

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 16, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:27

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	Dave Havir
Teen class	Carol Bald

Order of service

Song leader	Reg Killingley
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Acts 5:1-11 by David Coleman
Sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Invitation to a reunion this afternoon—The New Beginnings congregation in Big Sandy sent the following invitation: “All are invited as New Beginnings will be hosting a casual reception and a light finger-foods potluck on Saturday, June 16 (starting at 4:30 p.m.), to mark the 65th anniversary of the beginning of church services in Big Sandy for the then Radio Church of God congregation in June of 1953.”
2. Invitation to the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles—The Church of God Big Sandy invites people to attend one of the festival sites sponsored by our congregation. Pastor Dave Havir writes: “If you are looking for a small, friendly site that has inspiring messages and excellent fellowship, we invite you to come join us.”
3. Attention all previous Feast speakers—Dave Havir is requesting that any person who has previously given sermons at a Feast site sponsored by the Church of God Big Sandy to contact him—if you are planning to attend one of our sites and would be interested in speaking. He has the responsibility of organizing the speaking schedule at all four of the Feast sites.

4. Four Feast sites—The Church of God Big Sandy will sponsor four festival sites for the observance of the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles. Our congregation will have daily church services from Monday, Sept. 24, through Monday, Oct. 1.
 - Big Sandy—for the 24th consecutive year
 - Destin—for the 21st consecutive year
 - Myrtle Beach—for the 16th consecutive year
 - Prescott Valley—as our rotating western site
5. Election continues until June 30—The election process for the board concludes on June 30 at 5:00 p.m.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "It Has Been a Wonderful Life" by Charles Krauthammer.
7. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Job 32" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 18 pages.

Prayer updates

Elaine Holloway again reports that her week had ups and downs on two levels. Here is an update about her physical challenges. A nurse visits her on Tuesday and Thursday. This past Thursday, the nurse wondered if Mrs. Holloway was keeping her legs elevated (to keep the swelling down). Mrs. Holloway explained that she regularly keeps her legs elevated, except when her medication prompts her to use the rest room throughout the day. Her challenges on an emotional level involve her regular dreams about **Kit**.

Marilyn Boston reports that her daughter **Kathleen** returned to her home (in the Washington, D.C., area) on Friday after helping Mrs. Boston to become settled in her new assisted-living home in Tyler.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Marie Byrum** was moved to the Arbor Nursing Home in Rusk (1884 W. Loop 343). She is in Room 407.

In last weeks bulletin, we mentioned that **Willie Choate** was scheduled to visit a doctor on June 11 to discuss possible prostate surgery. At that visit, the doctor wanted Mr. Choate to return this coming Wednesday (with the intent to confirm if his problems are due to the prostate or bladder).

Vonda Ouellette (who was recently hospitalized with a diagnosis of low sodium and low potassium) is scheduled to see her cardiologist on June 27.

Here are some updates for **Jeanine Case** and her family (**Mel** and **Sharon Edelbach** of Kellogg, Minn.). Mrs. Case requests prayers that her hormone and thyroid issues can be properly balanced. Although she is doing better in her three-year struggle, she still has times that are challenging. Mrs. Edelbach, who had heart-valve surgery on June 6, is dealing with weakness. Mr. Edelbach is tiring himself out as a caregiver to his wife.

Sonny Rosenberger appreciates your prayers for his continuing (and often-times rotating) health challenges.

Many months ago, we mentioned that **Joy Jones** of Sioux Falls, S.D. (daughter of **John** and **Cathy Elliott** of East Texas), was diagnosed with cancer. Here are excerpts of an update from Joy: "On Tuesday, June 12, I will undergo a single mastectomy with reconstructive surgery. After my surgery, I will begin my final 12 cycles of Herceptin, a cancer antibody designed to 'interfere' with my body producing further cancer cells. This phase of treatment will take me through next January, at which point I pray that I will be able to say that I'm cancer-free." Here are excerpts from her husband, **David**, following the surgery: "The surgery went very well and the doctor was pleased with it. We got a call from the oncology department and they said the pathology report had come back early. There is no residual cancer."

New prayer requests

Timberly Dunnam requests prayers to help her deal with a period of intense anxiety.

