

From the Pastor

As of this Sabbath we are less than 10 days away from the beginning of the seventh month on God's Sacred Calendar. Of course, we know that the first day of the seventh month is the Feast of Trumpets. The feasts of the seventh month which end with the 8th day (Leviticus 23:39) picture events that are yet to take place—or, as Paul put it they “are a shadow of things to come...” (Colossians 2:17).

These feasts picture the events which are a culmination of God's plan to have sons and daughters born into His family. Please meditate on that awesome truth. To us, to whom time means so much, God's plan seems to stretch into the vast recesses of history. But, to God, to whom a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as one day (2 Peter 3:8), the “time” is so very brief.

The Father is very much looking forward to having His children with Him. And, Jesus Christ is very much looking forward to being with His brothers and sisters. They truly love us that deeply. However, to be in their family all they want us to do is learn to embrace (and make our own) the qualities of their character of love.

God the Father and Jesus Christ are grieved by all of the suffering, hatred and violence in this world. They created human life because they want humankind to become a part of their very family. They want us to learn from them the way to peace and happiness—the way of love; but, under Satan's influence man has only learned to practice the way of self.

When God had created Adam and Eve and finished the physical preparations for His plan to have a family by the end of the sixth day Genesis 1:31 records God's thoughts, “God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good...” God was excited and pleased about the thought of His children being born into His family.

But, sometime after the Sabbath (perhaps the very next day), Satan influenced Adam and Eve to rebel against their Creator. And those pre-Flood generations followed Satan's ways and turned to selfishness and evil—so much so, that God lamented in Genesis 6:6 that He “was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.” Mankind (God's potential children) had chosen the way of death and destruction.

These fall feasts reveal the truth that Satan's time of influence is limited. God will set His hand to show humanity a better way. As we prepare to observe these feasts let's not observe them out of habit or routine. Let's keep them remembering that our Father wants a family, and He has given us the tremendous blessing of being a part of the firstfruits of that family.

| | Victoria | Corpus Christi | Harlingen |
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| Sunset Today in: | 7:23pm | 7:24pm | 7:25pm |
| Sunset Friday 9-30 | 7:15pm | 7:17pm | 7:19pm |

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



September 24, 2016

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Split Sermon: Mark Monsivais

Split Sermon: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

Sermonette: Gilbert Gonzalez

Sermon: Arnold Mendez

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

2 Peter 1:2-4

Announcements and Schedule

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| Sabbath 9/24 | Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. |
| Sabbath 10/1 | Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Chapman will be in Victoria. There will be a DVD in San Antonio. Mr. Watts will present the sermon in Harlingen. |
| Feast of Trumpets 10/3 | Regular locations for San Antonio and Victoria. San Antonio will have two services (10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.). Victoria will have one service at 10:00 a.m. Corpus Christi will have combined services with Harlingen in Corpus Christi at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Chapman will speak in the morning at San Antonio. |

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next potluck will be between the Feast of Trumpets services on October 3 in the Family Life Center of the Church of Christ in San Antonio.

Corpus Christi and Harlingen will combine in Corpus Christi for Trumpets- Services will be at 1 p.m. followed by a covered dish social.

Day of Atonement Wednesday Oct. 12th :

San Antonio – Service at 2:30 p.m.

Victoria – Service at 10:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi - 3:00 p.m.

Harlingen -10:00 a.m.