

From the Pastor

There is another proof that the Passover lambs in Egypt were killed and then eaten after the beginning of the 14th (after sunset) and not after the beginning of the 15th. This proof deals with the instructions God had given Moses about the blood and the flesh of the Passover lambs. Exodus 12:8-10 records, "Then they shall eat the flesh on that night... You shall let none of it remain until morning." The Israelites were to eat the lamb at night and leave none of it until morning. This was on the night of the 14th. In scripture (especially when both words are present) night and morning are two different times.

We have seen that the phrase "between the two evenings" (the time when the Passover lambs were to be slain) was the period of time between sunset and full dark at the beginning of a day. In the same way "morning" is used to refer to a period of time beginning after full dark to sunrise and later. Several scriptures reveal this usage:

"So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. And when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts." (Exodus 10:13) Here the locusts came in the morning—after night.

This is a passage about evil actions but it illustrates the usage of the two words. "But the men...abused her all night until morning; and when the day began to break, they let her go. Then the woman came as the day was dawning..." (Judges 19:25-26) Morning here refers to it becoming light before sunrise.

"Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that he will perform the duty of a near kinsman for you...So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another..." (Ruth 3:13-14) Here is the beginning of morning—just after full dark; but, still dark enough to be difficult to recognize someone. But, it is not night.

"And it shall be, as soon as the sun is up in the morning ..." (Judges 9:33) "And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun was shining on the water..." (2 Kings 3:22) Here we have morning and the sun is shining.

We see that morning is after full dark (night) from the time that it begins to grow light until the sun is up and shining.

Why is this important? In Exodus 12:22 God had told the people that they could not leave the houses where the blood of the Passover lambs was placed until morning. The Israelites could not have left Egypt by night (Deuteronomy 16:1) on the 15th if they were eating the Passover lambs on the 15th because they were instructed not to leave their houses until morning. The Israelites had eaten the Passover lambs on the night of the 14th. They left Egypt on the night of the 15th—the Night to Be Much Observed. (Exodus 12:42)

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	7:42pm	7:43pm	7:44pm
Sunset Friday 3-31	7:45pm	7:46pm	7:47pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



March 25, 2017

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: DVD
Sermon: Mark Monsivais

Harlingen

Sermonette: Orlando Mascorro
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

"It is a night of solemn observance to the Lord for bringing them out of the land of Egypt. This is that night of the Lord, a solemn observance for all the children of Israel throughout their generations."

Exodus 12:42

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 3/25	Regular locations and times Corpus Christi, Harlingen, and Victoria. San Antonio will meet the in Main Auditorium at the regular time
Sabbath 4/1	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. There will be a DVD in Harlingen, San Antonio and Victoria.

Gilbert and Tina Gonzalez Appreciation Meal- As previously announced Gilbert and Tina are moving to South Dakota. We will be having an appreciation dinner on Saturday March 25th after Sabbath services at Los Asados Mexican Restaurant. We will meet at 12:30 -2:00 PM. The church would like all to attend and is therefore covering the cost of the meal.

2017 Camp Applications

The COGWA Youth Camps team is happy to announce that on March 1 the application system opened to begin taking 2017 applications. We will once again be using the COGWA Portal system, but we encourage everyone to start the process by reading the article titled “Camp Application System” on the main page of the camp website (<http://camps.cogwa.org>). There are some specific points we would like you to be aware of before you begin your application.

We think you will find that applying via this new system is faster and simpler. As mentioned in the article, much of your information is retained for subsequent years’ applications and needs only to be reviewed (and edited if changes are needed).

For your convenience, here is a direct link to the article with further explanation and additional information: “Camp Application System.”

Camp Lone Star from Ken Giese

Lone Star Preteen Camp is scheduled for June 11-14. We are pleased to announce that Camp Lone Star will be returning to Messiah’s Ranch (messiahsranch.org), near Bryan and College Station.

Our application process is up and running, plus it is easier to use than our previous system. We are hoping to welcome 100 campers this year and we would love to have your preteens as well as any teen or adult staff volunteers join us. You can apply at <http://camps.cogwa.org>. Thanks for your help and have a wonderful week!

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 \$34.00 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.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly scheduled San Antonio potluck will be Sabbath, May 6. For consistency we will keep the potluck in the future on the first Sabbath of the month when there are no Holy Day services. Since there will be a potluck on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread there will be no regular potluck in April.

Passover: Passover services (the three elements of the service) will be held after sunset on Sunday evening, April 9. Services will be held in the regular Sabbath locations for all three congregations. According to the website sunrisesunset.com sunset will be at 7:50 p.m. on April 9 in Victoria, at 7:51 p.m. in Corpus Christi and at 7:57 p.m. in San Antonio. We will strive to arrive and be seated at least 10 minutes ahead of that time. Mr. Moody will conduct the Passover services in Victoria.

1st Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread: The Holy Day services will be held on Tuesday, April 11 in the regular locations and at the regular times for weekly Sabbath services for all three congregations.

Last Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread:

Victoria: Services in Victoria will be at the regular time and location as the weekly Sabbath.

San Antonio: There will be two services in San Antonio. The morning service will be at 10:30 a.m. There will be a potluck meal between services. The afternoon service will begin at 2:30 p.m.

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