

From the Pastor:

We will continue with the General Epistles. Remember the General Epistles were those letters of James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John and Jude. We have just finished the letter of James and are ready to begin the first letter of Peter.

Peter wrote two letters that God had preserved in the Scriptures of what we call the New Testament. 2 Peter 3:1 records the following: “Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder).” 1 Peter is apparently the first letter.

Like James the date of this letter is uncertain. Different commentators and Bible dictionaries give different dates. Some even believe that Peter did not write 1 Peter even though the letter begins by stating “Peter an apostle of Jesus Christ.” As we have long believed man’s scholarship (man’s opinions—what man concludes based on his own opinion of his own opinions) can’t always be trusted.

One view in the Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary on the Whole Bible (JFB Commentary) seems most logical. The JFB Commentary states “It was plainly [written] before the open and systematic persecution of the later years of Nero had begun.”

The great fire in Rome occurred in July of 64 A.D. The Neronian persecution of Christians began after this. The JFB Commentary also mentions that Peter’s first letter shows an “acquaintance” with Paul’s epistles “even those written during his [Paul’s] imprisonment [first imprisonment] at Rome, ending in A.D. 63.” The conclusion is that 1 Peter was written by Peter sometime between 63 A.D. and 65 A.D.

From what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 5:13 it appears that Peter was in Babylon when the letter was written. “She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does Mark, my son.” John Mark was with Peter at this time. Later Mark had returned to Asia Minor (part of Turkey today) for Paul while he was in prison the second time before he was martyred tells Timothy to bring Mark with him. We have concluded that Mark was to take the copies of Paul’s letters which God wanted preserved as scripture to Peter.

Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:11-13, “Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry [a service – Greek – diakonia – Danker’s Lexicon defines this word as “service rendered in an intermediary capacity.”]. And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments [most likely copies of Paul’s letters if not the originals themselves].”

As we covered sometime in the past Peter was responsible for collecting the material that would eventually become the New Testament. Before he was martyred Peter sent this material to John who finished the Canon.

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Sunset Today in:	8:13pm	8:13m	8:12m
Sunset Friday 8-16	8:08pm	8:07pm	8:07pm

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Victoria

Sermonette: Steve Ruiz
Sermon: Craig Hoyer

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez
Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermon: DVD

“The thoughtless believes every word; but the prudent man looks well to his going.” (The Holy Scriptures by the Jewish Publication Society – JPS)

Proverbs 14:12

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 8/10	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 8/17	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. The Headquarters DVD given by Britt Taylor will be played in Corpus Christi. Mr. Mendez will present Noah's Ark and Early Man Seminars in Harlingen.

COGWA's P.O. Boxes

COGWA has always maintained two P.O. Boxes—one for correspondence and one for tithes and offerings.

Because of the move to the new office in McKinney, we will be closing the Allen P.O. Box this month. We ask that you no longer mail anything to P.O. Box 1009, Allen, TX 75013. Please make the necessary changes to ensure we receive your correspondence and tithes and offerings by using the appropriate P.O. Box listed below.

Correspondence ONLY should be mailed to:

COGWA
P.O. Box 3490
McKinney, TX 75070-8189

Tithes and offerings ONLY should continue* to be mailed to:

COGWA
P.O. Box 731480
Dallas, TX 75373-1480

*Note: This is our bank address and has not changed. The white, preprinted envelopes mailed with your receipts use this address.

Using the correct P.O. Box is a big help to us—and can save the Church money. We are charged a fee if anything other than money is sent to our bank address (P.O. Box 731480, Dallas, TX 75373-1480).

But any money sent to the McKinney P.O. Box has to be forwarded to the Dallas P.O. Box for processing. If you use the white, preprinted envelopes we provide, you don't need to do a thing. But if you use bill pay to send your tithes and offerings, please confirm that you are using the correct address: P.O. Box 731480, Dallas, TX 75373-1480.

COGWA Fall Music Festival: September 1

Save the date - the fall music festival is back. This year the COGWA Fall Music Festival will be held on September 1st at Whitley Vineyards Wine Bar, located at 401 College Street in Montgomery, Texas. This is a live music event starting at 11 am and lasting until 7:15 pm.

There will be five bands and two singer/songwriters performing classic rock, country, pop, and folk music.

A canopy will be constructed onsite to provide a shady place for your lawn chairs, or you can bring your own pop-up. You'll find more information about the event, the bands and the show schedule on information table.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Pot Luck: The next potluck will be on September 7.

Victoria Bible Study: Believe it or not August has 5 Sabbaths in it. The fifth Sabbath will be August 31. Since the last Bible Study went fairly well we will do the same thing this time. It will not be a pot luck. But, please give any questions that you may have to Mr. Tucker or email them to me at steve.moody@cogwa.org. Thank you.

Biblical Seminars: Harlingen will be hosting Noah's Ark and Early Man Seminars. The seminars will take place in Harlingen on the Sabbath of August 17th. The Noah's Ark seminar will take place from 10 am - 12 noon. There will be a meal break and the Early Man Seminar will take place from 2-4 pm. Included in the presentations will be a question and answer session. For more information see the announcement link at:

<http://corpuschristi.cogwa.org/announcements/>