

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 23, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:29

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Jerry Thompson
Bible study (2:00)	Daniel Botha
Teen class	Roxanna West

Order of service

Song leader	Daniel Botha
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading . . .	Acts 5:12-32 by Dixon Cartwright
Sermon	Ron Avey

Quick takes

1. Attention all previous Feast speakers—Dave Havar 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.
2. Election continues until June 30—The election process for the board concludes on June 30 at 5:00 p.m.
3. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havar is giving a sermon in the Harrison, Ark., area. The congregation there pastored by Ken Tate is moving into a building that it owns. (Mr. Tate asked Mr. Havar to participate in a dedication of the new meeting place.) Tonight, Mr. Havar will join some of the brethren to see the musical play titled *Samson*—which is performed at the Sight and Sound Theater in Branson. (Through the years, Mr. Havar has visited the sister theaters in Branson and Lancaster, Pa., to see the musical plays *Noah*, *Joseph*, *Moses* and *Jonah*.)
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Seven Ways to Ruin Your Marriage" by Jennifer Flanders.

5. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Job 33-37" by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 30 pages.

Prayer updates

Elaine Holloway again reports that her week had ups and downs on two levels (physically and emotionally). She appreciates your prayers.

Marilyn Boston thanks everyone for the prayers and cards as she has become settled in her new assisted-living home in Tyler.

On Wednesday, **Willie Choate** went to a doctor and learned of probable prostate surgery.

Here is a reminder of some updates from last week's bulleting for **Jeanine Case** and her family (**Mel** and **Sharon Edelbach** of Kellogg, Minn.). Mrs. Case requests prayers that her hormone and thyroid issues can be properly balanced. Although she is doing better in her three-year struggle, she still has times that are challenging. Mrs. Edelbach, who had heart-valve surgery on June 6, is dealing with weakness. Mr. Edelbach is tiring himself out as a caregiver to his wife.

On Monday, **Marie Byrum** died in the nursing home in Rusk. **Daniel Botha** officiated at the funeral on Friday. (The Bothas were able to spend the night nearby and to come to church here today to fulfill their serving responsibilities.)

New prayer requests

Ruth Roe requests prayers for her son **Timothy** (of Ore City), who has much pain in his shoulders, knees and hips. Mr. Roe has been diagnosed with two fractured disks in his lower back. The pain is causing an inability to sleep.

On Thursday, **Ruth Lee** of Estero, Fla. (sister of **Laura Moran**), was moving a generator, heard a pop and learned she had injured three disks in her back.

On Thursday, **Thomas Johnson** of Philadelphia, Pa. (brother of **Laura Moran**), fell and went to a hospital, where he had surgery on his mouth.

Bill Butler of Cypress is showing signs of dementia.

Louise McGuire of Kellyville, Okla., tripped over a dog and seriously injured herself.

Odie Mangrum of Altadena, Calif., died on June 14. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Lou Enos of a local Church of God congregation died on June 18. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Charles Krauthammer of Washington, D.C., died on June 21. Please remember his wife, **Robyn**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Matthew 13:3-9—Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Matthew 13:18-23—“Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

Matthew 13:24-30—Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ ”

Matthew 13:37-43—He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Matthew 13:44—“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

“Comments About Job 33–37”

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 June 23, 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 33–37.

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

With his own ears

Last week, I mentioned the reason why Elihu talked. This week, I want to mention Elihu’s evaluation of Job’s sin.

Notice how Elihu described what he heard Job say (in Job 33:8–11).

Job 33:8–11—“Surely you have spoken in my hearing, and I have heard the sound of your words, saying, ‘I am pure, without transgression; I am innocent, and there is no iniquity in me. Yet He finds occasions against me, He counts me as His enemy; He puts my feet in the stocks, He watches all my paths.’”

Job 34:5—“For Job has said, ‘I am righteous, but God has taken away my justice.’”

Job 34:9—“For he has said, ‘It profits a man nothing that he should delight in God.’”

Job 34:37—“For he adds rebellion to his sin; he claps his hands among us, and multiplies his words against God.”

Job 35:2–3—“Do you think this is right? Do you say, ‘My righteousness is more than God’s’? For you say, ‘What advantage will it be to You? What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?’”

Job 35:16—“Therefore Job opens his mouth in vain; he multiplies words without knowledge.”

Confronting Job

Early in his commentary to Job, we see Elihu issue a challenge to Job.

Job 33:5—“If you can answer me, set your words in order before me; take your stand.”

When God finally talked to Job, He confronted Job twice.

Job 38:3—“Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.”

Job 40:7—“Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.”

Helpful advice

Elihu also gave some advice to Job.

Job 33:12–13—“Look, in this you are not righteous. I will answer you, for God is greater than man. Why do you contend with Him? For He does not give an accounting of any of His words.”

Job 33:31–32—“Give ear, Job, listen to me; hold your peace, and I will speak. If you have anything to say, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify you.”

Job 35:4–6—“I will answer you, and your companions with you. Look to the heavens and see; and behold the clouds—they are higher than you. If you sin, what do you accomplish against Him? Or, if your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to Him?”

Job 36:2–7—“Bear with me a little, and I will show you that there are yet words to speak on God’s behalf. I will fetch my knowledge from afar; I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. For truly my words are not false; one who is perfect in knowledge is with you. Behold, God is mighty, but despises no one; He is mighty in strength of understanding. He does not preserve the life of the wicked, but gives justice to the oppressed. He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous; but they are on the throne with kings, for He has seated them forever, and they are exalted.”

Job 36:22–23—“Behold, God is exalted by His power; who teaches like Him? Who has assigned Him His way, or who has said, ‘You have done wrong?’”

Job 37:14—“Listen to this, O Job; stand still and consider the wondrous works of God.”