

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 7, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:21

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dixon Cartwright

Bible study (2:00) Neil Mclver

Teen class Martha Mclver

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil Mclver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Exodus 7:1–25

Sermon Stan West

Quick takes

1. Thank you—The Agape House in Big Sandy thanks members of the congregation for donating food that is distributed in the Big Sandy community.
2. Interrelating with other congregations—This weekend Dave Havar is visiting a congregation in Decatur, Tenn. On Friday night after a meal, Mr. Havar conducted a lengthy interactive Bible study. Today, he is giving a sermon. Tonight, the congregation is having a game night.
3. Daylight-saving time—This is a reminder that daylight-saving time begins tomorrow morning.
4. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce the scheduling of guest speakers in the coming weeks. Some of them are listed below. (An asterisk indicates a feast day.)
 - March 28 Vance Stinson
 - April 11 Jim Johns
 - April 15* Richard Crow
 - April 18 Ken Tate
 - May 23 Wynn Skelton
 - June 20 Neal Parker

5. Interactive this week—The interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be “What Is the Importance of Doctrine?” moderated by Dixon Cartwright.
6. Very rare to cancel church service—It is the custom of our congregation to avoid canceling our church service due to inclement weather. Even with a lower attendance in the building on a specific day due to weather in our area, we still hope to serve the audience on the website.
7. Main reason for canceling church service—Our main reason for canceling a church service is the loss of electricity.
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Why It’s Too Early to Compare COVID-19 With the Flu” by Courtney Vinopal.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Faithfulness of the Son” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 22 pages.

Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who live at home but are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran, Boyd Payne, Annette Payne, David Bonilla** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

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 115.

Please remember that **Emma Brown** (14-year-old granddaughter of **John** and **Della Worden**) is scheduled for heart surgery (“valve-sparing aortic root replacement”) on March 10 in Dallas. Emma (who turns 15 two days after this surgery) had an initial surgery when she was airlifted to Dallas when she was only 2 days old. This upcoming surgery is scheduled to last eight hours.

Many months ago we mentioned that **Dean Koeneke** had experienced strokes. His wife, **Joanne**, reports he still bedridden due to the strokes. Mr. and Mrs. Koeneke appreciate your continued prayers.

New prayer requests

The **Dunnam** family had a rough week with the flu. Here are excerpts from a report by **Angela**: “Members of our family have type-A flu. **Timberly** had a bad cough that caused a lot of pain where she had the surgery. Our doctor said that this is the second wave of type-A flu.”

Annette Payne requests prayers for her husband, **Boyd**, who is dealing with dementia.

Annette Payne requests prayers for her granddaughter **Tammy Gray** of Ore City, who is having health challenges.

Did you know?

Various news sources report the following information.

- Between 50 million and 100 million people are thought to have died from the pandemic in 1918, which became known as the Spanish flu.
- An article by Claire Gillespie titled “This Is How Many People Die From the Flu Each Year, According to the CDC” was posted at health.com on Feb. 11, 2020. The article said: “While everyone is in a panic about the coronavirus (officially named COVID-19 by the World Health Organization), there’s an even deadlier virus many people are forgetting about: the flu. Flu season is hitting its stride right now in the U.S. So far, the CDC has estimated (based upon weekly influenza surveillance data) that at least 12,000 people have died from influenza between Oct. 1, 2019, through Feb. 1, 2020, and the number of deaths may be as high as 30,000. The CDC also estimated that up to 31 million Americans have caught the flu this season, with 210,000 to 370,000 flu sufferers hospitalized because of the virus.”
- Of the approximately 98,000 COVID-19 cases confirmed thus far, there have been reports of approximately 3,400 deaths.

Scriptures to consider

2 Timothy 3:16-17—“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 4:3-4—“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”

Romans 14:12-17—“So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way. I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14:19-20—“Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.”

Romans 14:22-23—“Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.”

Faithfulness of the Son

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 March 7, 2020.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Years ago, I gave a sermon titled “That God May Be All in All.” I chose the title of the sermon from the concluding phrase in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

1 Corinthians 15:24, 28—“Then comes the end, when He [Son] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [Son] puts an end to all rule and all authority and power . . . Now when all things are made subject to Him [Son], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [Father] who put all things under Him [Son], that God may be all in all.”

I also quoted John 5:22-23.

John 5:22-23—“For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

I proceeded to give 10 ways we can show honor to the Son. This week we will look at the 10th concept—faithfulness of the Son.

Son’s goal

The Bible made references to how the Son regularly mentioned His goal to fulfill the Father’s will. Here are a few verses.

- John 1:14
- John 3:34
- John 5:30
- John 6:38

Well pleased

The Bible made references to how successfully the Son fulfilled His purpose on earth. Here are a few verses.

Matthew 3:16-17—“When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting

upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”

Matthew 17:5—“While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’”

John 12:31—“Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”

Revelation 3:21—“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

Revelation 5:2-5—“Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?’ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.’”

Revelation 5:11-12—“Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!’”

Revelation 22:3-4—“And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.”

Revelation 22:16—“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”