

**From the Pastor:**

In James 1:14-15 we find the mechanics of sin given. “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

James 1:15 uses the analogy of conception to birth to full grown maturity to death for the progression of sin once it starts and not rectified by repentance. That progression starts with a wrong desire (lust) of our own which is acted upon (in mind or action)—and thus conceived.

James 1:14 shows that our sin begins when we are “drawn away by [our] own desires and enticed.” Satan and his society may provide the temptations; but, these temptations will have no effect if they do not strike a sympathetic chord in our own minds. However, too often we are “drawn away by our own lusts [KJV] and enticed.”

It is interesting that the word “enticed” is the Greek “deleazo.” It is a term from fishing meaning “to bait or catch by bait,” (Online Bible Greek Lexicon) or, “to lure by the use of bait.” (Danker’s Lexicon) In fishing we use lures; or, we bait a hook. Fish will bite the lure or the baited hook if they deem it appealing.

The temptations in this world cannot lure us to sin unless they appeal to us—our lusts or desires.

Satan nor anyone else can force us to sin. We can’t make fish bite. However, we do try to lure them to bite. This is what Satan does. He seeks to tempt us—lure us—to sin.

But we do not need Satan to tempt us to sin. We can follow the path of selfishness which leads to sin all by ourselves just as Satan did.

No one influenced Lucifer to become motivated by self-seeking. As Ezekiel 28:15 & 17 record, “You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you... Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor...” Satan became self-concerned and self-exalted from his own motivations that flowed from his own heart.

Human beings can become selfish—self-centered—on their own. We do not need someone to lure us into selfishness. However, Satan can lure us into sin easier and more quickly by temptations to satisfying “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.” (1 John 2:16)

The progression to death—the wages of sin—begins with our not controlling our own desires. A wrong desire does not become sin unless it is allowed to stay unchecked. If we recognize such a desire—self-seeking or self-exalting— is wrong and reject it—kick it out of our minds—we have not sinned.

Sin is conceived only if we allow those wrong thoughts to remain and take root—give birth to them.

# Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



October 27, 2018

## Victoria

*Sermonette:* Anthony Laitkep  
*Sermon:* Jim Chapman

## Corpus Christi

*Sermonette:* Mark Monsivais  
*Sermon:* Steve Moody

## Harlingen

*Sermonette:* Orlando Mascorro  
*Sermon:* Arnold Mendez

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”

1 John 5:3

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Sunset Friday 11-3	6:42pm	6:44pm	6:48pm
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## Announcements and Schedule

<b>Sabbath 10/27</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
<b>Sabbath 11/3</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. The HQ DVD will be played in Corpus Christi and Harlingen.

### Winter Camp:

Camper and staff applications are being accepted for Winter Camp in Wisconsin. The staff application deadline is Nov. 1, and the camper application deadline is Nov. 15. Camp will run from Wednesday, Dec. 26, to Tuesday, Jan. 1. For more information, please visit the COGWA Youth Camps website: [camps.cogwa.org](http://camps.cogwa.org).

### Winter Family Weekend:

Friday evening, December 21 through Tuesday night, December 25 in Louisville, KY. Please see Fact Sheet on the information table.

### Raise Funds for FOI While You Shop:

Foundation Outreach International has partnered with four major companies to raise funds. Take advantage of the programs described below and “do a world of good” while you shop!

AmazonSmile: Support FOI when you shop on Amazon. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5 percent of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Just login to your Amazon account, search for AmazonSmile, and match “Foundation Outreach International” to your account.

Shutterfly: It’s easy to support Foundation Outreach International while preserving your memories. Shutterfly enables users to create personalized photo gifts with their own photos and text—gifts such as photo books, home decor and much more.

Simply go to the unique FOI.ShutterflyStorefront.com and then click Shutterfly. Each time you make a purchase through our storefront, Shutterfly will donate 13 percent of the total sale directly to Foundation Outreach International.

Foundation Outreach International Gallery: Shopping the FOI Gallery, FOI-Gallery.pixels.com, allows you to browse through images from professional and seasoned photographers and images from the projects we sponsor. These images can be turned into 25-plus different products, ranging from greeting cards to

canvas prints, phone cases, throw pillows and more. Proceeds from your purchases go to support the projects of Foundation Outreach International.

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## Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

**Dallas Family Campout** – October 26-28

**Houston North Family Campout** – November 2-4.

**San Antonio Pot Luck**: The potluck will be November 3. If you have photos of your Feast that you would wish to share, please don’t forget to bring them.