

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 22, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:29

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 3:11–26
Sermon Neil Mclver

Quick takes

1. Thank you—The family of Annette Payne thanks the congregation for hosting a meal in the building after her memorial service on Friday—especially Linda Avey, Michael Bald, Bernice Burson, Linda Cartwright and Karen Welborn.
2. Election process concludes today—You are invited to participate in the annual election process for the board.
3. Wednesday, June 26—Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
4. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Countries in the World by Population” by Worldometer.info.
5. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Remnant—Part 1” by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—This edition was not completed at the printing deadline of this bulletin.

Reminders about local activities for senior citizens

1. Dominos with our congregation
 - When—Most Sundays
 - Time—sometimes 11:00 a.m., sometimes 3:00 p.m.
 - Location—our church building

2. Senior-citizen potluck and activities (games like bingo)
 - When—first and third Monday
 - Time—6:00 p.m.
 - Location—Heritage Center
3. Grief counseling
 - When—second and fourth Monday
 - Time—1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 - Location—Heritage Center
4. Senior crafts and games
 - When—second and fourth Friday
 - Time—1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 - Location—Heritage Center
5. Summer senior luncheon—by United Church of God
 - When—Sunday, Aug. 4
 - Time—noon
 - Location—1007 N. Tyler St.

Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Melodee Eishen** had a procedure that concluded a "high probability of cancer." Shortly after the printing deadline of last week's bulletin, it was confirmed that she is dealing with cancer. She has an appointment in Dallas on Wednesday. She and her husband, **David**, appreciate your prayers.

It has been a while since we gave a report about **Timberly Dunnam**. She gave the following report. There is an MRI scheduled on June 27. There are X-rays scheduled on July 1. There is a doctor's appointment to discuss the results scheduled on July 8. (The tests are scheduled over a period of time so that she doesn't get too much radiation at one time.) The doctor believes that she has the symptoms of "mass-cell-activation syndrome." She has had a difficult week. She appreciates your prayers for her physical condition and for her peace of mind.

Angela Dunnam reports that her energy is still not where she would like it to be. (This is a reminder that her surgery was in April 2023 and her radiation ended in July 2023—showing how slowly her recovery has been.) But she is thankful to God for the steady progress, even if it has been slow.

In the May 25 bulletin, we mentioned that **Mark Searer** had kidney stones removed from his bladder, and he learned that there was no cancer. He reports that he is continuing to build strength. He also mentioned that he is scheduled to have a scope every three months as a precaution. He mentioned another detail that we can remember to pray about. Doctors have told him that he has a fungus in his urine, but not in his blood. Apparently, a fungus in his blood would be more dangerous—but they are considering how to eradicate the fungus in his urine. He and **Nina** appreciate your prayers.

In recent weeks, **Shirley West** asked for prayers that her energy level would improve. It was good to see her in the audience at church last week and at the Wednesday-night Bible study.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Jack Hetzel** (102-year-old active pastor in the community who occasionally visits our congregation) broke his hip in a fall and had successful surgery. He was able to return to his home (which is the veterans' nursing facility south of Winona).

New prayer requests

When **Jon Coffee** was not able to attend on the Day of Pentecost, he told **Dave Havir** that he is dealing with arthritis on his lower back and his hip.

Barbara Lingle reports: "I have been diagnosed with hyperthyroidism. My eyes are sensitive to light, itch and burn. I am extremely fatigued and have lost 29 pounds. Please pray for a balance in thyroid hormones and for healing."

Patama Banks of Rochester, N.Y., underwent surgery for a growth on her lung that turned out to be cancer. The surgeons removed a portion of her left lung and believe they got all of the tumor.

