

**From the Pastor**

We believe that Holy Spirit is real. We simply do not believe that Holy Spirit is a coequal person in the Godhead. As was mentioned last time, we believe in two distinct beings in one family—the Elohim. Those two beings are God Most High and the Word.

God Most High conceived the Word in Mary. It is at this time that the Most High God became known as God the Father and the Word became God the Son.

Luke was inspired to record what happened. Gabriel said to Mary, “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest [Son of the Most High]...” (Luke 1:31-32) This is when the literal Father and Son relationship began between God Most High and the Word. Before this they had a perfect bond of love, but, now they became truly Father and Son.

The power (or, instrumentality) that God used to accomplish this feat was Holy Spirit. Luke’s account continues, “And the angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.’” (Luke 1:35) Luke used two phrases to describe what brought about this conception of Jesus in Mary—“Holy Spirit” and “power of the Highest.” These are not two separate things. “Power of the Highest” describes what “Holy Spirit” is.

Remember Jesus told the disciples to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father. (Acts 1:4) That promise was the power of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8)

When God gives us of His Spirit He gives us power to understand spiritual truth and power to change.

Remember one of the names given to describe the functioning of Holy Spirit is “Spirit of truth.” This Spirit of truth “proceeds from the Father.” (John 15:26) This spiritual power is first with us and then in us after real repentance, baptism and the laying on of hands. (John 14:17; Acts 2:38; 8:15-19; 19:6) With access to Holy Spirit we are given access by God to His spiritual truth. (John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14)

What confuses some people is the use of the figure of speech of personification in relation to Holy Spirit. Webster’s Dictionary defines personification as “a figure of speech in which a thing, quality, or idea is represented as a person.” So in the New Testament we read in John 14:26, “But, the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” It is actually God through Jesus Christ who is teaching us through the communication link to our minds of the Holy Spirit.

God can communicate spiritual knowledge to us through that communication link that is His Spirit. He transmits spiritual knowledge to our minds. And, when His Spirit unites with our spirit (Romans 8:16) and we learn to follow its lead by changing—using God’s spiritual power to become more and more like His firstborn Son—we will become fully God’s children in His family at His Son’s return. God’s Spirit is awesome power that we can use if we will.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	8:26pm	8:24pm	8:22pm
Sunset Friday 6-16	8:28pm	8:26pm	8:25pm



**Victoria**

*Sermon:* David Gatley

**Corpus Christi**

*Sermonette:* DVD  
*Sermon:* Steve Moody

**Harlingen**

*Sermonette:* Orlando Mascorro  
*Sermon:* DVD

“My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you.”

Proverbs 3:1-2

## Announcements and Schedule

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<b>Sabbath 6/10</b>	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, & Victoria.
<b>Sabbath 6/17</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlinge.

### 2017 Camp Applications

#### Camp Carter:

**Dates:**

July 2-9, 2017

Staff arrives July 1

#### Camp Lone Star:

**Dates:**

June 11-14, 2017

Staff arrives June 10

### Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

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**San Antonio Potluck:** The next regularly scheduled potluck is July 1.

**Victoria Potluck and Bible Study:** We have scheduled a potluck and Bible Study for July 29. I would like to do this once a quarter.