

From the Pastor:

There is a great deal covered in 1 Peter 1:2 so we will only be able to cover part of it today. The verse reads, “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

Who are the “elect?” The Greek word translated “elect” is “eklektos” which is translated only two ways in the New Testament. It is translated as either “elect” or “chosen.” Eklektos is first translated as “elect” in Matthew 24:22 “And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.” It is first translated as “chosen” in Matthew 20:16 “So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

The “elect” and the “chosen” are the same people. They are the ones who have responded to God’s calling by real repentance and baptism and have received God’s Holy Spirit and who have lived a life of repentance (change) until they died in the faith or will be alive and changed at Jesus Christ’s return. “And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect [Greek – eklektos] from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” (Matthew 24:31) Therefore, as the word eklektos is used in the New Testament, it refers to those who never turn from the truth once God has called them and they embraced God’s truth by real repentance.

They are “God’s” elect:

“And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?” (Luke 18:7)

“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;” (Colossians 3:12)

They are the chosen:

“Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.” (Romans 16:13)

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

And, to show the importance of this term – the “elect” – the “chosen” – God also used it to refer to His firstborn Son:

“And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, ‘He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.’” (Luke 23:35)

“Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious.” (1 Peter 2:4)

When Peter addresses his first letter to the “elect” that is more than just a word. He is addressing those who are a special people to God. This is what you are as well.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
Sunset Friday 8-30	7:53pm	7:53pm	7:54pm

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August 24, 2019

Victoria

Sermon: HQ DVD

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez
Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts
Sermon: HQ DVD

“He that is soon angry deals foolishly; and a man of wicked devises is hated.” (The Holy Scriptures by the Jewish Publication Society – JPS)

Proverbs 14:17

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 8/24	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 8/31	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria for services and Bible Study. Mr. Chapman will be in San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and 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.