

From the Pastor

Twelve days from today is Thanksgiving in America. “In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies (www.history.com).” This is the origin of the Thanksgiving celebration that was taught for many years in school. This is what I remember being taught in the 1950’s. This is one of the few holidays in this society that we can truly observe with understanding.

We understand that America received (as a blessing) some of the choicest land on earth because of the promises that God had given to Abraham for his obedience. God had promised Abraham both physical and spiritual blessing. We will cover that sometime in the future. The promise of eternal salvation is contained in the spiritual promises that God gave to Abraham.

However, there were also physical promises. On the occasion when Abraham was willing to offer Isaac as a sacrifice God confirmed both the physical and spiritual promises to him. This is recorded in Genesis 22:15-18. “Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said, ‘By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, in blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.’”

We are a blessed nation—not because of anything we have done or deserve. We are blessed because of God’s faithfulness to keep His promise to Abraham.

On Thursday, November 24 as we observe Thanksgiving we can indeed be thankful as we remember the blessing that God, our Father, has poured out on this nation. Sadly we are losing those blessings. But, that is another story.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	5:36pm	5:39pm	5:43pm
Sunset Tuesday 11-18	5:33pm	5:36pm	5:40pm

Church of God South Texas
Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



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Victoria

Sermon: Jack Hendren

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Mark Monsivais

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Split Sermon: Gilbert Gonzalez

Split Sermon: Michael Watts

“And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.’”
Genesis 22:12

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 11/12	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 11/19	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.

Winter Camp:

Winter Camp is only weeks away. This year's camp will run from Monday, Dec. 26, through Sunday, Jan. 1. The camper application deadline is Nov. 15. For more information and to apply online, please visit the COGWA Youth Camps website at <http://camps.cogwa.org>.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next potluck will be December 3.