

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 10, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:45

### Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. . . . . Neil McIver

Presentation study—2:00 . . . . . Stan West  
(Also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Neil McIver

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . Exodus 20:1–17

Sermon . . . . . Ron Avey

### Quick takes

1. Pastor's trip—Today, Dave Havis is visiting a congregation in northwest Arkansas (pastored by Ken Tate).
2. Wednesday-night Bible study on April 17 at 7:00—People are welcome to attend in the building or via a live transmission.
3. Interactive seminar on April 24 from 1:00 to 2:30—David and Melodee Eishen are scheduled to continue the lively discussion of the book *Take Cover: Finding Peace in God's Protection*. (The first seminar was on Feb. 27.)
  - New and returning participants are welcome.
  - Food will be again be included.
  - Attendees can eat during the discussion.
  - A handout with the main discussion points will be provided.
  - Copies of the previous handout will be available for those who did not attend the first seminar.
  - This interactive seminar will not be recorded or be a live transmission.

4. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce that a few guest speakers will be visiting us in the coming weeks.
  - April 17      Ken Tate
  - May 8        Wynn Skelton
  - May 29       Blake Silverstein
  - June 12      Wynn Skelton
  - June 19      Jim Johns
  
5. Feast coordinators—Here are the Feast coordinators for the three sites that are presently planned for this year.
  - Big Sandy      Ron and Linda Avey
  - Destin         Ken and Janice Tate
  - Myrtle Beach   Lyle and Kathy Kerby
  
6. Feast of Tabernacles housing—This week, we posted information about Feast housing for the Feast sites in Destin and Myrtle Beach.
  - Destin         Pelican Beach Resort
  - Myrtle Beach   Avista Resort
  
7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “American Civil War Is About Judeo-Christian Values” by Dennis Prager.
8. Among Friends—This week’s article is “The Sin of Idolatry” by Dave Havis.
9. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 40 pages. (Because of Mr. Havis’s trip, this edition was completed on Tuesday and therefore it does not have the latest news.)
10. Since the bulk of this bulletin was completed on Tuesday, it does not have the normal amount of health updates.

## 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**.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Domonique Johnson** of Lindale (daughter of **Veronica Miles**), who recently gave birth to a nine-pound son (**Dominic**) via cesarean delivery, had surgery because her incision was infected. On Sunday, she was able to go home from the hospital.

Last Saturday, we orally announced that **Shirley Spearman’s** son **Kelvin** was hospitalized with a diagnosis of pneumonia in both lungs.

## Eye on the World

- An article by Kyle Becker titled “Charles Barkley Blames Politicians for Stoking Racial Division to ‘Keep Their Grasp of Money and Power’ ” was posted at beckernews.com on April 4, 2021.
- An article by Larry Elder titled “Fight Left-Wing Lies With Facts” was posted at townhall.com on April 1, 2021.
- A video and an article by Brianna Lyman titled “Rep. Burgess Owens Lived Through Jim Crow, Says It’s ‘Demeaning’ to Compare Voter ID With Actual Racism” were posted at dailycaller.com on March 31, 2021.
- An article by Morgan Phillips titled “Coca-Cola Required ID in 2020 Shareholder Meeting, but Slams Georgia for Voter ID Law” was posted at foxbusiness.com on April 3, 2021.
- An article by Gabe Kaminsky titled “Delta Airlines Condemns Georgia Voter ID Law, Requires ID to Fly [on Its Plane]” was posted at thefederalist.com on April 6, 2021.
- An article by Dylan Gwinn titled “MLB Moves All-Star Game to Colorado, Which Has Voter ID and Fewer Early Voting Days Than Georgia” was posted at Breitbart.com on April 5, 2021.
- An article by Guy Benson titled “Suppression: MLB Must Remove Headquarters and Hall of Fame From ‘Jim Crow’ New York, Based on Alleged ‘Values’ ” was posted at townhall.com on April 5, 2021.
- An article by Charlie Spiering titled “Biden’s Billions: Top 45 Spending Items in Joe Biden’s \$2.5 Trillion ‘Infrastructure’ Bill” was posted at Breitbart.com on March 31, 2021.

## “The Sin of Idolatry”

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 April 10, 2021.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—In 1 Corinthians 10:6-10, the apostle Paul listed five negative characteristics that were displayed by the children of Israel in the wilderness after they were delivered from Egypt.

- Lusting after evil things—Numbers 11:1-33
- Idolatry—Exodus 32:1-6
- Sexual immorality—Numbers 25:1-9
- Tempting Christ—Numbers 21:5-6
- Murmuring—Numbers 14:2-37

In last week’s article, I combined the subjects of lusting, murmuring and tempting Christ. While the three subjects have some differences, they also have noticeable overlap.

In this week’s article, I will talk about the subject of idolatry—with emphasis on Exodus 32:1-6.

### Moses delayed his coming

Verse one begins with the phrase, “Moses delayed coming down from the mountain.” Let’s look at some background.

**Exodus 19:20**—“Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.”

**Exodus 19:24**—“Then the LORD said to him, ‘Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break out against them.’”

**Exodus 24:1-2**—“Now He said to Moses, ‘Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him.’”

**Exodus 24:14**—“And he said to the elders, ‘Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them.’”

**Exodus 31:18**—“And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.”

### Aaron made gods

**Exodus 32:1-4**—“Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, ‘Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ And Aaron said to them, ‘Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’”

### Aaron proclaimed a feast

**Exodus 32:5-6**—“So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.’ Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and

brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.”

### God and Moses reacted

■ Exodus 32:7-10—God’s reaction is listed.

■ Exodus 32:11-14—Moses pleaded with God to show mercy.

■ Exodus 32:15-29—Moses expressed his displeasure to the people.

■ Exodus 32:30-32—Moses asked God to show mercy.

### Aaron gave an excuse

Notice Aaron’s feeble excuse.

**Exodus 32:22-24**—“So Aaron said, ‘Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. For they said to me, “Make us gods that shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” And I said to them, “Whoever has any gold, let them break it off.” So they gave it to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out.’”

### Moses made an offer

**Exodus 32:32**—“Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.”

### New Testament reminders

**Acts 17:16**—“Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols.”

**Acts 17:29**—“Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.”

**2 Corinthians 6:16**—“And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.’”

**1 Thessalonians 1:9**—“For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.”

**1 John 5:21**—“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”