

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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July 17, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:26

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havir
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Psalm 119:161–176

Sermon Ron Avey

Quick takes

1. Subject of 1:00 interactive study—For those who are reading this bulletin Friday night on the our website, the subject of the interactive study is “When were the devil and his angels cast to the earth?”
2. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce that a few guest speakers will be visiting us in the coming weeks.
 - July 24 Bill Crow
 - Aug. 7 George Crow
 - Aug. 21 Ben Mauldin III
3. Wednesday-night Bible study on July 21 at 7:00—People are encouraged to attend in the building or via a live transmission.
4. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Foreign Dissidents and the American Flag” by Ben Shapiro.
5. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Prayer—Examples of Persistence” by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 34 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** and **Elaine Holloway**.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Laura Moran** was scheduled to be moved last Monday to a facility in Mesquite. That decision was changed when she was diagnosed on Monday with low blood pressure and sepsis. On Tuesday, her diagnosis included pneumonia. The family appreciates your prayers.

In the July 3 bulletin, we mentioned that **Shirley Spearman** had been dealing with dizziness and had been hesitant about having a stress test. She reports that the dizziness comes and goes and that she remains hesitant about having a stress test. (She missed the church service last week due to an injury to her elbow, but she says that it is doing better.)

On Monday, **David Martin** of Lindale (who was diagnosed with a faulty heart valve) had his surgery to replace the heart valve. He is expected to go home today. He and **Cindy** appreciate your prayer.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Barbara Lingle** of Longview (sister of **Elaine Townsend**) had been dealing with difficulty with normal walking since February and was scheduled for a doctor's appointment last Tuesday. At that appointment, she learned that the main artery in both legs was 100 percent blocked. The doctor has scheduled to address the left leg on Aug. 2—by inserting a balloon to clear the artery with the hopes of not needing to insert a stent. The doctor will address the right leg (with the balloon and possible stent) shortly thereafter. She and her husband, **Joe**, appreciate your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Donna Pfrimmer** of Chariton, Iowa (91-year-old mother of **Joyce Coleman**), has been dealing with high blood pressure and blurry vision. On Monday, Mrs. Pfrimmer saw a different eye doctor—who noted that her macular degeneration was worse. Mrs. Coleman mentioned that her mom is capable of living on her own as long as her eyesight is good enough.

New prayer requests

Lisa Smith (who is helping a friend in Florida) requests prayers for her son, **Tolton**—who is dealing with headaches and stomach pain.

Dorothy Stevenson requests prayers for her husband, **Herman Stevenson**, who recently had a stroke and was admitted to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. She reports that he has also been dealing with heart arrhythmia.

De Jefferson of Lexington, Tenn., fell and broke his leg "below the hip." He was transferred to a rehab facility—where he has been dealing with lung congestion.

Lynn Ramsey of Dobson, N.C., has been diagnosed with a return of cancer to her spinal column and right shoulder.

Prayers are requested for **Lambert** and **Virginia Thamel** of Negombo, Sri Lanka. Mr. Thamel has been diagnosed with diabetes and has been in a hospital for more than two weeks dealing with a wound that is not healing on his right foot. Mrs. Thamel is recovering from the side effects of a stroke that she suffered months ago.

Carl Meninguito of Misamis Occidental, Philippines, was involved in a motor accident, injuring his right shoulder.

Mary Brdar of Windsor, Ont., Canada, has been diagnosed with cancer.

Sharon Ross of Fargo, N.D., had been previously been diagnosed with scoliosis and may be facing a third major back surgery in less than a year.

Dennis Fischer of Billings, Mont., has been diagnosed with stage-3 kidney disease.

Haidee Villacote of Tacloban, Philippines, died on July 13. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Recent topics at Wednesday-night study

The following list of Bible-study topics at recent Wednesday-night studies is given for two reasons. First, this will give members of the congregation the opportunity to listen to subjects that they may have missed. Second, the pastor thinks that it is important for the congregation to see what subjects are on his mind.

- June 16 The Angel of Revelation 14:6–7
- June 23 The Angel of Revelation 14:8
- June 30 The Angel of Revelation 14:9–11
- July 7 Revelation 12:9—Who Is the Devil?
- July 14 Revelation 12:9—Who Are the Devil's Angels?

Synopsis of board meeting on July 11

All five board members (Ron Avey, Carol Bald, David Coleman, Reg Killingley and Neil McIver) were in attendance.

- The board selected the same officers as last year.
- The treasurer's report showed that income was up for the first half of the year. (Mr. McIver reported that the congregation's investments performed well this year at a time when the stock market has been turbulent due to the pandemic.)
- Board members were able to review the expenditures of the approved budget for the first half of the year.
- In Old Business, the board discussed the following items—roof repair, landscaping, irrigation and sound-booth equipment.
- In the pastor's report, Dave Havir gave a review of the speaking schedule for 2018 through 2020 and for the first half of 2021.

“Prayer—Examples of Persistence”

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 July 17, 2021.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—On June 12, I started a seven-part series about prayer. Today is part six.

- Part 1—Talking to a Perfect Father
- Part 2—Faith and God’s Will
- Part 3—God Told Moses and David “No”
- Part 4—God Told Paul “No”
- Part 5—God Often Says “Yes”
- Part 6—Examples of Persistence

Abraham negotiated

Genesis 18:23-25—“And Abraham came near and said, ‘Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?’”

Genesis 18:27-28—“Then Abraham answered and said, ‘Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the LORD: Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?’ . . .”

Genesis 18:29—“And he spoke to Him yet again and said, ‘Suppose there should be forty found there?’ . . .”

Genesis 18:30—“Then he said, ‘Let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?’ . . .”

Genesis 18:31—“And he said, ‘Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the LORD: Suppose twenty should be found there?’ . . .”

Genesis 18:32—“Then he said, ‘Let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?’ . . .”

Woman of Canaan persisted

Matthew 15:22—“And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and

cried out to Him, saying, ‘Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.’”

Matthew 15:25—“Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Lord, help me!’”

Matthew 15:27—“And she said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.’”

Matthew 15:28—“Then Jesus answered and said to her, ‘O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.’ And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”

Asked the Son of God

Luke 11:1—“ . . . One of His disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.’”

Luke 11:5-8—“And He said to them, ‘Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him; and he will answer from within and say, Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you?” I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.’”

Another parable

Luke 18:2-5—“There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’”

Luke 18:6-7—“Then the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?’”