

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 11, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:24

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Jerry Thompson

Presentation study—2:00 Scott Hoefker
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Job 33:1–33

Sermon Scott Hoefker

Quick takes

1. Topic for today’s interactive Bible study—Today’s topic at the 1:00 p.m. interactive Bible study is “Melchizedek.”

2. Schedule of guest speakers—We continue to schedule guest speakers to come to our congregation.

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| ■ Today | Scott Hoefker |
| ■ March 25 | Bill Crow |
| ■ April 15 | Ken Tate |

3. Reminder—Daylight-saving time begins tomorrow.

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

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| ■ Mickey Ashcraft | ■ Ruth Roe |
| ■ Becky Bonilla | ■ Sonny Rosenberger |
| ■ Timberly Dunnam | ■ Ronnie Shirley |
| ■ Elaine Holloway | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Annette Payne | ■ Donna Weese |

5. Memorial service for Dorothy Jones—Following is information concerning the visitation and the memorial service for Dorothy Jones.
 - Visitation
 - Date—Monday, March 13
 - Time—11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Where—Community Funeral Home of Tyler
 - Address—1429 N. Border Ave. in Tyler
 - Memorial service
 - Date—Tuesday, March 14
 - Time—11:00 a.m.
 - Where—Rose Heights Church (east of Lindale)
 - Address—12465 FM 16, Lindale
 - Catered meal—following the service
6. Wednesday-night Bible study—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is March 15.
7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Types of Resurrections” by Bernie Monsalvo.
8. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Genesis 25–27” by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—The version of this week’s “Eye on the World” that is distributed in the hall is 32 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different layout program.) This edition has 301 headlines and one article.

Prayer updates

Gary Wilson continues to make slow (but steady) progress. **Lisa Smith** has been able to spend quite a bit of time with him. **Bruce Benedict** (who lives in the Dallas area) and **Dave Havir** have been able to recently see him. On Friday, people were checking out the possibility of Mr. Wilson moving to a rehab facility in the Tyler area. He appreciates your prayers.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Dixon Cartwright** was scheduled to see two doctors last Monday. Because he and **Linda** were not feeling well, both appointments were rescheduled.

New prayer requests

On Monday, **Dwayne Gallia** went to an ER in Quitman with severe abdominal pain. Since he previously had his appendix removed, he knew that wasn’t the problem. While there, he was diagnosed with a bowel obstruction. He was scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, but the facility postponed surgeries that day due to a desire to be sure the equipment was properly sanitized. (Some people might criticize the facility for that possibly occurring. Other people might applaud it for being extra careful.) The surgery went well on Wednesday.

Elaine Holloway went from the nursing home to UT Health on Beckham in Tyler and was diagnosed with pneumonia in her left lung and a UTI. (There was initially some concern about sepsis, but that doesn't seem to be a problem.)

David and Joyce Coleman request prayers for their daughter, **Sara Dunne** (of Arlington). When she recently fell, she hurt her back, wrist and arm. The doctor plans to first try a noninvasive approach before considering surgery.

Dorothy Jones (mother of **Shirley Spearman**) died on March 6. Please remember the family in your prayers.

David Bonilla died on March 9. Please remember his wife, **Becky**, and the rest of the family in your prayers. (Mrs. Bonilla, who willingly and faithfully cared for her husband for several years, was able to immediately join her sister and other family members on a trip to Florida.)

Tom Smith of Chillicothe, Ohio, died on March 7. Please remember his wife, **Pam**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Pat O'Neal of Flint died on March 7. Please remember his wife, **Linda**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Thought for the week

“Getting along with one another and treating each other as equals is one of the hardest things to do on earth.”—*Jimmy Carter*

Thought with a twist

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

Genesis 25–27

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 11, 2023.

By **Dave Havir**

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Genesis 25-27.” Here are some of the scriptures that I read.

How did God hate Esau?

