

From the Pastor

We understand from the words of Jesus and the apostles that there are two members of the Godhead.

John in his history (Gospel) of the life of Jesus Christ begins with a concept that was quite foreign to the Jewish thinking of that day. The Greek of John 1:1-2 literally records, “In a beginning was the Word, and the Word was with ‘the’ God, and the Word was God (or, a God—also grammatically accurate). He was in a beginning with ‘the’ God.” From what John recorded we only see two beings: and, both are on the same level or plane of life—the God plane or God life.

Throughout the New Testament it is this relationship of two beings that we read of—one God being who is the Father and another God being who is the Son. This truth that there were two beings in the Elohim was not understood in Israel prior to Jesus Christ dwelling on this earth. The words (evidence) were there. However, the words were not understood. This was not uncommon for there were a number of truths about which God had spoken but which He did not reveal the meaning or understanding of yet.

For example, after Daniel heard prophetic knowledge from God he said, “Although I heard, I did not understand.” (Daniel 12:8)

1 Peter 1:10-12 records, “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who [which] was in them was indicating when He [it] testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you...”

The Israelites did not know who Melchizedek was when Moses recorded in Genesis 14:18 that Melchizedek “was the priest of God Most High.” Even the some members in Paul’s day did not understand who Melchizedek was in depth because they had not grown as they should. They had not grown because they had not been using in the power of God’s Holy Spirit as they should (Hebrews 5:10-14). The author of Hebrews wrote, “called by God as High Priest ‘according to the order of Melchizedek,’ of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.” (Hebrews 5:10-11)

Throughout the New Testament we will see that Holy Spirit is the power of God that He and Jesus use to do whatever they do—from creating all things to revealing spiritual truth. And, one of the profound truths that Jesus revealed through the power of the Spirit was the truth of His Father. “In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, ‘I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good to Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is but the Father, and who the Father is but the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.’” (Luke 10:21-22)

We will cover more on God’s Spirit as we approach Pentecost.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:15pm	8:14pm	8:12pm
Sunset Friday 5-26	8:18pm	8:17pm	8:16pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



May 20, 2017

Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Camp DVD

Sermon: Michael Watts

“But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Hebrews 5:14

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 5/20	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, & Victoria.
Sabbath 5/27	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Moody will be in San Antonio and Victoria. Harlingen will have a DVD sermon.

2017 Camp Applications

Camp Carter: Dates:

July 2-9, 2017

Staff arrives July 1

Deadline for Applications:

June 1, 2017

Staff deadline is May 15, 2017

Camp Lone Star: Dates:

June 11-14, 2017

Staff arrives June 10

Festival registration

Everyone should have registered by May 15. If you haven't, please do so as soon as possible. If you need assistance registering please see your Festival Advisor.

Victoria – Mr. Larry Tucker

Corpus Christi & Harlingen– Mr. Arnold Mendez

Early housing reservations also began on Monday, May 15. Beginning on Monday, May 22, general housing reservations will be accepted. In addition, everyone who registers for the Feast will receive an email offering an opportunity to serve.

FT 2017: Festival Youth Instruction Volunteers

This year we will once again be offering Festival Youth Instruction at many U.S. Festival sites—and we will need volunteers to teach these lessons. Unfortunately, the option to volunteer for Festival Youth Instruction was inadvertently left off on the first day of registration. So if you registered for the Feast on Sunday, April 16, and would be willing to serve on our Festival Youth Instruction teaching team, please go back to the COGWA member portal, log in, click on “Feast of Tabernacles 2017” and then click on the “Edit Your Registration” button and add Festival Youth Instruction under the service areas. Thank you for your dedication to our children!

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly scheduled potluck is July 1. There will be no potluck on June 3.

Corpus Christi: May 20th Brown Bag Social after services.

Harlingen: June 3rd Bible Study and meal and social after services at the home of Michael Watts.

Pentecost: June 4