

***From the Pastor***

As we approach the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread we are reminded in the Scriptures that we are to be examining ourselves. Paul, after giving instructions concerning the taking of the bread and the wine, gave an exhortation to the members of the Corinthian congregation.

“But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:28)

However, examining ourselves (closely looking at our spiritual condition) should be an ongoing activity throughout the year. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthian 13:5 a very sobering passage, “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Prove yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.”

We are to be clearly and honestly examining our spiritual condition. It is too easy for us (and I speak with personal understanding) to overlook or ignore our faults—where we need to change. But, God has called us to a life of change.

Peter on Pentecost gave a powerful message to the assembled crowd. He said, “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.” (Acts 3:19) Both verbs (repent and be converted), in the Greek, deal with the subject of change.

To repent is from the Greek “metanoeo” which means literally “to change one’s mind.” This change of mind must take place in that part of the mind that the Bible calls the heart. As we have covered in the past, the heart is that part of the mind that is the seat of conviction, commitment and motivation.

To be converted is from the Greek “epistrepheo” which literally means to “change one’s direction” or “to turn around.”

In order to make a permanent or lasting change of direction toward God—to truly be converted—there must first be a lasting change of heart—real repentance that is lasting. We must be committed, convicted and motivated in heart to change from seeking to do what is right in our own eyes to truly seeking to do what is right in God's eyes.

Therefore, as we examine ourselves, we must look for more than just sin. We must search for the cause of sin—what motivated us to think, say or do what was wrong and change that motivation. We must replace the cause of sin with the cause of righteousness. (Ephesians 4:22-24)

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	7:46pm	7:46pm	7:47pm
Sunset Friday 4-7	7:49pm	7:50pm	7:50pm

# Church of God South Texas

**Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen**



April 1, 2017

## Victoria

*Sermon: DVD*

## Corpus Christi

*Sermonette: Arnold Mendez*  
*Sermon: Steve Moody*

## Harlingen

*Sermonette: Michael Watts*  
*Sermon: DVD*

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1 Corinthians 11:28

## Announcements and Schedule

<b>Sabbath 4/1</b>	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, Victoria, Harlingen, and San Antonio.
<b>Sabbath 4/8</b>	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Harlingen and Corpus Christi.

### 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](http://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.

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.

## Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

**San Antonio Potluck:** Although previously announced otherwise, we WILL be having a Potluck meal after services this week (April 1) in the Family Life Center to welcome our guests, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Johnson, who will be visiting this Sabbath from the office in Allen. Please bring a main entrée and either a side dish, dessert or drinks.

**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](http://sunrisesunset.com) sunset will be at 7:50 p.m. on April 9 in Victoria, at 7:51 p.m. in Corpus Christi, 7:51 p.m. in Harlingen 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 & Harlingen:** There will be combined services with the Harlingen congregation in the Corpus Christi hall at 1:00 p.m. The Corpus Christi congregation will host a Covered Dish social after services, Harlingen is responsible for dessert.

**Gilbert and Tina Gonzalez** would like to express their gratitude to the church for the going away luncheon, to Pastor Arnold Mendez for the wonderful Portrait, the Harlingen congregation for the gifts and cards, and wonderful Fellowship. To the Corpus Christi Congregation for their hospitality and great fellowship. Thanks again and looking forward to future visits.

