

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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March 20, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:30

### Bible studies

- Interactive study—1:00** . . . . . John Dickerson  
**Bible study with music—2:00** . . . . . Neil McIver  
(No live transmission)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

- Song leader** . . . . . Reg Killingley  
**Pianist** . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
**Scripture reading** . . . . . John 13:1–17  
1 Corinthians 11:23–26  
**Sermon** . . . . . Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study on March 24 at 7:00—This study will be transmitted live on our website and Facebook page.
2. Memorial on Friday evening—March 26 at 7:30
  - Memorial of the suffering and death of our Lord
  - “Night He was betrayed”—1 Corinthians 11:23
  - New Testament symbols—1 Corinthians 11:23–26
  - Live transmission
3. Church service on Saturday—March 27
  - This year—same day when temple lambs were killed
  - Temple lambs—died at 3:00
  - Guest speaker—Mardy Cobb
  - 1:00—Interactive study by Mardy Cobb
  - 2:00—Presentation study by Dave Havir
  - Live transmission—2:00 and 3:00
  - 3:00—Church service with sermon by Mardy Cobb
4. Traditional meal—Saturday evening, March 27, at 6:00
  - Traditional meal depicting deliverance from Egypt
  - Please sign up at Information Table.

5. First day of Unleavened Bread—Sunday, March 28
  - Noon—Interactive study by Mardy Cobb
  - 1:00—Presentation study by Dave Havir
  - Live transmission—1:00 and 2:00
  - 2:00—Church service with sermon by Mardy Cobb
6. Remembering time of Christ's resurrection
  - Three days and three nights after His death
  - Tuesday, March 30—evening
7. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—Saturday, April 3
  - 1:00—Interactive study
  - 2:00—Presentation study
  - Live transmission—2:00 and 3:00
  - 3:00—Church service
  - 4:00—Potluck meal
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Christ Our Passover" by Vance Stinson.
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "Saved by Blood and Through Water" by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 40 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, David Bonilla, 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, Elaine Holloway** and **Donna Weese**.

We were not able to receive an update from **Becky Bonilla** concerning her scheduled rotator-cuff surgery on Thursday.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Nancy Amburgey** hurt the instep of her right foot. This week, a doctor diagnosed it as a sprain rather than a break. She appreciates your prayers.

## New prayer requests

**Liam Dupont** (newborn in Texas) was born on March 13 and diagnosed with one kidney "that is small and failing." The family (parents and four girls) requests prayers for the little guy.

**Jacki Cain** of El Monte, Calif., who was previously diagnosed with Alzheimer's, has been moved to a nursing home for concentrated care.

**Kathryn Ames** of Charlotte, N.C., was involved in an automobile accident and was diagnosed with a broken left tibia and collarbone.

**Conray Jennings** of Jacksonville, Ala., died on Dec. 31. Please remember his wife, **Judith**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Graham Davies** of Altadena, Calif., died on March 6. Please remember his wife, **Carolyn**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Gary Womack** of Gold Hill, Ore., died on March 16. Please remember his wife, **Josie**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Synopsis of two board meetings

- The board and Dave Havir apologize to the congregation for not posting a synopsis about two short board meetings that were recently conducted. Since Mr. Havir was not at those meetings, he and the board did not prepare a synopsis for the bulletin in a timely manner.
- On Feb. 6, the board held a meeting to approve the budget submitted by the Budget Committee.
- On March 6, the board held a meeting to discuss the upcoming board election in May and June. Following is a brief reminder of some history.
- In the July 27, 2019, bulletin, we gave a synopsis about a board meeting on July 20, 2019: “Due to declining numbers of candidates, a proposal was presented to amend the bylaws to reduce the required number of at-large board members from three to one.” (That proposal would reduce the *requirement* from seven total members to five total members. The board could have more members, but it was required to have five members.)
- In the Aug. 17, 2019, bulletin, we gave a synopsis about a board meeting on Aug. 10, 2019: “The board unanimously approved an amendment to the bylaws that allows for reducing the number of board members from the number previously determined when the congregation was formed.”
- In the May 23, 2020, bulletin, we gave a synopsis about a board meeting on May 15, 2020: “The second agenda item was submitted by Ron Avey and Neil McIver. Due to the coronavirus causing the entire congregation to avoid meeting together since March 21, they [Mr. Avey and Mr. McIver] proposed that this year’s board election be postponed for a year. The board voted unanimously to postpone the election.”
- Rotation of terms by the current board before March 6.
  - Expiring term—Kemmer Pfund
  - One more year—Carol Bald, Reg Killingley and Neil McIver
  - Two more years—Ron Avey and David Coleman
- At the recent meeting (March 6, 2021), the board voted to drop from six board members to five members. Board members determined that one of the individuals who were scheduled for the election next year (Carol Bald, Reg Killingley and Neil McIver) would enter this year’s election. The board used a numerical system to determine which person would be included in this year’s election. Carol Bald is scheduled to be on the ballot with Kemmer Pfund.

## “Saved by Blood and Through Water”

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 20, 2021.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—In the last three weeks, we talked about lessons from the Exodus. Here is the listing of the subjects that we covered.

- How did Israel end up in Egypt?
- Deliverance from Egypt was certain.
- God hardened Pharaoh’s heart.

This week, I want to talk about the concept of how the Israelites were saved by blood and saved through water.

### **Blood on doorposts**

In Exodus 12:1-20, God spoke to Moses. Notice a portion of the instruction.

**Exodus 12:13**—“Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.”

In Exodus 12:21-27, Moses spoke to the elders of Israel. He repeated the message he received from God.

**Exodus 12:23**—“For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.”

### **Blood of the Savior**

How did the lesson apply under the New Covenant?

**Hebrews 9:11-14**—“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

### **Passing through the sea**

As the children of Israel left Egypt, Pharaoh and his armies pursued them as they approached the Red Sea.

**Exodus 14:10**—“And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD.”

**Exodus 14:15-16**—“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.’”

### **Water baptism**

Bible students are aware of the different scriptures involving water baptism. Notice a few.

**Matthew 3:13-16**—“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?’ But Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water.”

**Romans 6:3-5**—“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.”

**1 Corinthians 10:1-2**—“Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.”