

***From the Pastor***

For decades the second Sabbath after the Feast of Tabernacles has been designated by tradition as the Sabbath for the blessing of little children. We continue to observe this tradition following the example of Jesus' blessing of little children recorded in Mark 10:13-16.

In the Gospel accounts of Jesus' blessing these children the words "little children" (Matthew & Mark) or "infants" (Luke 18:15) are used in the NKJV. Thus the children blessed were small children whom Jesus could easily hold in his arms. The blessing is for small children—though we leave the final decision as to whom will be blessed to the parents.

From various scriptures we see that children are very special to God. This is not surprising since God's plan is to have a family of children of His own.

Matthew 18:1-5, 10: At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. ... Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven."

The blessing that God spoke to Moses to give to the children of Israel is also instructive.

Numbers 6:22-27: And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel.' Say to them: 'The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.' So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

God will do no less for our children for He also wants them to be His. This is a powerful statement, "they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

Though we may not have children to bless this year, please remember the blessing of little children is important to God.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	6:40pm	6:42pm	6:45pm
Sunset Friday 11-11	5:36pm	5:39pm	5:42pm

# Church of God South Texas

**Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen**



November 5, 2016

## Victoria

*Sermon:* Steve Moody

## Corpus Christi

*Sermonette:* DVD  
*Sermon:* Arnold Mendez

## Harlingen

*Sermonette:* Orlando Mascorro  
*Sermon:* Arnold Mendez

"But Jesus called them to Him and said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.'"

Luke 18:16

## Announcements and Schedule

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<b>Sabbath 11/5</b>	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
<b>Sabbath 11/12</b>	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Jim Chapman will be in San Antonio. Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Watts will have split sermons in Harlingen. Mr. Jack Hendren will be in Victoria.

### **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**

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**San Antonio Potluck:** The next potluck will be November 5.

**Time Change:** Sunday November 6 at 2am, daylight savings time will end and revert back to standard time.

