

From the Pastor

Jesus in Matthew 6:5-15 addresses what the right approach to prayer should be. In so doing He continued the lesson He gave in relation to charitable giving. “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men.”

In all prayer we are talking to God whether that is our personal daily prayer, asking God’s blessing on a meal, or, giving an opening or closing prayer at services. We are not praying to draw attention to the self.

When the occasion to pray is before others, we must realize that we are not talking to an audience, nor are we trying to entertain. We are there to humbly ask for God’s blessing on the activity at hand.

We also do not put on some “affected religious tone” as some do in other religious organizations. Again, we should not be seeking to draw attention to ourselves. Sadly that is a failing that too many of us have. We need to simply remember what we are asking our Father to do for us and His people.

Concerning our daily private prayer, that should be done in secret as Christ said. That doesn’t mean it’s wrong to pray with your mate or your children. But, we should all have our own daily personal private time of prayer.

Also as Jesus said, we should “not use vain repetition.” It’s not wrong to pray about the same things over and over. Jesus gave an outline for our prayers in verses 9-13. In our prayers we will pray for the same people or the same needs more than once. But, we should avoid having our minds go on “automatic pilot” where we say the same thing every day that we pray about these people or these needs. This can become vain repetition. Our minds need to “stay in gear” because we are truly concerned about the subject of our prayer. God sees the sincerity and motivation of our heart. He can see if we are just putting in time or if we are really seeking His help, guidance, advice or blessing.

The outline of prayer that Jesus gave is very helpful. We will cover more on that in the coming weeks.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	6:14pm	6:16pm	6:20pm
Sunset Friday 2-16	6:18pm	6:21pm	6:24pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



February 10, 2018

Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: DVD-In Accord

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts

Sermon: HQ DVD-Britton Taylor

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 2/10	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 2/17	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Moody will speak in San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlingen.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly will be March 3, 2018.

Corpus Christi Bible Study: The Corpus Christi congregation will have a Bible Study - Brown Bag Social on the Sabbath of February 17th.

Goose Island Campout: March 23-25, 2018. To reserve a campsite contact Mr. Mendez directly, do not contact the park.

Passover: Observed Thursday evening, March 29, 2018. Time: 7:40 p.m.
Corpus Christi, Harlingen, & Victoria

Night to Be Much Observed: Friday evening, March 30, 2018. Details TBA

Feast of Unleavened Bread – First Holy Day: Sabbath, March 31, 2018.

Time: **Victoria** – 10:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi – 3:00 p.m.

Harlingen- 10:00 a.m.

Feast of Unleavened Bread – Last Holy Day: Friday, April 6, 2018.

Time: **Victoria** – 10:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi & Harlingen: The Harlingen congregation will combine with the Corpus Christi congregation for services at 1:00 PM. There will be a potluck after services. The Harlingen congregation will provide dessert.