From the Pastor:

James 1:9-11 reads "Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits."

In this passage the "lowly brother" is contrasted with the "rich." Therefore, the contrast is dealing with material abundance—poor verses wealthy.

In this passage each person is exhorted to focus on the blessings and benefits of knowing the purpose of life that God reveals and gives to all regardless of their physical circumstances; rather than to focus on his own physical status or situation.

The poor man (or woman) must realize that God has called him (or her) to have the opportunity to become the very son (or daughter) of the Living God. There is nothing more exalted than that! This hope should inspire and motivate him/her to be deeply grateful to God, and, thus, not become arrogant and proud. Such a person should be seeking to treat others as God has treated him/her with deep love, care and concern.

The rich who too often trust in themselves and their own abilities must learn to be grateful for seeing what true riches are—the awesome purpose of God revealed in the knowledge of God. They must realize that this physical life is temporary—even fleeting. Therefore, in this time, they must also seek to grow in the deep love for God and learn to show that love in real concern for their fellow man.

The point is we must all (regardless of our status in this physical life) strive for the same goal—becoming like God—growing in God's love.

In God's plan for human life there is no room for arrogance. There is only room for seeing ourselves as God sees us. There is only room for learning to love God and our fellow man.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	7:58pm	7:58pm	7:58pm
Sunset Friday 8-31	7:52pm	7:52pm	7:52pm



Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: In Accord Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: In Accord Split 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

Announcements and Schedule		
Sabbath 8/25	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, Harlingen, and Victoria. The San Antonio congregation will meet in the Main Auditorium.	
Sabbath 9/1	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Harlingen. There will be a HQ DVD in Corpus Christi.	

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

GOD'S FEASTS:

Feast of Trumpets – September 10

Victoria – 10:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi and Harlingen combined -1:00 p.m. There will be a covered dish social on Trumpets. Corpus Christi will provide the food and Harlingen will provide the desserts.

Day of Atonement – September 19

Victoria – 10:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi – 3:00 p.m.

Harlingen – 10:00 a.m.

$\textbf{Feast of Tabernacles and the LGD}-September\ 24-October\ 1$

Please note there will not be services on the Sabbath before the Feast, Sept. 22nd, in Corpus Christi, Harlingen, and Victoria.

Corpus Christi will have a Bible Study and a brown bag social on the Sabbath of Sept. 15th.

Harlingen will have a Bible Study and a potluck on the Sabbath of Sept. 1st.

DALLAS FAMILY CAMPOUT – October 26-28.

HOUSTON NORTH FAMILY CAMPOUT – November 2-4.

Camps: Please be praying about the weather and safety at the upcoming camps.

TEEN CAMPS:

Winter Camp – Dec. 27, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019

DALLAS GOLF SCRAMBLE – OCTOBER 14

The Dallas congregation is hosting an 18-hole golf scramble Sunday, October 14th, 2018 with an 8 am "shotgun start" at The Traditions Course at Watters Creek (7201 Chase Oaks Blvd, Plano, TX 75025). The cost is \$70.00 per golfer which includes green fee, cart, range balls, prizes, as well as a Burger Buffet immediately following your round. If you'd like to play but not enjoy lunch, the price drops to \$57.00 per person. Golfers of all skill sets are invited and encouraged to join us for what will surely be a fun filled, mildly stressful, exciting day! You can form your own foursome or request to be placed on a team. If interested, please let Aaron Greider (aarongreider@yahoo.com / 561-707-2592) know as soon as possible, as we must reach a minimum number to make the event happen.