Before we launch into the book of Genesis, I want to mention a phrase that is found in the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments.

Malachi 1:2-3—“Yet Jacob I have loved;

but Esau I have hated.”

Romans 9:13—“As it is written, ‘Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.’”

In Proverbs 6:16-19, the Bible mentions characteristics that God hates.

But I recommend that you avoid viewing the concept of God having the emotional reaction of hate toward Esau.

■ Genesis 25:30—When Esau sold his birthright, his name was called Edom.

I believe that God is basically saying: “I

have made a covenant with Jacob [Israel], but not with Edom.”

Birth of Esau and Jacob

■ Genesis 25:20-24—After Isaac pleaded with the LORD, He blessed the parents with twins.

■ Genesis 25:25—The first child was red and hairy, and he was called “Esau” (hairy).

■ Genesis 25:26—The second child was called “Jacob” (supplanter).

Esau sold his birthright

■ Genesis 25:27—Esau was a skillful hunter, and Jacob was a mild man who dwelled in tents.

■ Genesis 25:28—Isaac loved Esau, and Rebekah loved Jacob.

I believe that Genesis 25:28 is describing the reality of their family—but not recommending that family members should approach their relationships in that manner.

■ Genesis 25:29-34—Jacob took advantage of Esau and convinced him to sell Jacob the birthright.

I believe that Genesis 25:31 is describing the reality of the situation—but not recommending that a brother should take advantage of another brother.

God repeated promises to Isaac

■ Genesis 26:1-4—God appeared unto Isaac and repeated promises to him that God had previously said to Abraham.

■ Genesis 26:5—God reminded Isaac that Abraham paid attention to God’s voice, charge, commandments, statutes and laws.

■ Genesis 26:6-11—Isaac had a situation with King Abimelech where he called Rebekah his “sister.”

■ Genesis 26:12-23—When the LORD blessed Isaac, Abimelech asked Isaac to go away from his nation.

■ Genesis 26:24—The LORD reminded Isaac that: “I am the God of your father Abraham.”

■ Genesis 26:26-31—Abimelech wanted a covenant with Isaac.

■ Genesis 26:34-35—Esau was 40 when he took wives—but they were a “grief of mind” to Isaac and Rebekah.

Rebekah had a devious plan

■ Genesis 27:1-4—Isaac asked Esau to hunt some food for him.

■ Genesis 27:5-10—Rebekah overheard the conversation and instructed Jacob about how to steal the blessing.

■ Genesis 27:11-12—Jacob reminded Rebekah that Esau was a hairy man.

Rebekah insisted that Jacob follow her plan

Genesis 27:13—“But his mother said to him, ‘Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice.’”

Mothers: Please do not use Genesis 27:13 to influence you to work against your husband or to teach your children to be deceptive.

■ Genesis 27:14-17—Rebekah gave Jacob a goat skin and prepared food.

Jacob lied three times

■ Genesis 27:18-27—Jacob approached Isaac and told three lies.

■ Genesis 27:18-19—Isaac asked, “Who are you?” and Jacob replied, “I am Esau, your firstborn.”

■ Genesis 27:20-21—Isaac asked, “How is it that you found it [the meat] so quickly?” and Jacob replied, “Your God brought it to me.”

■ Genesis 27:24—Isaac asked, “Are you really my son Esau?” and Jacob replied, “I am.”

The theft was completed

■ Genesis 27:27-29—Isaac blessed Jacob.

■ Genesis 27:30-34—Esau returned.

Genesis 27:35—“Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing.”

Genesis 27:36—“Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!”

■ Genesis 27:38-40—Esau asked for a blessing, and Isaac gave him a blessing.

■ Genesis 27:41—Esau hated Jacob.

■ Genesis 27:42-45—Rebekah sent Jacob away.

■ Genesis 27:46—Since the wives of Esau (the daughters of Heth) were a challenge to Rebekah, she did not want Jacob marrying a daughter of Heth.