

From the Pastor:

As I write this on Wednesday, November 27, tomorrow is Thanksgiving in the United States. From an Internet search we can learn that “Thanksgiving wasn’t celebrated nationwide until Abraham Lincoln made it a federal holiday in 1863. Although President George Washington declared the first Thanksgiving holiday on November 26, 1789, it wasn’t until President Abraham Lincoln declared it a federal holiday in 1863 that it was given official status.”

Further we read, “In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation designating November 26 of that year as a national day of thanksgiving to recognize the role of providence in creating the new United States and the new federal Constitution.”

Today fewer and fewer want to “thank” God for the United States. However, Thanksgiving is one national holiday that we can celebrate with understanding.

The United States and Britain became great because God kept the promise He made to our father Abraham. When Abraham obeyed God’s command to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, God stopped him. But, God gave Abraham a promise. Genesis 22:15-17 reads, “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.’”

This blessing was withheld from Israel for seven prophetic times (2520 years) because of their sin as Leviticus 26:18 records, “And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.” So God withheld His overflowing blessings from the descendants of Israel until these seven times had passed. But, after these years passed, the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh grew in national greatness.

These blessings did not flow to us because we were better than others, but, because God would keep His promise to Abraham. As Moses told Israel in Deuteronomy 7:7-8: “The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers...”

Be thankful for God’s blessings.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	5:30pm	5:34pm	5:38pm
Sunset Friday 12-6	5:30pm	5:34pm	5:39pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



November 30, 2019

Victoria

Sermonette: Nick Ragusin
Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Larry Caldwell
Sermon: HQ-DVD

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts
Sermon: HQ-DVD

“The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but He loves him who follows righteousness.”

Proverbs 15:9

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 11-30	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 12-7	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in San Antonio. Mr. Hendren will be in Victoria. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Watts will present the sermon in Harlingen.

WFW Announcement:

Winter Family Weekend 2019 is just around the corner, and we are excited to announce that registration will open on Monday, Nov. 4! This year, Winter Family Weekend will run from Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, through Saturday night, Dec. 28, and will once again be held at the beautiful Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Many of the fun activities we have all come to enjoy are once again planned for this year! For most of the activities, it is important we have an accurate count in advance. So, if you plan to attend this year's Winter Family Weekend, please take some time to login to the member portal to register and select the areas you plan to participate in.

For more information, we have provided a fact sheet that details more about the weekend. Also feel free to visit the WFW website (<https://members.cogwa.org/wfw/>) or the COGWA WFW Facebook page (facebook.com/groups/cogwawfw) for updates and additional information.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Pot Luck: The next potluck will be on December 7.
Announcements and Schedule