

From the Pastor

After Jesus told His disciples that they were “the salt of the earth” He then gave a sobering message. This message is contained in Matthew 5:14-16, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

This is a sobering message when we consider it in the light of 1 Peter 4:17, “For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”

Our Father is constantly examining our conduct—how we live His ways 24-7-365. We read about this in Psalm 33:18, “Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy.”

We must ask ourselves, “Are we as concerned about our example as God is?” Do we examine our own conduct 24-7-365? Asking God to help us to be aware of our example should be a part of our daily prayer.

Thankfully God is indeed very merciful. In the Psalms alone we read of God’s mercy well over 100 times. God is merciful to us because He understands our very makeup. Psalm 103:14 records, “For He knows [margin records – understands our constitution] our frame; He remembers that we are dust.”

But, we must not take God’s mercy for granted—nor take His mercy as license to live as we please—to do what is right in our own eyes. Further on in Psalm 103 we read in verses 17-18, “But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them.”

God is very merciful to those whom He sees striving to live lives pleasing to Him—to those who are truly seeking to live righteously—to those who really want to let the light of His way of life shine through them.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	5:30pm	5:34pm	5:38pm
Sunset Friday 12-8	5:31pm	5:34pm	5:39pm



Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Bible Study: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

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“Or Lord, correct me, but with justice; not in your anger, lest You bring me to nothing.”
Jeremiah 10:24

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 12/2	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, Harlingen, and Victoria. San Antonio will meet in the Main Auditorium.
Sabbath 12/9	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Chapman will be in Victoria. Mr. Bill Palmer will be in San Antonio. Mr. Michael Watts and Mr. Orlando Mascorro will split sermons in Harlingen.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

From Mark Winner, coordinator, Winter Family Weekend:

We are pleased to announce two webcasts from the Winter Family Weekend in Louisville on the weekend of Dec. 22-23. The Friday night Bible study webcast will start at 7:15 p.m. Eastern time, and the Sabbath service webcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Eastern time. The password will be available from your pastor for those wishing to sign on. The webcast links will be available at cogwa.tv prior to the Sabbath.

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly scheduled potluck will be cancelled December 2 since we will be in the Main Auditorium.

Corpus Christi Bible Study and Brown Bag Social: Scheduled for December 2

Victoria Pot Luck and Bible Study: We have scheduled a potluck and Bible Study for December 30.