

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 19, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:12

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	Dave Havir
Teen class	Carol Bald

Order of service

Song leader	Ron Avey
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Acts 1:1-11 by Neil McIver
Sermon	Reg Killingley

Quick takes

1. 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 the CGI 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
2. Thank you—Thanks to the following people of our congregation who served when our congregation hosted the school athletic banquet in our building on Thursday night.
 - Sunday—Marcia Chambers' cleaning crew
 - Thursday—Carol Bald, Michael Bald, Dave Havir and Andrew McIver served at the event
 - Friday—Michael and Thomas Bald mopped the floors
3. School function in the building on Monday—A school music banquet will be held in the building on Monday evening.

4. Nomination phase—The nomination phase of our congregation's board election will last until May 26 at 5:00 p.m.
5. 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.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "God, Omnipotent and Omniscient, Gives Choice" by Lenny Cacchio.
7. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Job 2:1-10" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 22 pages.

Prayer updates

Bea Gusner (who had heart surgery for two heart valves at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., on May 8) had her chest tubes removed on Friday, May 11, and was moved to a facility on May 15 for short-term rehab before returning home. Yesterday, she gave a phone report to **Dave Havir**. She reported that she has pain and is dealing with low blood pressure—feeling like she is in a fog with "half a headache." She mentioned that her heart is good, but she has breathing challenges due to congestion in her lungs. Although she is experiencing some pain, her breathing may be her biggest challenge. She mentioned that she and her husband are hoping to begin their trip home this coming Wednesday. (Although they drove to Minnesota in two days, they are planning to take three days to drive home—only 300 miles a day.)

On Tuesday, **Eli Benedict** went to the doctor. At the visit, the doctor told Mr. Benedict that he could return to his previous blood-pressure medication.

In the May 5 bulletin, we mentioned that **Marilyn Boston** was granted an additional two weeks at the rehab facility. She reports that she is continuing to make progress and she appreciates the extra time to be fully prepared for what awaits her when she leaves the rehab facility.

Sonny Rosenberger thanks you for remembering him in your prayers.

On Thursday, **Laura Moran** went to a pulmonologist (respiratory specialist) and received a good report.

On Wednesday, **Brian Biggs** (son of **Judy Biggs**) went home. Because of his continued challenges, **Susan Norvell** stays with him during the day, and Judy stays with him at night.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Ron Bridges** of Arkansas had surgery to place screens in his body to "filter out" blood clots. We have since seen these excerpts from a report about him: "On Sunday, 5/7, Ron underwent surgery on his brain for a nerve/blood vessel condition which was causing him much pain. The surgery lasted 11 hours. Two days later, he had to undergo an additional five hours in surgery. He is being sedated to make sure that he doesn't experience blood-pressure spikes while his brain heals."

New prayer requests

On Tuesday, **Elaine Holloway** was admitted to UT Health Center (north of Tyler) due to an ulceration on her big toe and a recurrence of leg swelling. On Thursday, she had an MRI and was transferred to ETMC in Tyler. Since she deals with diabetes, the doctor will consider an amputation of the toe (with the intent of stopping the infection from spreading). Since the possibility of amputation is real, please ask for God's peace to comfort Elaine. Please do not bring up that possibility with her, but be willing to listen if she wants to talk about it. She is in Room 3513.

Bruce Graham requests prayers for his wife, **Viorica**, who is dealing with a persistent cold and cough.

Sharon Edelbach of Kellogg, Minn. (mother of **Jeanine Case**), is scheduled for heart-valve surgery on June 6.

Although **Donna Weese** is able to regularly attend our church service, please ask God to give her renewed energy.

Although **Betty Foster** is able to regularly attend our church service, please ask God to give her renewed energy. (On Friday, she went to the doctor and learned that she has a urinary-tract infection.)

For the past couple of weeks, **Willie Choate** has been dealing with pain in his back and his hip. (On another matter, he thought he had a urinary-tract infection but a doctor ruled out that diagnosis.)

On Thursday, **Gracie Feaker** asked **Dave Havar** to anoint her due to breathing challenges and a buildup of fluid.

Nick Collins of Atlanta, Ga., had emergency surgery due to a ruptured colon and septic infection.

Richard Hegna of the local United congregation died on May 13. His funeral was Saturday morning at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Acts 1:1-6—The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

“Comments About Job 2:1–10”

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 May 19, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss the book of Job. There will be times when we talk about (1) a group of chapters, (2) one chapter and (3) a portion of a chapter. Today, we will discuss Job 2:1-10.

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

Two trials

In the first two chapters of the book of Job, we read about two trials that came upon Job and his wife. We talked about the first trial (found in chapter 1) last week, and we will talk about the second trial (found in chapter 2) today.

■ The angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan was among them (Job 2:1 and previously mentioned Job 1:6).

■ The Lord asked Satan where he had been, and Satan mentioned that he had been on the earth (Job 2:2 and previously mentioned in Job 1:7).

■ Next, the Lord asked Satan if he had “considered” His servant Job (Job 2:3 and previously mentioned in Job 1:8).

Considered for what?

Based upon Satan’s response, Satan knew that the Lord had meant considered for a trial (verse 4).

Job 2:4—“So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.’”

Do you remember the “hedge” that protected Job from Satan (Job 1:10)? It is apparent that God would have to adjust the hedge for Satan to consider Job.

■ It was God’s idea to adjust the hedge to give Satan room to provide a trial for Job.

■ We see that Satan came up with the proposals—the details of both trials that would afflict Job. Satan suggested the details of the first trial (Job 1:11), and he suggested the

details of the second trial (Job 2:5).

■ We see that God approved of Satan’s proposals—maintaining ultimate control by limiting what Satan could do (verse 6).

Job 2:5—“But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”

Job 2:6—“And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.’”

Health trial

In the first trial, God said that Satan could not “lay a hand” upon Job (Job 1:12). In the second trial, God allowed Satan to strike Job with painful boils (Job 2:7).

Job 2:7—“So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.”

Those painful boils tormented Job (Job 2:8).

Wife’s suggestion

When Job’s wife saw his suffering, she gave him a suggestion (Job 2:9). We don’t know the tone of her suggestion.

In past sermons years ago, I described her words as being given by a nagging shrew. How unfair of me. She may have offered those words in a sympathetic, caring manner.

Job’s reaction

Job reaction to this trial (Job 2:10) was similar to his reaction to the first trial (Job 1:20-22).

Job 2:10—“But he said to her, ‘You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”

■ 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.