

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 8, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:24

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havir
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Acts 1:1–14

Sermon Terry McAdams

Quick takes

1. Welcome to traveling speaker—The congregation welcomes Terry McAdams.
2. Election process occurs in June—You are invited to participate in the annual election process for the board. There are three candidates to fill one opening this year.
3. Wednesday, June 12—Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
4. Day of Pentecost—Sunday, June 16
 - 1:00—Interactive study, Dave Havir
 - 2:00—Presentation study, Dave Havir
 - 3:00—Church service, sermon by Stan West
(Mr. West will also be speaking on the day before Pentecost)
5. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Why Is the U.S. Negotiating With Terrorists?” by Star Parker.
6. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Genesis 3:15—Part 1” by Dave Havir.

7. Eye on the World—275 headlines and two short articles.
8. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

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| ■ Mickey Ashcraft | ■ Ruth Roe |
| ■ Judy Biggs | ■ Ronnie Shirley |
| ■ Angela Dunnam | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Timberly Dunnam | ■ Mickey Voyce |
| ■ Annette Payne | ■ Donna Weese |

Prayer updates

Linda Benton reports that she has made a concerted effort to drink fluids, and she has been feeling better.

On Monday, **Elaine Townsend** saw her orthopedic doctor. Following the visit, she went back to her home, where she can go the dining room to eat all her meals and socialize with the other residents.

New prayer requests

On May 27, **Ella Mayfield** (of Huxley) and her mother (**Leslie Smith**) were involved in an automobile accident. Both were flown to Houston. Mrs. Mayfield has been having difficulty moving her legs. Her husband (**Raleigh**) has been missing work, since he has been at the hospital with her.

Diana Decker (from a congregation in Maine) is asking prayers for her son **Chad** (who lives in Nevada). He has contacted a virus that is shutting down his organs, and he can't walk. The hospital sent him home. Although Mrs. Decker has heart issues, she has traveled to Nevada to help take care of him.

Rhonda Huntley of Texarkana has been diagnosed with a failing aorta and has suffered several strokes.

Joanne Koeneke of Big Sandy requests prayers for renewed energy.

Loma Gibson of Big Sandy has been dealing with migraine headaches.

Show and tell

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented his or her religion.

The first student got up in front of the class and said: "My name is Benjamin. I am Jewish, and this is a star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said: “My name is Mary. I am a Roman Catholic, and this is a rosary.”

The third student got up in front of the class and said: “My name is Tommy. I am a Baptist, and this is a potluck casserole.”

Thought for the week

“Abortion denies a human being the opportunity to say ‘yes’ to God’s grace.”
—*Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler*

“Genesis 3:15—Part 1”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbig sandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of June 8, 2024.

By **Dave Havir**

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a two-part series designed to precede the Day of Pentecost on June 16. The title was “Genesis 3:15—Part 1,” and it talked about the concept “The Serpent Shall Bruise Christ’s Heel.”

Genesis 3

Here are some verses in Genesis 3 leading up to verse 15.

■ Genesis 3:1—The serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field, and he asked the woman: “Did God say that you may eat of every tree in the garden?”

■ Genesis 3:2-3—The woman replied that she and Adam were allowed to eat of every tree in the garden except one tree.

■ Genesis 3:4-5—The serpent directly contradicted God’s instruction and then subtly questioned the motive of God’s answer.

■ Genesis 3:6—Adam and Eve ate fruit from the forbidden tree.

■ Genesis 3:11—The Lord God asked: “Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

■ Genesis 3:12—Adam blamed Eve.

■ Genesis 3:13—Eve blamed the serpent.

■ Genesis 3:14-19—The Lord God announced a penalty for the serpent, a penalty for the woman and a penalty for the man.

Genesis 3:14-15

In Genesis 3:14-15—We read of the various penalties directed toward the serpent.

1. You are cursed more than all the cattle and more than every beast of the field.

2. On your belly shall you go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

3. I will put enmity between you and the woman.

4. I will put enmity between your seed and her Seed.

5. Her Seed shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise her Seed’s heel.

This Bible study and the next scheduled Bible study deal with the two parts of the last penalty.

A serpent would bruise Christ’s heel.

Revelation 12:1-5

■ Revelation 12:1-2—A woman delivered a Son.

■ Revelation 12:3-5—A dragon was ready to devour the Child of the woman as soon as He was born—but the Child was caught up to God and His throne.

Matthew 2:1-23

■ Matthew 2:1-2—Traveling leaders asked citizens where the King was to be born.

■ Matthew 2:3-4—Herod asked chief priests and scribes where the Christ was to be born.

■ Matthew 2:5-6—The chief priests and

scribes said the place was Bethlehem (mentioning Micah 5:2).

■ Matthew 2:7—Herod asked the religious leaders when they first saw the star.

■ Matthew 2:8—Herod sent the religious leaders to Bethlehem to find the Child and to inform Herod so that he could go to “worship Him” also.

■ Matthew 2:9-11—The leaders followed the star and worshiped the young Child.

■ Matthew 2:12—A dream warned the leaders not to return to Herod.

■ Matthew 2:13-15—An angel of the Lord told Joseph to take the Child to Egypt (mentioning Hosea 11:1).

■ Matthew 2:16-18—Herod was furious and ordered the slaughter of male children from age 2 and younger.

■ Matthew 2:19-21—An angel of the Lord told Joseph to return to Israel.

■ Matthew 2:22-23—Joseph’s little family went to Nazareth.

Matthew 4:1-10

■ Matthew 4:1-2—The devil tempted the Lord.

■ Matthew 4:3-4—“If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

■ Matthew 4:5-7—“If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down.”

■ Matthew 4:8-10—“All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

Matthew 16:21

In Matthew 16:21, the Son of God told His disciples what was going to happen.

■ He must go to Jerusalem.

■ He must suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and scribes.

■ He would be killed.

■ He would be raised the third day.

Some verses from Matthew 26

■ Matthew 26:3-5—Chief priests, scribes and elders assembled and plotted to kill the Son of God.

■ Matthew 26:14-16—Judas went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

■ Matthew 26:21-25—The Son of God informed the 12 that one of them would betray Him.

■ Matthew 26:33-35—Peter (and all of them) said they would not betray Him.

■ Matthew 26:37-46—The Son of God prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.

■ Matthew 26:47-50—Judas betrayed Him with a kiss.

■ Matthew 26:56—All the disciples forsook Him.

■ Matthew 26:59—The chief priests, elders and council sought false testimony against Him.

■ Matthew 26:67-68—They spit on Him, and they hit Him.

■ Matthew 26:69-75—Peter denied Him three times.

Some verses from Matthew 27

■ Matthew 27:20—The chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes to ask for the release of Barabbas.

■ Matthew 27:39-40—The citizens blasphemed Him.

■ Matthew 27:41-43—The chief priests mocked the Son of God.

■ Matthew 27:44—The robbers (on the crosses) reviled Him.

■ Matthew 27:46—The Son of God successfully faced the trial.

■ Matthew 27:50—The Son of God yielded up His spirit.

A few reminders

■ Acts 2:23—The Son of God was crucified and put to death by the lawless hands of the people.

■ Acts 3:14-15—The people denied the Holy One and the Just One and asked for a murderer (Barabbas) to be released—so they killed the Prince of life.

■ Hebrews 2:9—We see the Son of God (who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death) crowned with glory and honor—that He (by the grace of God) might taste death for everyone.

■ Hebrews 2:14—The Son of God was a partaker of flesh and blood, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death—that is, the devil.