

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 16, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:37

Bible study and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir

Bible study (2:00) Dave Havir

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Psalm 91:1–16

Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Invitation to fast on Jan. 17—Many people in more than 30 congregations have agreed to fast on Jan. 17 for God's involvement in world conditions. (See the list on page 3 of this bulletin.) Dave Havir reminds the congregation: "This fast does not need to overlap exactly with everyone else's. This fast does not need to be from Saturday sundown until Sunday sundown. This fast does not need to be 24 hours. However, it is a good thing that people are willing to reach out to our Heavenly Father."
2. Budget meeting on Jan. 17—There will be a budget meeting on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 3:00 p.m. For years, the congregation has been invited to participate in the process of setting our church budget—by serving on the Budget Committee. Ron Avey has asked board members to meet on Jan. 17, and he invites interested members in the congregation to attend this meeting as well. A budget will be submitted to the board in the near future.
3. Visitation and funeral for Eli Benedict on Jan. 17 and 18—Mr. Benedict died on Jan. 14. Please note the following arrangements.
 - Visitation Sunday, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Croley Funeral Home, Gladewater
 - Funeral service, Monday, 11:00 a.m., church building, family meal following

4. Chamber of Commerce dinner on Jan. 21—The annual Chamber of Commerce dinner is scheduled to be held in our building on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 6:30 p.m.
5. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are maturely and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
6. Prayers for victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
7. 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 these are important to you, please bring your own.
 - We expect attendees to make good use of our spacious hall by spreading out.
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Is Truth Irrelevant?" by Thomas Sowell.
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "The Father of Lies" by Dave Havar.
10. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 19 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, 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** and **Elaine Holloway**.

Ron Feaker is feeling better after his bout with covid, and he is nearing the end of his covid quarantine within the facility.

David Bonilla is scheduled to return home today. Here are excerpts from **Becky**: "David still needs assistance due to right-side weaknesses—unable to use right arm but can move right leg some. We plan to order a wheelchair. We are still working on arranging home health help."

Nancy Amburgey thanks you for your prayers after her recent experience with TIAs.

Donna Weese appreciates your prayers while she periodically deals with a lack of energy.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that a diagnosis for **Laura Moran** was "likely congestive heart failure." Mrs. Moran reported that she does not have congestive heart failure. However, she mentioned that she has diverticulitis.

Grace Kouniadis (sister of **Laura Moran**) is dealing with cellulitis.

Last Monday, **Joyce Coleman** had cataract surgery on her other eye.

Kevin Grizzle of the local United congregation (stepson of **Sonny Rosenberger**) is improving.

Last Saturday, **Don Mischnick** (of the local United congregation) went home from the hospital. **Michele** reports that he began sleeping better through the week.

Please remember **Linda Foster**, who has not been eating or taking any fluids for an extended time.

Thayne Slater of Amarillo died on Jan. 11. (Throughout the years, we periodically gave updates about his eight-year struggle with his brain tumor.) Please remember his family in your prayers.

Eli Benedict died on Jan. 14. Please remember his wife, **Jean**, and the rest of the family in your prayers. (See visitation and funeral information on page 1.)

New prayer requests

Diane Steele (mother of **Mandi Mischnick**) of Big Sandy has been hospitalized with pneumonia and covid.

Anne Elliott (of the local United congregation) has been suffering with a brown-recluse bite.

Wesley Miller of Plano had triple-bypass surgery.

Sherry Lambert of Abilene has been dealing with the effects of covid.

Paul Sniffen of Cordova, Tenn., died on Dec. 23. Please remember his wife, **Leigh**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

List of congregations and other ministries

Atlanta Independent Church of God	Church of God Cincinnati	Common Faith Network	Midlands Christian Church of God, Columbia, S.C.
Bible Home Fellowship, Jonesboro, Ark.	Church of God Faith Fellowship, St. Louis	Common Ground Christian Ministries	North Texas Fellowship
Bible Sabbath Association	Church of God International	Fellowship of the Word, Hendersonville, N.C.	Oak Stone Christian Church
Cana Christian Fellowship, Virginia	Church of God Ministries	Hungry Hearts Fellowship, Jackson, Tenn.	Our Father's House, Sacramento
Celebration Church of God, Idaho	CGI, Atlanta	Independent Church of God Fellowship, Portsmouth, Ohio	Outreach Ministries, Scotts Bluff, Neb.
Christian Church of God, Jackson, Miss.	CGI, Dallas–Fort Worth	Fairview Texas Church of God	Pleasant Hills Church of God
Christian Educational Ministries	CGI, Detroit, Mich.	Katy Christian Fellowship, Katy, Texas	Rock Valley Christian Church
Church of God Beth El, Nashville	Church of God Kansas City	Lexington Church of God	Seventh Day Christian Assembly, Knoxville, Tenn.
Church of God Big Sandy	Church of God Parkersburg, W.Va.	Life Resource Ministries	Terre Haute Church of God
Church of God Central Pennsylvania	Church of God Mount, N.C.	Living God Ministries, Montgomery	West Tennessee Sabbath Ministries
	Church of God Rocky California		

“The Father of Lies”

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 Jan. 16, 2021.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Last week, I wrote a short article titled “They Are Liars” and concluded by quoting Revelation 2:2.

Revelation 2:2—“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars.”

This week, I want to spend a few minutes discussing the father of lies.

Discussion with Pharisees

In John 8:12, the Son of God made a statement to the scribes and Pharisees.

John 8:12—“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.’”

■ John 8:13—The Pharisees accused Him of lying.

■ John 8:14—The Son of God asserted that what He said was true.

■ John 8:15-18—The Son of God asserted that His judgment was true, because the Father sent Him.

■ John 8:19—The Pharisees asked Him where His Father was. The Son of God reminded them that they didn’t know Him or the Father.

■ John 8:20—The crowd did not punish Him at this time, because it was not time for His arrest.

■ John 8:21—The Son of God told the crowd that He was going away and that they were not going with Him.

■ John 8:22—The Jews wondered if He was going to kill Himself.

■ John 8:23-24—The Son of God clarified that they were of this world and that they were going to die in their sins.

■ John 8:25—The Jews asked: “Who are You?”

■ John 8:25-26—The Son of God mentioned that He who sent Him was true.

■ John 8:27—The Jews did not under-

stand that He was talking about the Father.

■ John 8:28-29—The Son of God told them that the Father taught Him and was with Him.

■ John 8:30-32—When many believed Him, He told them that the truth would make them free.

Identity religion

■ John 8:33—The Jews reminded Him that they were descendants of Abraham.

■ John 8:34-38—The Son of God told them: “If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

■ John 8:39—They repeated that Abraham was their father.

■ John 8:39-41—The Son of God mentioned that they didn’t do the deeds of Abraham.

■ John 8:41—The Jews said: “We were not born of fornication.”

■ John 8:42-43—The Son of God told them: “If God were your Father, you would love Me.”

Origin of lies

Then the Son of God made the famous statement that many Bible students know and quote.

John 8:44—“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

Genesis 3:4—“Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.’”

Genesis 3:14-15—“So the LORD God said to the serpent: ‘Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.’”