

From the Pastor

The Adversary has foisted off [to foist: to get (a thing) accepted by deception] on this world the erroneous concept of the trinity. The Godhead is not a trinity of co-equal persons in one God. The God Family (the Elohim) consists of two beings in one Family. They also use power that is called Holy Spirit. The fact that there are two member of the God Family can clearly be seen in the teaching and writings of the apostles. The Holy Spirit is not included in the family relationship described in the Bible concerning God.

We have read many times the first words of John’s gospel. John 1:1-2 as it is recorded in the Greek reads, “In ‘a’ beginning was the Word, and the Word was with ‘the’ God, and the Word was God [or, a God – both are grammatically correct]. He was in a beginning with ‘the’ God.” John here describes the relationship that existed in God (the Godhead) before “the Word was became flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1:14) There is no mention of the Holy Spirit as being a part of God. However, this would have been a perfect opportunity for John to explain this fact if it were true – a part of his understanding. But, it wasn’t.

At the end of the first century A.D. (or, C.E. as the nomenclature is today) in his first letter (as preserved in the Bible) we read, “That which was from ‘a’ beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” (1 John 1:1-3)

John makes no reference to the Holy Spirit as being a part of this relationship. John speaks of “that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us,” and that “our fellowship is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.”

John in this letter refers to God’s Spirit but not in relation to the family (Father and Son) relationship. We read in 1 John 2:23, “Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either, he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.” John then writes, “Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from ‘a’ beginning. If what you heard from ‘a’ beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.”

What is it that abides in us that enables us to abide in the Son and the Father? God’s Holy Spirit. John explains in 1 John 2:27, “But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him [God].”

The anointing (God’s Spirit) enables us to understand God’s spiritual truth (John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14) so that we don’t need someone to tell us what spiritual truth is. If it is indeed God’s spiritual truth, God will make that ring true in our minds through the power of His Holy Spirit.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:22pm	8:21pm	8:20pm
Sunset Friday 6-9	8:25pm	8:24pm	8:22pm



Church of God South Texas
Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen

June 3, 2017
 &
 June 4, 2017 - Pentecost

June 3, 2017
Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette:
 Mark Monsivais

Sermon: DVD

Harlingen

Bible Study:
 Arnold Mendez

June 4 - Pentecost
Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette:
 Mark Monsivais

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael
 Watts

Sermon: Arnold Mendez

“If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.”

1 John 2:29

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 6/3	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen & Victoria.
Sunday 6/4 Pentecost	San Antonio will meet with Austin in Austin. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria in the regular location at 10:00 a.m. and Corpus Christi in the regular location at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Mendez will be in Harlingen in the regular location at 10 a.m.
Sabbath 6/10	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Chapman will be in San Antonio. Mr. Gatley will be in Victoria. Harlingen will have a DVD sermon

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

Camp Scholarships:

We want to remind everyone that partial camp fee scholarships are available. We cannot pay for travel, and we like families to contribute some of the camp fee, but are happy to help if you need assistance. Contact the camp director to start the process of applying for a scholarship.

FT 2017: Festival Youth Instruction Volunteers

This year we will once again be offering Festival Youth Instruction at many U.S. Festival sites—and we will need volunteers to teach these lessons. Unfortunately, the option to volunteer for Festival Youth Instruction was inadvertently left off on the first day of registration. So if you registered for the Feast on Sunday, April 16, and would be willing to serve on our Festival Youth Instruction teaching team, please go back to the COGWA member portal, log in, click on “Feast of Tabernacles 2017” and then click on the “Edit Your Registration” button and add Festival Youth Instruction under the service areas. Thank you for your dedication to our children!

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly scheduled potluck is July 1. There will be no potluck on June 3.

Harlingen: June 3rd Bible Study and meal and social after services at the home of Michael Watts.

Pentecost: June 4