

***From the Pastor***

The Feast of the Passover begins this coming Thursday evening at sunset. At this time we will keep the Passover service. As we know there are three important aspects of that solemn observance – the taking of the bread and the wine and the foot-washing service.

We gave an overview of the meaning of the bread last week. In Victoria and San Antonio we will review the important meaning of the wine this Sabbath. In this material we will look at a vital lesson of the foot-washing service.

We know the example that Jesus set when He washed His disciples feet was one of profound humility. John 13:3-5 records some of what was on His mind that night and what He did, “Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God...” Jesus knowing who He was (He was the Son of God who had performed the work of creation and much more – Ephesians 3:9) “rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself...and began to wash the disciples feet...” This indeed was a profound act of humility.

But, what lesson was He seeking to teach His disciples by this act? He wanted them to learn humility for sure. But, what is the attitude that produces humility? We must understand that we can’t set “becoming humble” up as a goal on its own. Real humility is an automatic product of growing in a different attitude and spirit.

What attitude was in Jesus’ mind that night (and, for that matter, at all times) toward His disciples? We read what was in His mind in John 13:1, “when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.” What was on Jesus’ mind that night? His love for His disciples filled His thoughts.

It was His love for His disciples that motivated His washing their feet. Depth of love was a vital lesson He wanted His disciples to learn. Godly love is the lesson God wants us all to learn from the foot-washing service. Love – real outgoing concern – flows from minds that are not consumed with self. Humility is evidenced when people are more concerned about the needs of others than thoughts of their own status, position or prestige.

Jesus, though He knew He was the Creator, washed His disciples’ feet. He performed the task of the lowliest of the household servants. But, His mind was on His disciples and not on Himself. He showed them how much He loved them but washing their feet.

This is the lesson we need to learn from the foot-washing service. We are to love others so much that we will be willing to do whatever we can to help and serve them – even to the washing of their dusty feet.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	7:54pm	7:54pm	7:55pm
Sunset Friday 4-22	7:58pm	7:58pm	7:58pm

# Church of God South Texas

**Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen**



April 16, 2016

## Victoria

*Sermon:* Steve Moody

## Corpus Christi

*Sermonette:* Arnold Mendez, Jr.  
*Sermon:* Arnold Mendez, Sr.

## Harlingen

*Sermonette:* Gilbert Gonzalez  
*Sermon:* Arnold Mendez, Sr.

“For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.”

John 13:15

## Announcements and Schedule

<b>Sabbath 4/16</b>	Regular locations and times for Victoria, Corpus Christi, Harlingen, and San Antonio.
<b>Passover 4/21</b>	Passover services: All are scheduled for 8:00 p.m. in the regular locations.
<b>First Day of Feast of Unleavened Bread</b>	Regular locations and times in all areas as on the regular weekly Sabbath.

### Feast of Tabernacles Registration:

Feast registration opens on April 24, 2016, at 10 a.m. Eastern time. To enable us to have the online registration process run smoothly, we have changed the date of U.S. Festival registration to Sunday, April 24. We ask that ALL COGWA households please complete the online Festival registration process—whether you are attending in the U.S. or internationally. We also ask that those NOT attending the Feast please register as well—as this gives us more accurate figures for planning. Members without Internet access will be assisted by their local Festival adviser.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern time on Sunday, April 24, members can begin accessing the <http://feast.cogwa.org/> web page for Feast registration. The email address of the registrant will be used to identify that person's or family's registration account.

After accessing the COGWA Feast web page, simply click on the "REGISTRATION" button and begin the process. This first step will set up your registration portal account—unless you already have one. Those of you who registered for either the Young Adult Leadership Weekend in February OR our COGWA Youth Camps for 2016 will already have your email and password set. You do not need to set up another account.

After completing that first step, all registrants will then receive a confirmation email almost immediately. To complete the registration process, simply access that email, click on the link provided and finish the Festival registration (site selection, volunteer information, etc.) for you and each member of your household. Please be sure to complete the sections asking about "special needs," if any exist.

We also encourage all of our members to consider how they might wish to SERVE at the Feast, as this information will be requested as part of the registration process as well.

### Last Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread:

Services on the last Holy Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread will be at the regular time (10:00 a.m.) in Victoria on Friday, April 29 at the regular location. Services in Corpus Christi will be on Friday, April 29 at the regular location. However, the time of services will be at 2:00 p.m.

### Friday Night Live:

Join us this Friday evening, April 15, for our next "Friday Night Live" webcast Bible study, which will begin at 8 p.m. Eastern Time (7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain and 5 p.m. Pacific).

This month's study is titled "Jerichos and Accursed Things" and will be presented by Clyde Kilough.

As we approach the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread, a study of Joshua 5-7 is quite instructive. Not only did the events we read here transpire during this time of the year, more important, the spiritual lessons we can draw from this story are critically significant and as relevant now as they were over 3,000 years ago. What are our "Jerichos"? What are the "accursed things" that pose temptations and spiritual dangers to us today? Join Mr. Kilough for the April 15 Friday Night Live study as we dive deeper into these events and lessons.

## Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

**Passover** will be held Thursday evening, April 21. Service will begin at 8:00 p.m. Please arrive between 7:45 and 7:55 p.m.

**The Night to Be Much Observed** will be held Friday evening, April 22. More details at services.

The **First Day of Unleavened Bread** service will be held in the regular Sabbath location at 10:00 a.m. on the Sabbath, April 23 in Victoria, and Harlingen, and at 3:00 in Corpus Christi

**Last Day of Unleavened Bread** on Friday, April 29. Harlingen and Corpus Christi will combine in Corpus Christi; services will be at 2 PM (please note the time change). The Corpus Christi congregation will be hosting a covered dish social after services.