

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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July 21, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:25

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Jerry Thompson

Bible study (2:00) Daniel Botha

Teen class Jeanine Case

Order of service

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Acts 7:9-19

Sermon Daniel Botha

Quick takes

1. Camp Vine—We are pleased to announce that 35 campers are registered at Camp Vine in Lindale (the youth camp sponsored by our congregation), which started yesterday and continues until Tuesday. We are also pleased that there are 10 people serving as counselors.
2. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Decaturville, Tenn. (Last night, he conducted an interactive Bible study in the church building that the congregation owns. On this visit, the members there also asked Mr. Havir to bring along a set of our bylaws for them to peruse.)
3. Board meeting—There is a board meeting scheduled for Saturday evening, July 28.
4. Guest speaker on Aug. 11—Plans are being finalized for a guest speaker (Kelly McDonald) to visit on Aug. 11. Mr. McDonald enjoys giving presentations about the history of the seventh-day Sabbath. Dave Havir has talked to Mr. McDonald about giving three presentations—at the 1:00 Interactive study, at the 2:00 Bible study and at the 3:00 church service.

5. Four Feast sites—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
6. Pastor will visit four Feast sites—Dave Havir has decided to visit all four of the Feast sites this year. (After his heart surgery in 2016, he visited only two sites. Last year, he visited three sites.)
7. Pastor's Feast schedule—Recently, Dave Havir booked his airline tickets for his travel schedule for the 2018 Feast of Tabernacles. Following is his schedule.
 - Prescott Valley—the Saturday before the Feast (Sept. 22) and Day 1 of the Feast (Monday, Sept. 24)
 - Big Sandy—Day 2 of the Feast
 - Myrtle Beach—Days 3–4 of the Feast
 - Destin—Days 5–8 of the Feast
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Invaders Are Not Immigrants" by Shari Goodman.
9. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Job 42:7-17" by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 18 pages.

Prayer updates

The following prayer updates were collected on Wednesday, July 18.

Elaine Holloway reports that she was battling a summer cold this week.

On Tuesday, **Willie Choate** had prostate surgery ("to remove a portion of the prostate") at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. Since it was a same-day surgery, Mr. Choate was able to return home. He told **Dave Havir** that he was feeling pretty good. He said: "If I'm feeling up to it, I may hobble on over there to church on Saturday."

Please pray that **Marilyn Boston** can regain her strength so that she can get out of the wheelchair and actually walk with a walker. She is having difficulty with weakness in her legs.

Please remember **Sonny Rosenberger**, who is dealing with various health challenges.

As was mentioned in recent bulletins, **Gracie Feaker** spent time in a rehab facility (Healthsouth) in Tyler before returning home. On Wednesday, daughter **Karen Dean** told **Dave Havir** that Mrs. Feaker was scheduled to receive additional physical therapy (a couple of weeks) at the Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater.

Please remember **Betty Foster**, who is dealing with pain and low energy.

Larry Foster (son of **Betty Foster**), who is in Medical City in Dallas due to a diagnosis of extremely low blood platelets and leukemia, learned that his platelet count has risen. The doctor began talking to him about going home. When Mrs. Foster mentioned to **Dave Havir** on Wednesday that he needed a ride from Dallas, Mr. Havir offered to pick up her son after he returned from his church visit to Tennessee. Mr. Havir said: "Normally, I like to see people be able to leave a hospital as soon as possible. But it might be a good thing for Larry to have the extra days of platelets and the extra days away from the heat in his sweltering home."

Ed Scott of Panama City, Fla., died on July 12. Please remember his wife, **Charlene**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Lee Cole of Bethlehem, Pa., died on July 17. Please remember his wife, **Laura**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Laura Moran recently twisted her back, but she is feeling better.

On Friday afternoon (July 13), **Colleen Bailey** had a stroke. She went to the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. She was able to return home on Sunday. She and her husband **Brent** report that she is doing fine physically, but she is having some challenges putting her thoughts into words. They went to some follow-up appointments (including a speech therapist) this week.

Mike Bettes of Knoxville, Tenn., died on July 6. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Matthew 25:1-13—"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

“Comments About Job 42:7–17”

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 July 21, 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 42:7-17. We will conclude this series next week with a short article summarizing our study.

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

God accepted Job’s response

Job’s response to God’s second challenge is found in Job 42:1-6.

A Bible student can ask the question: How do we know if God was pleased with Job’s response to the second challenge?

The answer: The rest of chapter 42.

■ God contrasted the words of the three friends with the final words of Job (verse 7).

Job 42:7—“And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, ‘My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.’”

■ God instructed the three friends to offer a burnt offering and to have Job pray for them. He mentioned what He thought of Job’s response (verses 8-9).

Job 42:8—“You have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.”

Job 42:9—“The LORD had accepted Job.”

They comforted Job

At this moment, let’s temporarily skip Job 42:10.

Before we read Job 42:11, let’s remember the good behavior initially demonstrated by the three friends.

Job 2:11-13—“For they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him. And when they raised their eyes from afar, and did not

recognize him, they lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on his head toward heaven. So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.”

Now let’s notice the good behavior of Job’s family and friends at the end of the book of Job.

Job 42:11—“Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold.”

Here are two reminders about how God “brought” the trials upon him.

■ It was God’s idea for Job to learn through two trials (Job 1:8 and Job 2:3).

■ God allowed Satan to provide the details of the trials (Job 1:11 and Job 2:5), but God maintained restrictions about what Satan could do (Job 1:12 and Job 2:6).

God restored Job’s losses

Now, let’s go back to Job 42:10.

■ God restored Job’s losses by giving him twice as much as he had before (verse 10).

■ God blessed the later days of Job more than his beginning (Job 42:12-14).

■ 14,000 sheep

■ 6,000 camels

■ 1,000 yoke of oxen

■ 1,000 female donkeys

■ 7 sons and 3 daughters

His final days

■ In all the land, there were no women as beautiful as the daughters of Job (verse 15). He gave them an inheritance.

■ Job lived 140 years, and he saw his children and grandchildren for four generations before he died (verses 16-17).