

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 30, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:20

Bible study and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havis
Bible study (2:00)	.....	Ramon Coleman
Teen class	.....	Martha McIver

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader	.....	Neil McIver
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Acts 2:1–13
Sermon	.....	Ramon Coleman

Quick takes

1. Welcome to our guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Ramon Coleman as a guest speaker today. Mr. Coleman is scheduled to give the Bible study and the sermon today. (He is also scheduled to give a sermon tomorrow.)
2. Thank you—The graduating seniors this year thank you for the recognition given to them last Saturday.
3. Supporting your freedom of choice—We understand that some of you may choose to delay coming to the building for church at this time, and we certainly support your freedom of choice.
 - Please be comfortable with your decision
 - Please consider the protective opinion of your family
4. Reminders for attending—Here are some reminders for people who choose to attend the church service in the building.
 - We do not provide masks or gloves. If those are important to you, please bring your own.
 - We expect attendees to make good use of our spacious hall by spreading out.

5. Interactive Bible study on May 30 and 31—As you may have noticed, we began having the interactive Bible study on Saturdays. (Although we had not previously had an interactive Bible study on the annual feast days, Dave Havar will moderate an interactive study on the Day of Pentecost this Sunday.)
6. Day of Pentecost on May 31—The congregation will be observing the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, May 31. Following is the schedule.
 - 1:00—Interactive study—Dave Havar moderating
 - 2:00—Bible study—Dave Havar speaking
 - 3:00—Church service—Ramon Coleman speaking
 - 4:00—Snacks (instead of a potluck meal)
7. Finger food on Pentecost—Due to the coronavirus, we will not be having a full-fledged potluck meal on the Day of Pentecost. Rather, we will have finger sandwiches that are individually wrapped or in baggies. Thank you.
8. Upcoming guest speakers—The congregation is happy to announce that various guest speakers are scheduled to visit us. They include the following.

■ Today	Ramon Coleman
■ Tomorrow, Pentecost	Ramon Coleman
■ June 6	Bill Crow
■ June 20	Scott Hoefker
■ June 27	Jim Johns
9. Ron and Linda Avey being careful—Ron and Linda Avey have decided to self-quarantine for a few days—missing the church services today and on Pentecost tomorrow. This is a gesture to be safe around our elderly membership. They do not have the coronavirus, and they have not been around a person who tested positive for the coronavirus. Rather, they have been around a person who had been exposed to a person who had coronavirus. They have chosen to be extra careful.
10. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The 12 Deadliest Viruses on Earth" by Anne Harding and Nicoletta Lanese.
11. Among Friends—This week's article is "Father's Expectations—Matthew 22:36–40" by Dave Havar.
12. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 33 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, Annette Payne, David Bonilla, Ronnie Shirley** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

Please remember to pray for the following people who are rehabbing at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater—**Ron Feaker, Elaine Holloway** and **Boyd Payne**.

On Sunday, **Eli Benedict** went through another tough time—with trouble urinating, passing blood and experiencing pain. On Wednesday evening (5:30), Mr. Benedict went to a satellite ER in Longview. The response from the visit was positive. First, Mr. Benedict was diagnosed as having no infection. Second, the doctor inserted a catheter, which began doing its job. (While a catheter is generally uncomfortable, Mr. Benedict was not having the same amount of pain.) Third, the Benedicts were able to be home before 9:00 p.m. However, another problem arose. On Thursday night, Mr. Benedict's knees gave out and he tumbled to the floor. **Jean** tried to get him up for four and one-half hours. She didn't want to bother her sons or **Dave Havir**. Mrs. Benedict finally called 911, and the EMTs helped up Mr. Benedict. Mrs. Benedict told Mr. Havir that she would call her sons sooner next time.

On June 2, **Shirley West** is scheduled for surgery to remove a cyst from the cornea of her left eye.

On June 3, **Laura Moran** is scheduled to have a bone-density test.

Ruth Roe reports that she has had good days and bad days with her hurting back. (On one day, her back began hurting when she was twisting while washing her hair.) Her children are nudging her to see a doctor. She is considering it.

Sonny Rosenberger reports that his left ankle and the left side of his chest continue to hurt after his recent fall.

Many months ago, we mentioned in the bulletin that **Leslie Harroff** was dealing with lupus. This week, she reported: "I am three months into a promising treatment for lupus. For the most part, my health seems to be improving—my daily life has fewer bad days."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Jerry Jones** of Ojai, Calif. (who with his wife, **Bobbi**, attends our western Feast sites), has a problem with a heart valve (leaking) and was diagnosed with swollen lymph nodes. On Wednesday, he had a biopsy (from a lymph node underneath his right arm) and is awaiting the results.

New prayer requests

Charles McLendon of a home fellowship was recently diagnosed with a "blockage around his knee." The family reported: "They were able to clear the blood vessels using the angioplasty procedure."

Cheryl Bean of Lebanon, Tenn., recently had surgery to remove a mass in her colon and liver.

Carolyn Chase of College Station (sister of **Vonda Ouellette**) died on May 21. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Word tickler

Some people would consider the following quote to be an oxymoron. But we like to call it a word tickler—"Doesn't *expecting the unexpected* make the unexpected expected?"

Father's Expectations—Matthew 22:36–40

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 May 30, 2020.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I have been talking to my friends about our Heavenly Father’s expectations for us—because He is a God of mercy.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread (Thursday, April 9), I gave a Bible study titled “What Are the Father’s Expectations?” The purpose of the presentation was twofold.

- I wanted to remind friends that a God of grace has expectations for His children.

- I wanted to remind friends that the Bible contains many, many examples of the Father’s expectations.

I plan to conclude this short series (that began on April 11) with a brief discussion about the Ten Commandments as organized in Matthew 22:36–40.

On these two commandments

A lawyer asked: “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” (verse 36).

The Son of God mentioned two concepts.

- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind (Matthew 22:37–38).

- You shall love your neighbor as yourself (verse 39).

Then, the Son of God said: “On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets” (verse 40).

But that’s not 10

Someone could ask: How do Bible students find the Ten Commandments in those two statements by the Son of God?

The answer is found in Matthew 19:16–19 and Romans 13:9.

A young man came to the Son of God and asked Him about having eternal life (verse 16). Part of the Son of God’s answer was: “Keep the commandments” (verse 17). The young man asked: “Which ones?” (verse 18).

The Son of God mentioned Command-

ments Five through Nine of the Ten Commandments—and He added the phrase: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (verses 18–19).

It is interesting to notice that Matthew mentioned Commandments Five through Nine as loving the neighbor, while Paul mentioned Commandments Six through Ten (Romans 13:9) as loving the neighbor.

Matthew 19:18–19—“He said to Him, ‘Which ones?’ Jesus said, ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Romans 13:9—“For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘You shall not covet,’ and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

- Therefore, many Bible students have come to view the last six Commandments as loving their neighbor.

- Many Bible students have come to view the first four Commandments as loving God with their entire being.

Beautiful guidelines

Disciples in my circle of life strongly believe that they are saved by grace. However, they use the Bible to discern the expectations of their Heavenly Father.

- John 10:27–30
- 1 Thessalonians 1:9
- Titus 1:16
- Mark 2:27–28
- Ephesians 6:1–3
- Matthew 5:21–26
- Matthew 5:27–30
- Ephesians 4:28
- Matthew 5:33–37
- James 1:14–15