

From the Pastor

Here in the U. S. we mark the seasons by Equinoxes and Solstices. We just passed the summer solstice this past Monday. Traditionally this date marks the beginning of summer in the U.S. (It's the beginning of winter in Australia.)

We are now between the two harvest festivals. In Palestine the spring harvest was celebrated on "the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest." (Exodus 34:22) The fall harvest was celebrated on "the Fest of Ingathering." (Exodus 34:22).

Today we say we are between Pentecost and the Feast of Tabernacles. What should be our focus in this time? For that matter what should be our motivation as we approach living life each day?

It's easy to get distracted by activities that may be unique to this time of year—summer. Children are out of school. Vacations are taken. Work projects around the house are undertaken—things we couldn't do in the winter or rainy spring. How often do we let "time pressure" keep us from doing what we need to do to build a sound strong relationship with God. Yes, this is not just a summer season issue—it is a life's priority issue.

In the coming months we will hear more about the coming Kingdom of God as we approach the fall festival season. Jesus in His message called the "Sermon on the Mount" said very clearly (when speaking about what people pursue in life) that we should "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things (things that people pursue in this life too often before pursuing a relationship with God) shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33)

The problem is that too often God's Kingdom is not very real to us. Pursuing righteousness is also not at the forefront of our minds.

Now is a great time to begin forming habits of seeking both. We need to understand that we are seeking God's Kingdom when we are truly seeking righteousness—seeking to live by what God says is right.

What will our priorities be this summer? Only we (each of us personally) can answer that question.

Church of God South Texas
Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



June 25, 2016

Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Split Sermon: Michael Watts

Split Sermon: Gilbert Gonzalez

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Jeremiah 24:7

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Sunset Today in:	8:30pm	8:29pm	8:27pm
Sunset Friday 7-1	8:30pm	8:29pm	8:27pm

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 6/25	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 7/2	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlingen. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: July 9, 2016

Corpus Christi Picnic/Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study: On the Sabbath of July 30th the Corpus Christi congregation will be having a Bible Study following services and then a picnic, brown bag social. Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own food.