

***From the Pastor***

First of all I want to thank all of you who knew of my wife's illness for your prayers. This was the worst virus she has had for a long time. The fever broke after six days. The congestion is getting better so she can sleep better at night. She is still weak. Please keep her in your prayers as she seeks to regain her strength.

The Passover is rapidly approaching. We will observe the Passover in just a day over six weeks from this coming Sabbath. We understand that this is a time for self-examination. We read in 1 Corinthians 11:28, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."

We are to examine the self and then EAT of the Passover. This examination is to prepare us to eat the Passover with a correct spirit and not to determine whether we should eat it or not. What is the correct spirit – the correct attitude – for eating the Passover?

The previous verse gives a warning. "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." (1 Corinthians 11:27) The correct attitude involves not only understanding what the elements (the bread and the wine [and the footwashing]) of the Passover service mean and picture in our minds; but also, what the commitment of our hearts is. What is our commitment of heart in relation to the meaning of these symbols?

Has the Passover become simply a routine ceremony – something we do out of habit with little or no conviction? Or, is the Passover a time for us to reflect on and renew the covenant we made with God at baptism? This is what God intended the Passover to be – a time to reflect on God's love for us in offering His Son as a sacrifice for our sin [another important subject] and a time of rededication of ourselves to our promise to God when we were baptized.

God created us to have the opportunity to become His own sons and daughters. Are we committed to walking on the path of righteousness that we promised Him we would at baptism – when we responded to His calling?

Let's seriously examine ourselves. Let's eat of this Passover being truly committed to seeking to be the children of our Father that He wants.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	6:25pm	6:27pm	6:30pm
Sunset Friday 3-3	6:29pm	6:31pm	6:33pm

**Church of God South Texas**  
**Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen**



February 25, 2017

**Victoria**

*Sermon:* Steve Moody

**Corpus Christi**

*Sermon-Bible Study:* Arnold Mendez  
Goose Island Campout

**Harlingen**

*Sermonette:* DVD  
*Sermon:* Gilbert Gonzalez

"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocation, these are My feasts.'"

Leviticus 23:2

## Announcements and Schedule

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<b>Sabbath 2/25</b>	Regular locations and times for San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Corpus Christi services will be held at the Goose Island State Park.
<b>Sabbath 3/4</b>	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, Victoria, Harlingen, and San Antonio. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Jack Hendren will be in San Antonio. Mr. Clay Mills will be in Victoria. Mr. Watts will deliver the sermon in Harlingen.

### **Dallas - Fort Worth 2017 Spring Holy Days Dinner and Dance**

On April the 15th, the Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread, the Fort Worth congregation will again be hosting a combined Sabbath Service for the Dallas and Ft Worth congregations at the beautiful Marriott Solana Hotel in Westlake Texas (near the DFW Airport).

Later that evening, we will have a full 3 course dinner served and then dance to a live band as we celebrate the Festival together. The hotel has agreed to hold their pricing to what they did for us in 2014.

All rooms will be \$99.00 a night and include a full complementary buffet breakfast for 2 and the meals will be a choice ranging from \$34. to \$39. depending upon the entree chosen. As this is during the Feast Days, it is an appropriate use of 2nd Tithe if you so choose.

Please hold the date and add it to your calendars. Full details on reserving a room, meal selections and reservations will follow by the end of January. Again, the date is April the 15th – the Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

### **Goose Island State Park Campout**

On the weekend of Friday February 24th through Sunday February 26th the Corpus Christi congregation will be hosting their 2nd annual Goose Island State Park Campout. Goose Island State Park is located about 10 miles north of Rockport, TX.

We are planning on having a group meal together on Friday evening and also a Sabbath meal together. The Corpus Christ congregation will be supplying the main course and drinks for the Sabbath meal. We ask that those joining us for the meal please bring side dishes, and desserts.

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Weekend activities will include a Sabbath Bible Study, campfire fellowship, and a telescope star/planet viewing party after the Sabbath ends.

Last year we had about 70 participants from 4 different church areas, this year we are hoping to host many more. This will be a great activity for hiking, biking, fishing, and fellowshiping.

There is a handout that is available on the information desk (or from the pastor), which contains more information. Or you may go the Corpus Christi COGWA website where an announcement is posted and the handout can be downloaded and printed out.

If you have any question, feel free to contact Arnold Mendez, Sr.  
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### **Babysitting at Passover in San Antonio**

Isabell and Sabrina Slaughter will be coming with their parents to Passover in San Antonio and have volunteered to help Ty Gatley with the babysitting duties (as long as nothing changes). All parents with small children can make their plans accordingly.

### **Prayer Requests and Updates**

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There were no new prayer requests or updates as of this writing. There are local concerns that we are aware of and should be praying about.

### **Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember**

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**San Antonio Potluck:** The next San Antonio potluck will be Sabbath, March 4. For consistency we will keep the potluck in the future on the first Sabbath of the month when there are no Holy Day services.

**Victoria Potluck and Bible Study:** We are planning to have a potluck and Bible Study (after the potluck) on March 11 in Victoria.

**Corpus Christi Brown Bag/Picnic Social:** On March 11 there will be a Brown Bag/Picnic social after services.