David Gilbert of Kintnersville, Pa., died on June 12. Please remember his wife, **Hinka**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

In the June 15 bulletin, we asked for prayers for **Jack Sooter** of Buckner, Mo. (brother of **Richard Sooter** of Fort Worth). Jack Sooter died on June 15. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Thought for the week

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."—*Winston Churchill*

"Remnant—Part 1"

This article is from the "Edifying the Body" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website (churchofgodbigsandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of June 22, 2024.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled "Remnant-Part 1." The short series will conclude next Wednesday evening.

Population of the world

Have you ever wondered how many people are in the world?

The population of the world posted at worldometer.info gives a list of 234 countries and/or territories. The list was updated on July 16, 2023. Instead of listing all 234, I listed below the top 10 and some others.

1. India—1,428,627,663
2. China—1,425,671,352
3. U.S.—339,996,563
4. Indonesia—277,534,122
5. Pakistan—240,485,658

- 6. Nigeria—233,804,632
- 7. Brazil—216,422,446
- 8. Bangladesh—172,954,319
- 9. Russia—144,444,359
- 10. Mexico—128,455,567
- 12. Japan—123,294,513
- 14. Egypt—112,716,598
- 17. Iran—89,172,767
- 18. Turkey—85,816,199
- 21. United Kingdom—67,736,802
- 29. South Korea—51,784,059
- 38. Canada—38,781,291
- 40. Saudi Arabia—36,947,025
- 41. Ukraine—36,744,634
- 56. North Korea—26,160,821
- 57. Taiwan—23,923,276
- 98. Israel—9,174,520
- 121. State of Palestine—5,371,230
- 136. Puerto Rico—3,260,314
- 231. Falkland Islands—3,791
- 232. Niue—1,935
- 233. Tokelau—1,893
- 234. Holy See—518

Entire world at same time?

Is God directly working to save the entire world all at the same time?

■ 1 Corinthians 15:20—Christ is risen from the dead and has become the firstfruit of those who have fallen asleep.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:23—Each in his own order—Christ, the firstfruit, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.

■ Revelation 20:1-3—An angel puts the devil into a bottomless pit for 1,000 years.

■ Revelation 20:4-6—Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection—reigning with Christ for 1,000 years.

■ Revelation 20:11-12—At a great white throne, there will be judgment—for people who will be given understanding of the Bible.

A “calling”

What does the Bible say about a “calling?”

The Greek word *klesis* (*Strong’s* No. 2821) is translated as “calling” 11 times in the New Testament. Here they are.

■ Romans 11:29—The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.

■ 1 Corinthians 1:26-29—You see your calling—God has not called the mighty or no-

ble, because He does not want any flesh to glory.

■ 1 Corinthians 7:20—We need to deal with the circumstances into which we have been called.

■ Ephesians 1:18—Our eyes have been enlightened, that we may know the hope of His calling.

■ Ephesians 4:1—Paul encouraged disciples to walk worthy of their calling.

■ Ephesians 4:4—We have been called into one hope of our calling.

■ Philippians 3:14—Paul encouraged disciples to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

■ 2 Thessalonians 1:11—We should continue to pray that our God will find us worthy of the calling.

■ 2 Timothy 1:9—God called us with a holy calling (not according to our works) according to His own purpose and grace.

■ Hebrews 3:1—Partakers of the heavenly calling should consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.

■ 2 Peter 1:10—Peter encouraged disciples to be diligent to make our calling and election sure.

Judgment is based on comprehension

■ John 12:47—If a person does not believe (understand), Christ said: “I do not judge him.”

■ John 12:48—If a person does reject Christ and does not receive His words (based on understanding), Christ said: “The word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”

How small is the remnant?

Next time, we are going to consider the small size of the remnant.

■ 1 Kings 19:18—The Lord mentioned 7,000 in Israel.

■ Romans 11:4—After Paul quoted the scripture mentioning the 7,000, he mentioned that there was a remnant.

■ Revelation 7:4-8—The vision in the book of Revelation mentioned 144,000 being sealed.

■ Revelation 14:1-5—The Lamb will stand with 144,000 firstfruits, who have His Father’s name written on their foreheads.