

From the Pastor

God's exhortation to His people through Paul in Ephesians 4:1 (NKJV) is sobering when we understand what our Father is saying to us. "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to have a walk worthy of the calling with which you were called..." The Authorized Version (the Old King James Version) uses the phrase "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called..." The NKJV use of the word "calling" is the primary translation of the Greek word.

Our Father wants us to walk worthy of our calling. That is a sobering statement because God has called us to be His own children. To be worthy means to have fitting value or merit. Therefore, to walk work of our calling would mean that our true conduct flowing from our heart will accurately reflect the values of a son or daughter of God. As a result our conduct should reflect the very nature of God whether living before others (being seen by others) or when by ourselves alone.

In Romans 8:29-30 we see that our calling is to give us the opportunity to "be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." This is what we must be doing to achieve the purpose of our calling. To become the very sons and daughters of God we must seek to walk as Jesus Christ walked (1 John 2:5-6)—to be conformed to His image. We must grow to have His same spirit, character, attitude and approach; but, sadly, this where we all fall down.

We don't seek to learn the qualities of Christ's character and then seek to live by those qualities 24/7. We still respond too much to life according to the old habits we have learned and developed. However, we will not change this habit pattern unless we actually put out conscious effort to do so. Such changes will not just happen by themselves. Unless we are actively working at changing we will not change. But, we must change if we are going to walk worthy of our calling.

We have covered the seven steps for overcoming sin in a sermon. We must all review those steps and use them. There is an article on the Life Hope and Truth website on that subject as well. It is in the Change silo (one of the six subject headings on the top of any page on the site). Those steps have been tried and proven. They do work. All we need to do is want to use them. If we keep in mind God's exhortation to walk worthy of the calling wherewith we have been called, we should be prodded to spend the time needed in changing.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	7:48pm	7:48pm	7:49pm
Sunset Friday 9-9	7:41pm	7:41pm	7:42pm



Victoria
Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi
Sermonette: Mark Monsivais
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen
Sermonette: Orlando Mascorro
Sermon: Michael Watts

"Thus says the LORD: Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight says the LORD."
Jeremiah 9:23-24

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 9/3	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen and Victoria.
Sabbath 9/10	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. There will be a DVD in San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Harlingen. Mr. Tucker will be in Victoria.

From David Johnson: Headquarters Festival Assistance Manager

“We appreciate the excess Festival fund contributions that have been sent in by many members. In the next few weeks we will be distributing Festival funds to assist over 200 people who would not have been able to attend the Feast without your generosity. Thank you for being willing to share your blessings with them. If you now find that you will have more than you need this year, your excess Festival funds can still be sent in to the Church office.”

2016 Houston Family Campout

Due to Lake Livingston park renovations, this year’s annual family campout will be held at Martin Dies Jr. State park located 13 miles west of Jasper, TX on route 190. We will be utilizing an online registration method to reserve sites. Online registration will commence Sunday morning, September 11, 2016 at 8 a.m. and run through Sunday, October 2, 2016. The link to the site is:

www.lakelivingstoncampout.com, however the site will not open for reservations before 8 a.m. September 11. You will not be able reserve specific campsites, so we’ve enhanced the website with a comments section to let us know of preferences, special needs, etc. There are plenty of hotels in Jasper for those who wish not to camp, but join the family fun. A link to local hotels will be included on the website. We will be supplying manual order forms for those who do not have access to the internet, however the sites are first come, first served, so it’s recommended that you contact someone with internet service, or submit your forms, with payment, as early as possible so we can ensure a site for you. Sites cannot be held without payment. That said, if you wish to attend, but cannot afford a site, please let us know, and we will make sure you are able to attend. Forms will be available next Sabbath. If you have any questions, please contact Taige or Tanya McIntyre.

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lakelivingstoncampout@gmail.com.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Pot Luck: September 3, 2016

Harlingen Church Meal: Friday, September 9, 2016, at 7 PM. The Harlingen Church will be meeting for an evening meal at a local restaurant. Final plans will be made in the next few days.