

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 6/9	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 6/16	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlingen. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio.

Festival Assistance: If anyone is in need of festival assistance this year for the Feast of Tabernacles, please see Mr. Moody if you are in the Corpus Christi congregation and Mr. Mendez if you are in the Harlingen congregation.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

Pot Luck and Bible Study in Corpus Christi:

Date: June 10, 2018 Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Jay & Sue Hensley's home, 136 County Road 326, Mathis, TX
Jay and Sue will provide meats and drinks. The rest of us: please bring sides, desserts, breads. Please give or send any Bible questions to Mr. Moody (steve.moody@cogwa.org)

Pot Luck and Bible Study in Harlingen: On June 16th there will be a Sabbath Bible Study followed by a potluck in Harlingen.

Camp Lone Star Pre-teen Camp: June 10-13 Arnold and Janie Mendez will be coordinating Arts & Crafts. Bennet and Charlotte Watts will be attending as campers. Please pray for God's blessing on the camp.

Horchak Visit: On July 6th– 8th Arnold and Janie Mendez will be hosting Doug and Tanya Horchak for a Sabbath/Weekend visit. On Friday July 6th there will be a BBQ cookout at the Mendez Home at 6:30 PM, all are invited to attend and fellowship. On the Sabbath of July 7th the Horchaks will visit the Harlingen TX congregation. After Sabbath services we will have a catered Mexican Dinner at the home of Michael Watts, once again all are welcomed to attend.

Church of God South Texas Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



June 9, 2018

Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: In Accord
Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Orlando Mascorro
Sermon: Michael Watts

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

1 John 5:14-15

From the Pastor

The last passage of Christ’s Sermon on the Mount is clearly connected to the previous one by the use of the conjunctive “therefore” in verse 24. The whole passage (verses 24-27) reads in part:

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock...Now everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand...”

The house built on the rock had a solid foundation and stood the ravages of the storm; whereas, the house built on the sand did not. The strength of the foundation depends on how committed a person is to “doing” what God says.

However, Christ’s reference to “doing” His sayings refers to more than just a person’s outward appearance—having a form of religion. Jesus is talking about living by God’s words from the heart. Such a person doesn’t just hear God’s words but seeks to live by those words. In other words, Christ’s words are to actually change how a person thinks inwardly that leads to how a person lives outwardly. The words produce a real change of heart and not just a change of outward appearance.

Paul made this same reference in Romans 2:13: “For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified.”

The apostle James also said in James 1:22: “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” “Does” and “doers” in all of these verses is from the Greek “poieo” which can also be translated as “practices” or “practitioners.” “Poieo” refers to practicing something as a way of life.

“Poieo” in 1 John 3:8 is translated, as follows:

NKJV “He who sins is of the devil...” [The verb “poieo” is left untranslated here.]

KJV “He that committeth sin is of the devil...” [Committeth is translated from “poieo.”]

Majority Text Greek Interlinear “The one who practices sin...”
[Practices is translated from “poieo.”]

The point is: A firm foundation requires that we are truly committed in heart to living by God’s words (contained in His laws) in letter and spirit and not just hearing them or having an outward appearance of righteousness.

Living God’s ways involves far more than just appearing religious or righteous; but, living God’s ways involves actually seeking to be righteous—seeking to live by what is right in God’s sight—practicing righteousness as a way of life.

The question we must answer is: Are we truly seeking to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God?

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:25pm	8:24pm	8:22pm
Sunset Friday 6-15	8:27pm	8:26pm	8:24pm