

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 9, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:24

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Daniel Botha
Bible study (2:00)	Stan West
Teen class	Jeanine Case

Order of service

Song leader	Daniel Botha
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Acts 4:23–37 by Stan West
Sermon	Daniel Botha

Quick takes

1. Invitation to the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles—The Church of God Big Sandy invites people to attend one of the festival sites sponsored by our congregation. Pastor Dave Havir writes: “If you are looking for a small, friendly site that has inspiring messages and excellent fellowship, we invite you to come join us.”
2. Four Feast sites—The Church of God Big Sandy will sponsor four festival sites for the observance of the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles. Our congregation will have daily church services from Monday, Sept. 24, through Monday, Oct. 1.
 - Big Sandy—for the 24th consecutive year
 - Destin—for the 21st consecutive year
 - Myrtle Beach—for the 16th consecutive year
 - Prescott Valley—as our rotating western site
3. Attention all previous Feast speakers—Dave Havir is requesting that any person who has previously given sermons at a Feast site sponsored by the Church of God Big Sandy contact him—if you are planning to attend one of our sites and would be interested in speaking. He has the responsibility of organizing the speaking schedule at all four of the Feast sites.

4. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is conducting an Interactive Bible study about the book of Job at the Tyler Sabbath Fellowship.
5. Invitation to a reunion on June 16—The New Beginnings congregation in Big Sandy sent the following invitation: “All are invited as New Beginnings will be hosting a casual reception and a light finger-foods potluck on Saturday, June 16 (starting at 4:30 p.m.), to mark the 65th anniversary of the beginning of church services in Big Sandy for the then Radio Church of God congregation in June of 1953.”
6. Election continues until June 30—The election process for the board concludes on June 30 at 5:00 p.m.
7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Carry the Message” by Lenny Cacchio.
8. Among Friends—The week’s article is “Comments About Job 4–31” by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 20 pages.

Honoring high school graduates

Today, the congregation congratulates three graduates from high school.

- **Mariah Johnson**

High school:	Marshall ISD
Next step:	University of Texas at Arlington
Projected major:	Social science

- **Zachary Kennebeck**

High school:	Big Sandy ISD
Next step:	One-year apprentice training with a local agricultural company

- **Kyleigh Moody**

High school:	Big Sandy ISD (with honors)
Next step:	Tyler Junior College
Projected major:	International business

Prayer updates

Elaine Holloway reports that her week had ups and downs.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Marilyn Boston** was scheduled to leave the rehab facility on June 2 and that her daughter **Kathleen** (of the Washington, D.C., area) was scheduled to arrive on June 1. When Mrs. Boston fell in her home twice last Saturday, it convinced herself and her daughter that Mrs. Boston should be in assisted living. The two of them began an intense search, found a desired facility (Atria Copeland assisted-living facility) in Tyler and made the move on Wednesday. The address is posted on the bulletin board.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Marie Byrum** was regularly falling in her home and that family members were looking into finding a nursing home for desired rehabilitation. Last Saturday, Mrs. Byrum was moved to the Arbor Nursing Home in Rusk (1884 W. Loop 343). She is in Room 407.

On Wednesday, **Bea Gusner** was given clearance to begin driving (four weeks after her heart-valve surgery).

Willie Choate is scheduled to visit a doctor on June 11 to discuss possible prostate surgery.

Sonny Rosenberger reports that he had breathing difficulties this week.

Vonda Ouellette (who was recently hospitalized with a diagnosis of low sodium and low potassium) reports that she continued to feel better this week.

Betty Foster reports that she had a good week.

Donna Weese reports that she had many good days this week.

In the May 19 bulletin, we mentioned that **Sharon Edelbach** of Kellogg, Minn., (mother of **Jeanine Case**) was scheduled for heart-valve surgery on June 6. Mrs. Edelbach had the surgery and is reportedly recovering on schedule.

New prayer requests

On Thursday, **Brian Biggs** (son of **Judy Biggs**) had an endoscopy and was diagnosed with a small stomach ulcer.

June Beaver of Greenville had a stroke and entered a rehab facility.

Arlene Faesel of Enola, Pa., died on June 2. Please remember her husband, **Brad**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Jenetta Venish of Charlotte, N.C., died on June 2. Please remember her husband, **Mike**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Ann Bankston of Beth Springs, Tenn., died on June 2. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Synopsis of board meeting

Here is a synopsis of the board meeting on Tuesday evening, June 5.

- The board discussed how to get our equipment and software analyzed for the sound booth and website.
- The board discussed the recruiting of additional volunteers to help the three people who currently serve in the sound booth.
- Updates were given on Feast preparations.
- The board discussed an opportunity for board members to meet with a retired financial planner to review and maximize our portfolio.

“Comments About Job 4–31”

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 9, 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 4-31.

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

Chronology of the dialogue

Last week, we mentioned the following chronology of the dialogue between the three friends and Job.

- Job spoke in chapter 3.
- Eliphaz spoke in chapters 4-5.
- Job spoke in chapters 6-7.
- Bildad spoke in chapter 8.
- Job spoke in chapters 9-10.
- Zophar spoke in chapter 11.
- Job spoke in chapters 12-14.
- Eliphaz spoke in chapter 15.
- Job spoke in chapters 16-17.
- Bildad spoke in chapter 18.
- Job spoke in chapter 19.
- Zophar spoke in chapter 20.
- Job spoke in chapter 21.
- Eliphaz spoke in chapter 22.
- Job spoke in chapters 23-24.
- Bildad spoke in chapter 25.
- Job spoke in chapters 26-31.

Overlooked observation

When some Bible students read the words of Job’s three friends, they sometimes wonder why God criticized their advice (as recorded in Job 42:7).

Some Bible students conclude that the words spoken by the three friends don’t seem to be that bad. Some Bible students will even go so far as to say that the words spoken by the three friends seem to be logical, right and true.

As Bible students look at the words of Eliphaz in chapters 4-5, they often over-

look a description found in Job 4:12-16.

At this time, it might be helpful to notice those five verses that describe the source of the words spoken by Eliphaz. Have you ever noticed how Eliphaz described the source of his words?

Job 4:12-16—“Now a word was secretly brought to me, and my ear received a whisper of it. In disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake. Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair on my body stood up. It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence; then I heard a voice saying.”

From God?

It is my perspective that it is appropriate for a Bible student to ask if this “whisper” was from the Lord.

Do you remember the “still small voice” that talked to Elijah?

1 Kings 19:11-12—“Then He said, ‘Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.’ And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.”

Friendly advice

As you study the dialogue between the three friends and Job, I would like to give you the following friendly advice.

■ If you are given the opportunity of teaching or preaching about the book of Job (whether within a congregation or within a community Bible study), remember Job 42:7 and please refrain from quoting the words of the three friends as words from God.