

Church of God Big Sandy

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Dec. 10, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:14

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m.

Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00

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(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader

Reg Killingley

Pianist

Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading

Hebrews 7:1-28

Sermon

Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is Dec. 14.

2. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

- Mickey Ashcraft
- David and Becky Bonilla
- Timberly Dunnam
- Elaine Holloway
- Annette Payne
- Ruth Roe
- Sonny Rosenberger
- Ronnie Shirley
- Elaine Townsend
- Donna Weese

3. Bad weather doesn't stop us—Since the beginning of this congregation, it has been our tradition to avoid canceling a church service due to weather. We expect each individual to use personal judgment and freedom for himself and his family. (Besides, you could join our Internet audience to watch our presentations online.)

4. Loss of electricity could slow us down—Although the circumstance would be rare, we would probably cancel a church service in the building due to a loss of electricity. (However, knowing our audience, anyone who showed up

might enjoy a small Bible study—as long as we stayed warm enough.)

5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "A Simple Review of Chromosomes" by Dave Havir.

6. Among Friends—This week's article is "The Seventh Commandment" by Dave Havir.

7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 40 pages. (This edition has two articles and 273 headlines.)

Prayer updates

In the Nov. 19 bulletin, we mentioned that **Timberly Dunnam** was awaiting contact with an allergist in Longview. Unfortunately, that contact has still not been established. Please remember that she has pain on some days from the vein stone.

In the Nov. 12 bulletin we mentioned that **James McBride** of Lincoln, England, was taken to a hospital due to "heart issues." His wife, **Sarah**, reported: "James is improving, but he is still having some issues breathing and speaking. We both appreciate your prayers."

New prayer requests

Before the Feast of Tabernacles, **Bernice Burson** began dealing with what she believed to be a "spider bite" on her leg. While the area on her leg did improve, it did not completely heal. Later, she learned that it was a scorpion sting. Although some friends have already been praying for her, she wanted to ask the rest of her friends to pray for the healing as well. She thanks you.

Vonda Ouellette of Houston (mother of **Jerry Thompson**) requests prayers for an increase in energy.

On Thursday, **Cherry Earls** of Baytown (cousin of **Vonda Ouellette**) was admitted to an emergency room (although we are not aware of the diagnosis).

On Dec. 2, **Nick Hendley** of Knoxville, Tenn., was in a motorcycle accident. The initial diagnosis was a brain bleed and he was placed on a ventilator. On Tuesday, he improved enough that the doctors were able to successfully remove him from the ventilator.

Ron Schemenauer of Tennessee has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Synopsis of board meeting on Dec. 4

Four items were briefly discussed.

- Neil McIver gave a brief update about our investments.
- Ron Avey requested an update about planning for the Feast of Tabernacles, especially for a probable site in Destin.
- Mr. Avey informed the board that we will be testing a new streaming service for our presentations on Saturday and Wednesday night—which would save money and could possibly turn into an upgrade.
- The board reviewed expenditures to see how well we were staying within the allocated budgeted amounts. (This congregation has a 27-year history of frugal individuals living within their budgets.)

Thought for the week

“Oh God of truth, deliver us—from the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths and from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth.”

Thought with a twist

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?
An 8-year-old boy answered: “You might have to guess, but you can usually tell by seeing if they are yelling at the same kids.”



“The Seventh Commandment”

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website, churchofgodbigsandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of Dec. 10, 2022.

By Dave Havar

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled "The Seventh Commandment." Following are some of the scriptures that I read.

Grace and expectations

Exodus 20:2—"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

Exodus 20:14—"You shall not commit adultery."

Six concepts

In the Bible-study presentation, I organized my material into six concepts. In this article, I will refer to those six different concepts.

Old Testament penalty

In the Old Testament, many behaviors brought about the death penalty.

- *Leviticus 20:10*—Adultery with neighbor's wife.
- *Leviticus 20:11-16*—Forbidden sexual relationships.
- *Deuteronomy 22:13 -21*—A new wife claiming to be a virgin, when she is not.
- *Deuteronomy 22:22*—Adultery with a married woman.
- *Deuteronomy 22:23-24*—Adultery with an engaged woman in the city—both were killed.
- *Deuteronomy 22:25-27*—Adultery with an engaged woman in the field—only the man was killed.

Old Testament polygamy and concubines

- *Genesis 29:16-30*—Jacob married Leah and Rachel.
- *Judges 8:30-31*—Gideon had many wives.
- *1 Samuel 27:3*—David dwelt in Achish with his two wives, Ahinoam and

Abigail.

- *2 Samuel 20:3*—David took 10 women (his concubine) and put them in seclusion, supported them and did not have relations with them.
- *1 Kings 11:3*—Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines.

New Testament monogamy

- *1 Corinthians 7:2*—Each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.

New Testament instruction about adultery

Matthew 5:27-28—“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

God got married and divorced

- *Ezekiel 16:8*—God married Israel.
- *Jeremiah 3:8*—When Israel committed adultery, God gave her a certificate of divorce.
- *Malachi 2:16*—God hates divorce.

Scriptures about divorce

Matthew 5:31-32—“Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

- *Matthew 19:3*—The Pharisees sought to test him with a question about divorce.
- *Matthew 19:4-6*—The Son of God quoted Genesis 2:24.
- *Matthew 19:7*—The Pharisees asked about the certificate of divorce mentioned by Moses.

Matthew 19:8-9—“He said to them, ‘Moses, because of the hardness of your

hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.' ”

- *1 Corinthians 7:6-9*—Paul's opinion to the unmarried.
- *1 Corinthians 7:10-11*—Paul's bold proclamation to the married.
- *1 Corinthians 7:12-15*—Paul's opinion to the rest.