

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 5, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:02

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Jerry Thompson

Bible study (2:00) Dave Havir

Teen class Martha McIver

Order of service

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Ross Jutsum

Scripture reading Psalm 103:1-14 by Neil McIver

Musical presentation Ross Jutsum

Quick takes

1. Guest singer today—We are pleased that Ross Jutsum is visiting our congregation today. As he has done on previous visits through the years, Dr. Jutsum will be giving a 30-minute musical presentation during the sermon time today.
2. Community musical concert tonight—Our church building will be the location for a free community musical concert by Dr. Ross Jutsum. He will begin the concert at 7:00 p.m. with inspirational and patriotic selections. Later in the evening, he will perform other popular songs.
3. Combined service on Pentecost—We are pleased to announce that the Tyler congregation of the Church of God International (CGI) has scheduled to meet with our congregation on the Day of Pentecost on May 20. (You might recall that they met with us last year on Pentecost and the Feast of Trumpets.) Following is the schedule.
 - Noon Bible study by Dave Havir
 - 1:00 p.m. Church service with Wynn Skelton giving the sermon
 - 2:00 Potluck meal

4. School functions in the building—May is the traditional time for the Big Sandy School District to schedule its year-end banquets. At the present, we are anticipating two banquets to be held in our building.
 - Thursday, May 17 — Athletic department
 - Monday, May 21 — Music department
5. Nomination phase—May is the time for the congregation to nominate people to be included in the election phase (in June) for our church board.
6. Election committee—Neil McIver (chairman of the Election Committee) invites members of the congregation who want to serve on the committee to please see him.
7. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Tyler. He is scheduled to be back for the 2:00 Bible study. (The congregation has many people on its speaking schedule, but many were not available due to various scheduling conflicts. Mr. Havir enjoys speaking there, but he was also happy to help them with an apparent hole in their schedule.)
8. Pastor's schedule last week—Dave Havir wanted to let the congregation know why he was extra busy this past week. Many people are aware that Pam's parents (Virgil and Opal Page) had moved from West Texas to East Texas six months ago. When Pam went to Lamesa on Monday to conduct family business over there, Mr. Havir spent extra time caring for his in-laws. On Friday, Mrs. Havir returned home. The Havirs appreciate your support.
9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Raising Boys in a Feminist World" by Kimberly Fletcher.
10. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Job 1:1-5" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 28 pages.

Prayer updates

Please remember **Elaine Holloway** in your prayers as the swelling in her legs (which has improved) has not completely gone away over these past months.

Eli Benedict missed the church service last week due to a lack of sleep on the previous evening. He is hoping to be attending today.

Betty Foster missed the church service last week due to a combination of being on the go too much and having too much stress. She is hoping to be attending today.

On Thursday, **Marilyn Boston** met with the personnel at the rehab facility and learned that they recommended for her to stay another two weeks.

Laura Moran had a couple of rough days this week, due to losing sleep while communicating with her brother about his health challenges.

Sonny Rosenberger thanks you for remembering him in your prayers.

Bea Gusner and her husband **Willie** began their trip this morning toward the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where she is scheduled for tests on May 7 to see if doctors recommend surgery to replace two heart valves. If the tests reveal a need for surgery, she will have the surgery on May 8. Two of their daughters have made arrangements to be with their parents.

On Wednesday, **Vonda Ouellette** went to a doctor due to swelling in her legs, and she was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. She already had an appointment with her cardiologist on May 21, but she is trying to move it sooner.

Linda Cartwright reports that her back is feeling better.

On Tuesday, **Brian Biggs** (son of **Judy Biggs**), who was hospitalized due to a seizure, was moved to the HealthSouth rehab facility in Tyler (3131 Troup Hwy.). He is Room 160. Visiting hours are after 4:00 p.m. Please remember Judy and **Susan Norvell**, who have been dedicated caregivers.

Wilma Reed of Trussville, Ala., who remains on a ventilator, had a new situation this week. She developed an infection and is experiencing severe sepsis.

