

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 23, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:32

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Jim Bald

Presentation study—2:00 Wynn Skelton
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Exodus 12:1–20

Sermon Wynn Skelton

Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havir is speaking in Houston. (He was hoping to visit George Crow before the 11:00 church service.)
2. Wednesday-night Bible study—March 27 at 7:00.
3. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "ATF Raids Home at 6 a.m., Kills Little Rock Resident" by Louis Casiano.
4. Among Friends—This week's article is "Christ Is Our Passover—Part 3" by Dave Havir.
5. Eye on the World—301 headlines and five articles.
6. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

- Mickey Ashcraft
- Judy Biggs
- Angela Dunnam
- Timberly Dunnam
- Annette Payne

- Ruth Roe
- Ronnie Shirley
- Elaine Townsend
- Mickey Voyce
- Donna Weese

Prayer updates

Linda Avey reports that her weekly dialysis is going okay, but she requests prayers that the schedule for dialysis could be changed to Gilmer. She presently goes to Longview three times a week (on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday), but she would prefer to go to Gilmer three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned **Wanda Klepfer** (87-year-old mother of **Brenda Kennebeck**) spent a few days back in the hospital (where she had 17 ounces of fluid removed from her left lung) before returning back to the cardiac-rehab building. She reportedly had a good week and is anticipating going home next Thursday.

Last Saturday, **Clay Forrestier** sent a text message to the congregation. We wanted to share that message in this bulletin: "Good morning and Happy Sabbath! Just wanted to let the congregation know that **Gavin** was fully released by his doctor to do as much physical activity as he felt comfortable with. His neck is very tight from him not turning or using it for so long, but is getting better by the day. So far, there is a lot of baseball, football, biking and wrestling with his buddies (who have been trying to take it easy on him), but they are starting to get pretty rough again, which is a welcome sight. We can't thank everyone enough for all the prayers on his behalf to our loving Father."

New prayer requests

Following is a prayer request from **Bonita Miller** (from North Carolina, who has attended the Feast for years in Myrtle Beach)—who kept her maiden name when she and **Johnny** got married: "I would like to request prayer for my husband, Johnny Hooker. He has been diagnosed with metastatic prostate cancer. It has spread to the bladder. We are waiting on a PET scan and an MRI to see if it has spread further. Thanks to everyone."

Pamela Sue Harroff of Gilmer (biological mother of **Garland Harroff**) died in a car accident on March 21. Her husband (Garland's dad) preceded her in death in 2009. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Spring feast days

1. Memorial on Sunday evening—April 21
 - Memorial of the suffering and death of our Lord
 - Christ, our Passover—1 Corinthians 5:7
 - "Night He was betrayed"—1 Corinthians 11:23
 - Foot-washing—John 13:1–17
 - Foot-washing pans are provided—Please bring a towel
 - Broken bread and wine—1 Corinthians 11:23–26
 - Live transmission

2. Remembering the time of Christ's death—Monday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m.
3. Traditional meal on Monday evening—April 22
 - Traditional meal—depicting deliverance from Egypt
 - Remember the Old Testament history—gathering in homes
 - The pastor recommends cozy gatherings in homes
 - The building may be available for a cozy gathering
 - Old Testament history and spiritual applications
4. First day of Unleavened Bread—Tuesday, April 23
 - Because Christ is our Passover—1 Corinthians 5:7–8
5. Remember the timing of Christ's resurrection—three days and three nights
6. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—Monday, April 29

Bible-study subtitles

The following subtitles are associated with the Bible-study series titled “Christ Is Our Passover.”

Part 1— Deliverance From Slavery

Part 2—The Exodus Passover Was a Domestic Event

Part 3—The Passover Became a Sanctuary Event

“Christ Is Our Passover—Part 3”

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 March 23, 2024.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a seven-part series that will conclude shortly before we commemorate the suffering and death of our Savior.

The overall title of the presentation was “Christ Is Our Passover—Part 3.” Each presentation will have a subtitle. The particular subtitle of that presentation was “The Passover Became a Sanctuary Event.”

Keynote scripture

The keynote scripture for each presentation in the series will be 1 Corinthians 5:7.

■ 1 Corinthians 5:7—“For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”

Brief reminder

Here are just a few reminders about last week's article—mentioning that the Exo-

odus Passover was a domestic (in-home) event.

■ Exodus 12:7—Put blood on the doorposts of the house.

■ Exodus 12:13—The Lord mentioned that the blood would be a sign to protect the people.

■ Exodus 12:22—Moses told them about the blood on the doorposts of the house—and reminded them to stay in the house.

■ Exodus 12:23—Moses told them that the Lord would pass over the house and spare those inside the house.

■ Exodus 12:46—The Passover had to be eaten in the house and no bone could be broken.

Sanctuary event at tabernacle

■ Exodus 12:48—This verse contains wording that is associated with the sanctuary: “Let him come near and keep it.”

■ Exodus 25:22—The Lord said: “There I will meet with you and I will speak with you.”

■ Exodus 29:42-45—The Lord mentioned several times that He would meet with the people at the tabernacle.

■ Deuteronomy 16:1—Keep the Passover to the Lord your God.

■ Deuteronomy 16:2—You shall sacrifice the Passover to the Lord your God in the place where the Lord chooses to place His name.

■ Deuteronomy 16:5-6—You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates, but at the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide.

Hezekiah at the temple

■ 2 Chronicles 30:26—“So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.”

■ 2 Chronicles 30:2-4—The king and his leaders agreed to keep the Passover in the second month. And why could they not keep the Passover at the regular time? There were two reasons given. First—a significant number of priests had not consecrated themselves. Second—the people had not gathered at Jerusalem. So they agreed to keep the Passover in the second month.

■ 2 Chronicles 30:15—The people brought their burnt offering to the house of the Lord.

■ 2 Chronicles 30:23—The whole assembly was so excited that the people kept the Feast for another seven days.

Personally, I love this example because it reveals a number of positive actions.

First, the people did not feel trapped because of teaching they had received.

Second, the motivation of the people was to do more because of “gladness.”

■ 2 Chronicles 30:24—Notice how large the Passover offering was.

Hezekiah supplied 1,000 bulls and 7,000 sheep.

Other leaders supplied 1,000 bulls and 10,000 sheep.

Josiah at the temple

■ 2 Kings 23:22—“Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the

judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah.”

■ 2 Chronicles 35:7-9—Notice how large the Passover offering was.

Josiah supplied 30,000 lambs/goats and 3,000 cattle.

Leaders supplied 2,600 lambs/goats and 300 cattle.

And other leaders supplied 5,000 lambs/goats and 500 cattle.

■ 2 Chronicles 35:16—“So all the service of the Lord was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the Lord, according to the command of King Josiah.”

■ 2 Chronicles 35:18—“There had been no Passover kept in Israel like that since the days of Samuel the prophet; and none of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as Josiah kept.”

Quick peek at New Testament

■ Luke 2:41—“His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.”

■ Luke 2:42—“And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.”

■ Luke 2:46—After Joseph and Mary realized that they left Jesus behind and had to return for Him, they found Him in the temple.

■ John 2:19—Jesus said: “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it.”

■ John 2:20—The Jews responded: “It has taken 46 years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?”

■ John 2:21—But He was speaking about the temple of His body.

■ Matthew 27:45—From the sixth hour (noon) until the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.), there was darkness over all the land.

■ Matthew 27:46-50—About the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.), the Son of God died.

■ Matthew 27:51—When the Son of God died, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.