

From the Pastor

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.

(Booklet-From Holidays to Holy Days: God's Plan for You)

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	6:44pm	6:46pm	6:50pm
Sunset Friday 11-4	6:39pm	6:42pm	6:23pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



October 29, 2016

Victoria

No Services

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: DVD

Sermon: Gilbert Gonzalez

Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord. Deut. 18:9-13

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 11/5	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 11/12	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Mr. Chapman will be in Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Watts will deliver Split Sermons in Harlingen.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

Houston North Campout- Will be located at Martin Dies Jr. State Park located along the eastern edge of B. A. Steinhagen Lake, 13 Miles west of Jasper, TX on route 190. It is about 45 minutes to an hour east of Livingston, TX. Campout dates are Friday November 13 thru Sunday 15th.

The drive is very beautiful and the park offers a lot! Very nice bathroom/shower facilities, seclusion from the majority of the public, plenty of camp sites that, on average are larger sites than Lake Livingston (most of which are RV accessible), beautiful nature trails, geocaching, canoeing, swimming and a fantastic dining hall for the Friday evening dinner.

If you have any questions, please see Taige or Tanya McIntyre. Taige: 614-332-9432; Tanya: 614-332-9180
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