New prayer requests

Amanda Crane of Hawkins (granddaughter-in-law of **Jean Benedict**) was in an automobile accident on Thursday, April 26, that resulted in surgery to her hip.

Cheryl Curry of Atlanta, Ga., learned about a recurrence of cancer. She was diagnosed with cancer in her liver.

Michelle Mickelson of Spokane, Wash., recently learned of two conditions on the same day. In the morning, she heard that she needed to have bones in both feet "fused" since arthritis made it difficult for her to walk. In the afternoon, she was diagnosed with ductal-carcinoma breast cancer. A biopsy was ordered. She is expecting that the second diagnosis may cause a delay in the surgery on her feet.

Vickie Dundee of Knoxville, Tenn., had a colonoscopy and was told that she has no cancer.

Ed Scott of Panama City, Fla., went to a hospital when his wife could not wake him from a nap.

Herman Spencer of Greenville, Tenn., had an amputation of his left leg and right foot.

Phil Rice of Baton Rouge, La., was diagnosed with a degenerative disk in his neck.

Becky Swiger of Knoxville, Tenn., was diagnosed with a kidney stone in her left kidney.

Gerald Schwartzrock of Hawley, Minn., died on April 21. Please remember his wife, **Ardelle**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

“Comments About Job 1:1–5”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of May 5, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At this time, I want to begin a series of brief articles to discuss the book of Job. There will be times when we talk about one chapter, and there will be times when we talk about a group of chapters. As we begin today, we will talk about only a portion of a chapter—Job 1:1-5.

I hope this project encourages you to review the valuable history and lessons found in the book of Job.

Two common misconceptions

It is my perspective that many religious people have two common misconceptions about the story of Job.

■ First, many people say that Job’s trials occurred because he was a horrible person.

In fact, the opposite is true. Read Job 1:1.

■ Second, many people say that Job had a wonderful reaction through his two trials. Such people base their conclusion upon Job 1:21-22 and Job 2:10.

If the book of Job ended after chapter 2, then we could conclude that Job’s reaction was exemplary. However, the book of Job has 42 chapters and an opportunity for Job to reveal his humanity.

Helps many people

In my experience as a church pastor, I have had the opportunity to use the book of Job to help many people who are going through intense trials. I have found that the story of Job helps many people to deal with heavy burdens.

Let me give you a few reasons why the story of Job helps many people.

■ The two trials did not come upon Job because he was a bad person. In fact, the book of Job identifies him having wonderful qualities (Job 1:1, 8 and Job 2:3). This book helps to support the idea that “bad things happen to good people.”

■ It was God’s idea for Job to learn

through these two trials (Job 1:8 and Job 2:3). Someone might ask how that fact encourages people. It comforts people to believe that God is in charge.

■ God allowed Satan to provide the details of the trials (Job 1:11 and Job 2:5), but God maintained restrictions about what Satan could do (Job 1:12 and Job 2:6).

■ Job 1:10 supports the idea of God placing a “hedge” around people. In the two trials of Job, Bible students conclude that God pulled the hedge back a bit—but still protected Job within the limitations of the trial.

■ In Job 3-31, we see glimpses of Job’s carnal reaction to his two trials. We see Job’s sins, and we see that God helped him through his bad reactions.

Not helpful to some

While I said earlier that I have had the opportunity to use the book of Job to help many people who are going through intense trials, I have discovered that the book of Job does not help everyone.

Let me give you a brief example of how the book of Job does not help everyone in a trial. Consider Job 42:13.

While the thought of God replacing the valuable items that were lost in the two trials, that action does not solve all the hurt.

I have heard people say: “Having new children is nice, but I would want my previous children back.”

If you can’t understand that sentiment, you are not fully capable of helping people.

First five verses

■ Job had many fine qualities (Job 1:1).

■ He and his wife had seven sons and three daughters (verse 2).

■ This man was the “greatest of all the people in the East” (verse 3).

■ After the children were feasting, Job would “sanctify” them and offer burnt offerings for them (verses 4-5). He did this regularly.