

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 30, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:37

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 Mclver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Luke 22:14–20

Sermon Neil Mclver

Quick takes

1. Want to play dominoes?—Many months ago, a few of the widows taught Dave Havir how to play dominoes, and a pocket of people have been playing in the building on many Sundays through the winter. If you want to join the group, we will see you in the building at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.
2. Wednesday-night Bible study—April 3 at 7:00.
3. Meal on Monday, April 22—Although members of the congregation may already have plans for a cozy meal with family and friends on the eve of the first day of Unleavened Bread (described in the King James Bible as “a night to be much observed”), you are welcome to join the small group in the building on that evening. Please sign the list so that you can be a part of communication about details of the evening.
4. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Journey From Darkness to Hope and Freedom” by Eve Young.
5. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Christ Is Our Passover—Part 4” by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—272 headlines, three long articles and five excerpted articles.

Prayer updates

It last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Wanda Klepfer** was hoping to go home last Thursday. She continued to improve enough to go home on that day.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Johnny Hooker** (from North Carolina) had been diagnosed with "metastatic prostate cancer" that had spread to the bladder. He is scheduled for an MRI on Tuesday, a PET scan on Friday and a doctor's appointment on Monday (April 8). He and his wife (**Bonita Miller**) appreciate your prayers.

New prayer requests

On Tuesday, **Dave McLearen** had a colonoscopy. He reported: "They found five polyps, and two looked questionable. I won't find out anything for about two weeks."

Vonda Ouellette of the Houston area is having gallbladder problems.

On Tuesday, **Lisa Smith** contacted **Dave Havir** from Lafayette, La.—where she had traveled to be with her mother, **Margaret Pitre**. At that time, Mrs. Smith gave the following update: "My mom is scheduled for surgery tomorrow [Wednesday]. It's a colon surgery. They are going to take part of her colon out and reattach it. Please pray that the procedure can be laparoscopic, instead of cutting her open. My brothers are traveling here to be with me." The surgery was able to be laparoscopic. Mrs. Pitre was recovering well. Mrs. Smith returned home on Friday. The family thanks you for your prayers.

On Friday, **Mary Bailey** (88-year-old mother of **Mike Bailey**) was taken by ambulance to an ER. Mr. Bailey reported: "She is in excruciating pain from bone-on-bone inflammation in her hip. She had her left hip replaced three years ago. Now, the right one needs it. They are giving her morphine now [Friday]. Please pray for God's will to be done in her life."

While some of you had been aware of the following information, it was not posted in our bulletin. **Loretta Tucker** (age 80, from Fair Hope, Ala.) fell on March 10 and broke her hip. She had surgery and went to a rehab facility. She is scheduled to go home on April 4.

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

Thought for the week

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift; that's why they call it the present."—*Eleanor Roosevelt*

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"
- Part 4—"The Temple and the Lamb"

"Christ Is Our Passover—Part 4"

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 30, 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 4." Each presentation will have a subtitle. The particular subtitle of that presentation was "The Temple and the Lamb."

Keynote scripture

The keynote scripture for each presenta-

tion 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—briefly mentioning the role of the temple.

- 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.

■ 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.

Two quick questions

■ If there is no physical temple, where do people offer the Passover sacrifice? (There is an even more fundamental question.)

■ If Christ is our Passover lamb, do the disciples even need to offer a physical lamb? (Of course not.)

Son of God described Himself as a 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.

■ Revelation 21:22—John saw no temple, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were the temple.

Paul described the disciples as a temple

■ 1 Corinthians 3:16—Don’t you know that you are the temple of God?

■ 1 Corinthians 3:17—The temple of God is holy—which temple you are.

■ 1 Corinthians 6:19—Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?

■ 2 Corinthians 6:16—What agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.

■ Ephesians 2:19—You are members of the household of God.

■ Ephesians 2:20—You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with the Son of God Himself being the chief cornerstone.

■ Ephesians 2:21—The whole building

(which is fitted together) grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

■ Ephesians 2:22—We are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Son of God was the Lamb of God

■ John 1:29—When John saw the Son of God coming toward him, he said: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

■ John 1:36—On the next day, John said: “Behold, the Lamb of God.”

■ Hebrews 13:20—When the author mentioned that the God of peace brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, he mentioned “that great Shepherd of the sheep” and the “blood of the everlasting covenant.”

■ 1 Peter 1:19—Peter mentioned that readers were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ—as a lamb without blemish and without spot.

■ Revelation 5:6—John saw a Lamb in the midst of the throne.

■ Revelation 5:8—John saw the four living creatures and the 24 elders fall down before the Lamb.

■ Revelation 5:12—John heard a heavenly host saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.”

■ Revelation 7:14—John heard how those who came out of the great tribulation washed their robes and were made white in the blood of the Lamb.

■ Revelation 12:11—John heard a loud voice saying: “They overcame him [the accuser of the brethren] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.”

Quick peek at next study

At the next study, we will talk about: “On the Night the Passover Lamb Was Betrayed.”

■ 1 Corinthians 5:7—Remember that the keynote scripture in this series says: “For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”

Then, we can notice what information Paul added in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

■ 1 Corinthians 11:23—“The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed . . .”