

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 28, 2019 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:09

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	.....	Dave Havir
Teen class	.....	Neil Mclver

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader	.....	Reg Killingley
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Hebrews 8:1–13
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Combined for Feast of Trumpets—The Church of God International will join our congregation for the Feast of Trumpets Sept. 30. Here is the schedule.
 - 1:00 p.m. Bible study—Dave Havir
 - 2:00 Church service—Wynn Skelton
 - 3:00 Potluck meal
2. Day of Atonement—The congregation will observe the Day of Atonement on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Here is the schedule.
 - 1:00 p.m. Interactive study—Dave Havir
 - 2:00 Bible study—Daniel Botha
 - 3:00 Church service—Dave Havir
3. Interactive study this week—The topic of the interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be “The Fifth Commandment” moderated by Dave Havir.
4. Interactive study next week—The topic of the interactive Bible study next week (Sept. 28) is scheduled to be “The Sixth Commandment.”
5. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Teenagers Believe and espouse Green New Deal Hype” by Dave Havir.
6. Among Friends—This week’s article is “David—Relationship With Saul” by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 24 pages.

Prayer updates

Yesterday, **Willie Choate** was scheduled for open-heart surgery (which he described as for “heart valves and clogged arteries”). (The bulletin was completed before receiving a report about the surgery.)

Eli Benedict thanks you for your ongoing prayers.

Vi Lehman thanks you for your ongoing prayers.

Sonny Rosenberger thanks the congregation for remembering him as he deals with a variety of health challenges.

Laura Moran thanks you for your ongoing prayers.

The cataract surgery for the left eye of **David Bonilla** went well. He is scheduled for the identical surgery on his right eye on Oct. 7.

Elaine Holloway continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. She is in Room 109.

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. He is in Room 412.

Karen Benson of Prescott Valley, Ariz., had her surgery on Tuesday. She learned that her lymph nodes are clear. She went home on Thursday.

In the Aug. 17 bulletin, we mentioned that **Linda Foster** was diagnosed with a “rare, rapidly progressing cognitive disease.” Her husband, **Morris**, reported that Mrs. Foster recently collapsed to the floor and sprained her ankle.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Norm Bronnum** had been diagnosed with strep throat. Following are excerpts from an update sent by Mr. Bronnum’s daughter **Pam**: “Dad was in the hospital for eight days. He went in for strep throat and an inability to swallow anything (including saliva). Doctors gave him strong steroids. The steroids hurt his heart. His heart rate and blood pressure began to be dangerously low. Once the strep was gone, Dad could still not swallow. A test showed that the flap in his throat no longer works. It is very rare, but a condition his mother had at her passing. The doctor said that there is no way to fix the flap. The only option was a feeding tube, and that was not possible with Dad’s heart issue. Hospice helped me bring Dad home. Dad asked that the closing of this report be ‘Till Later.’ ”

Thomas Johnson of Philadelphia, Pa. (brother of **Laura Moran**), died on Sept. 26. Please remember the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

On Thursday, **Martha McIver** was involved in an automobile accident. (We did not have details at the deadline of this bulletin.)

Archie McAdams of Fairfield (father of **Terry McAdams**) died on Sept. 3. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Jacque McNeely of a local Church of God congregation died on Sept. 22. Please remember her husband, **Melton**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Feast speaking schedules

Grand Junction, Colo.

Monday, Oct. 14	Dave Havir and Dave Havir
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Ray Stapp
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Family Day—no church service
Thursday, Oct. 17	Pat Gordon
Friday, Oct. 18	Jerry Jones and Dennis Benson
Saturday, Oct. 19	Chad Tate
Sunday, Oct. 20	Family Day—no church service
Monday, Oct. 21	Ray Stapp

Big Sandy, Texas

Monday, Oct. 14	Daniel Botha
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Dave Havir and Dave Havir
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Bert Moers and Daniel Botha
Thursday, Oct. 17	Ron Avey
Friday, Oct. 18	Jon Coffee and Daniel Botha
Saturday, Oct. 19	Reg Killingley
Sunday, Oct. 20	Daniel Botha
Monday, Oct. 21	Reg Killingley

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Monday, Oct. 14	Lyle Kerby
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Chris Kerby and Jim Johns
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Dave Havir
Thursday, Oct. 17	Brian Kelso and Dave Havir
Friday, Oct. 18	Branden Schroeder and John Bair
Saturday, Oct. 19	Steve Andrews
Sunday, Oct. 20	Ryan Andrews and Ralph Hanahan
Monday, Oct. 21	Jim Johns

Destin, Fla.

Monday, Oct. 14	Ken Tate and Ramon Coleman
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Neal Parker and Reg Killingley
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Steven Gibson and Reg Killingley
Thursday, Oct. 17	Neal Parker and John Havir
Friday, Oct. 18	Family day—no church service Interactive Bible study—Dave Havir
Saturday, Oct. 19	Tony Stith and Ramon Coleman
Sunday, Oct. 20	John Havir and Ken Tate
Monday, Oct. 21	Neil McIver and Dave Havir

“David—Relationship With Saul”

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 Sept. 28, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—There are many lessons in the Bible surrounding the history and prophecies of King David of the Old Testament.

Today, we will talk about David’s relationship with Saul.

Saul became jealous

When God agreed to give Israel a king, He chose Saul and instructed Samuel to anoint Saul with oil (1 Samuel 10:1).

As we mentioned last week, Samuel anointed David (1 Samuel 16:13), and David was acting only as a king-elect. David was not going to assume responsibility until after Saul died.

David set a marvelous example of dealing with abuse—without taking revenge.

■ Saul witnessed David’s popularity, and he became jealous of David (1 Samuel 18:6-9).

■ Saul threw a javelin at David twice (verses 10-11).

■ On two occasions, Saul sent David into battle hoping that he would perish (1 Samuel 18:17, 21).

■ Saul again threw a javelin at David (1 Samuel 19:9-10).

■ Saul sought David every day (1 Samuel 23:14).

There are two memorable events that reveal David’s lack of revenge toward Saul.

In the cave

Saul took 3,000 men to capture David (1 Samuel 24:2). When Saul went into a cave to go to the bathroom, David and his men were hiding in the shadows (verse 3).

David’s men encouraged David to take the opportunity to kill Saul (verse 4). David did cut off a piece of Saul’s clothing but felt badly about doing so (verse 5).

Notice David’s words in verse 6.

1 Samuel 24:6—“And he said to his

men, ‘The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD’s anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.’”

Into the camp

Later, Saul and his 3,000 men were still trying to capture David (1 Samuel 26:1-4).

David and Abishai crept into the camp at night (verses 5-7). Abishai offered to kill Saul on David’s behalf (verse 8).

Notice David’s words in verses 9-11.

1 Samuel 26:9-11—“And David said to Abishai, ‘Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD’s anointed, and be guiltless?’ David said furthermore, ‘As the LORD lives, the LORD shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD’s anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go.’”

Asked to return

Many people (even some believers) make an erroneous conclusion that, when a person forgives someone, the one doing the forgiving must automatically go back to the previous terms of the relationship.

This is not true.

Notice Saul’s offer for David to rekindle a relationship with Saul.

■ Saul said: “I have sinned. Return, my son David” (1 Samuel 26:21).

■ David did not accept Saul’s offer (verses 22-24).

■ It is my perspective that David forgave Saul.

It is also my perspective that David no longer trusted Saul. Therefore, David kept his distance from Saul.

Although David kept his distance from Saul, when David learned about the death of Saul (2 Samuel 1:1-10) he mourned for him (verses 11-27).