Leslie Harroff has recently been dealing with swallowing issues. In 2015, she was diagnosed with Barrett's esophagus and was prescribed some medication. When she recently decided to go off the medication, she reported that it was "painful to swallow even water." On Wednesday, she went to her doctor for a test. Here are excerpts from a report to the **Havirs**: "Test went well. I do have Barrett's esophagus. He thinks I am genetically predisposed, so things that shouldn't happen yet at my age are because of that. He said the lining is still thin so it hasn't gotten a lot worse. He did a biopsy and said I am going to have to stay on top of it." She and **Garland** appreciate the prayers of the people who had been aware of her condition and of the people who will now include them in your prayers.

Annette Payne reports that the results of the recent CT scan for **Boyd** reveal a "hardening of the arteries" (which the family considered to be a better evaluation than could have been given). However, the doctor is concerned that Mr. Payne's symptoms could be from Parkinson's disease. The doctor prescribed some medication and is anticipating that Mr. Payne's response could help reveal if that possible diagnosis is accurate.

Margie Roberts, age 95, of Lawton, Okla., went to a hospital with strokelike symptoms. An MRI showed 90 percent blockage in some of the blood vessels in her brain.

Paul and **Meaghan Warren** of Raleigh, N.C. (daughter of **David** and **Janice McKee** formerly of Big Sandy), request prayers for their unborn baby (18 weeks along). The family reports: "The sonogram showed multiple very bad life-threatening birth defects."

Clarence Huse of Pasadena, Calif., died on June 8. Please remember his wife, **Billie**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

“Comments About Job 32”

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 June 16, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss the book of Job. There will be times when we talk about (1) a group of chapters, (2) one chapter and (3) a portion of a chapter. Today, we will discuss Job 32.

I hope this project encourages you to review the valuable history and lessons found in the book of Job.

Words of Elihu

Although I did not mention this at the beginning of this series of articles, I believe that the book of Job can be organized into five stages.

- The trial—Job 1-2
- The discussion with the three friends—Job 3-31
- Elihu confronts Job—Job 32-37
- God confronts Job—Job 38-41
- The conclusion—Job 42

Different from three friends

In earlier articles, we already mentioned the following—(1) Job’s initial reaction to the two trials was exemplary, (2) God was not pleased with Job’s later reactions and (3) that the three friends were a bad influence upon him.

At various times, I have heard some Bible teachers lump Elihu with the three friends. In other words, these Bible teachers evaluate the words of Elihu to be as useless as the words of the three friends.

Do you know the reason why I don’t lump the words of Elihu with the words of the three friends? Job 42:7 mentioned that God criticized the words of the three friends—and didn’t include the words of Elihu.

As you may remember, I didn’t spend much time discussing the section of Scripture from Job 4-31. I spent a little time mentioning Job 4:12-16 and the whisper of the spirit that caused fear upon Eliphaz.

However, I am going to spend more time

talking about the section involving Elihu (chapters 32-37) than the section talking about Job’s discussion with the three friends (chapters 3-31).

This week, I want to mention the reason why Elihu talked (chapter 32). Next week, I want to mention Elihu’s evaluation of Job’s sin (chapters 33-37).

Why did Elihu speak?

■ Elihu was irritated with Job (Job 32:2). *Job 32:2*—“The wrath of Elihu . . . was aroused against Job . . . because he justified himself rather than God.”

■ Elihu was irritated with the three friends (verses 3 and 5).

■ Elihu originally withheld his opinion because he was younger than Job and the three friends (verses 6-7).

■ Elihu mentioned that he paid attention to what the three friends said and he was disappointed in their words (verses 11-12).

Interesting observations

Next time, we will discuss how Elihu summarized Job’s sin. However, I want to mention two verses.

Earlier in Job’s discussion with the three friends, Job mentioned having someone act as an arbiter between himself and God.

Notice Job 9:32-33 in various translations.

■ King James—“daysman” (margin says “umpire”)

■ Moffatt, Revised Standard and American Standard—“umpire”

■ New American Bible—“arbiter”

■ New King James and Emphasized Bible—“mediator”

For the record, I believe that Elihu acted as a spokesman for God (Job 33:6-7) before God Himself confronted Job (Job 38-41).

Job 33:6-7—“Truly I am as your spokesman before God; I also have been formed out of clay. Surely no fear of me will terrify you, nor will my hand be heavy on you.”