

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 4/9	Regular locations and times for Victoria, Corpus Christi, Harlingen, and San Antonio.
Sabbath 4/16	Regular times and locations for Victoria, Corpus Christi, Harlingen and San Antonio. Mr. Moody will speak in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will speak in Corpus Christi and Harlingen.

Feast of Tabernacles Registration:

Online Feast registration will begin Monday April 18. If you do not have Internet access, please see your festival advisor for help. More information will be announced before registration begins.

Prayer Requests and Updates

No new requests or updates so far this week.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

Corpus Christi In-home Bible Study: Please remember Jay and Sue Hensley have graciously opened their home to us for a Bible Study on Sunday April 10. There will be a potluck meal before the Bible Study. Bring side dishes and/or desserts. The main course will be provided. Arrival time will be around 12:30 p.m.

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. The same is true for the **Last Day of Unleavened Bread** on Friday, April 29.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	7:50pm	7:51pm	7:51pm
Sunset Friday 4-15	7:54pm	7:54pm	7:54pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



April 9, 2016

Victoria

Sermonette: Camp Video
Sermon: Clay Mills

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez
Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Oscar Mascorro
Sermon: Gilbert Gonzalez

“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’”

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

From the Pastor

Within three weeks we will be observing the Passover. The Passover reminds us of the depth of God's love for us.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

The bread we eat at the Passover represents Jesus Christ's body and reminds us of two important truths. Those two truths deal with the healing that God has promised to His children – physically and spiritually. God expresses these two truths in the New Testament when the apostles refer to the prophetic statements given by Isaiah in Isaiah 53:4-5.

"Surely He has borne our griefs [Hebrew literally: sicknesses, diseases] and carried our sorrows [Heb. lit.: pains whether physical or mental – sorrows]; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

Matthew in his gospel quotes part of this passage in reference to the physical healings performed by Jesus.

"When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying:

'He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.'" (Matthew 8:16-17)

Peter quotes from this passage in Isaiah in reference to healing of our mind – spirit – in 1 Peter 2:20-24.

"For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But, when you do good and suffer for it, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

'Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His

mouth.' (Isaiah 53:9)

who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return, when He suffered He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed (Isaiah 53:5)."

Peter in this passage is talking about how we respond to life's situations and suffering spiritually. We are to respond with righteous attitudes following Christ's example. To do this we need our minds – spirit – healed.

Jesus' sacrifice at the Passover provided for both – the healing of our body and spirit.