sabbath of November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Noah's Ark seminar will take place from 10 am - 12 noon. There will be a meal break and the Early Man Seminar will take place from 2-4 pm. Included in the presentations will be a question and answer session. For more information see the announcement link at:  
<http://corpuschristi.cogwa.org/announcements/>