

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 16, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:27

Bible studies and classes

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

Order of service

Song leader	.....	Reg Killingley
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Acts 19:1-20
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Memorial service on March 24—Elaine Townsend and family have scheduled a “Celebration of Life” for Ves Townsend in our building on Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. A meal will follow.
2. Linda Avey coordinates the meal—Linda Avey has agreed to coordinate the meal at the memorial service in our building for Ves Townsend on March 24. If you are planning to help, please communicate with Mrs. Avey.
3. Future collaboration—Dave Havir is happy to announce that the Church of God International will be meeting with us on the seventh day of Unleavened Bread—Friday, April 26. (As you remember, CGI members meet with us two or three times a year. We hope that they will also meet with us on Pentecost and the Feast of Trumpets.)
4. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Our Planet Is Not Fragile Despite ‘Climate Change’ Hysteria” by Walter Williams.
5. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Meditate on Whatever Is Praise-worthy” by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 24 pages.

Prayer updates

Eli Benedict (who was recently diagnosed with cellulitis) continues to deal with swelling in his left leg. It appears that Mr. Benedict will continue with his appointment on March 20 for a CAT scan and a cystoscopy (for the bladder).

It appears that **Sonny Rosenberger** will continue with his appointment on March 19 for a procedure called a UroLift (a treatment to help men with prostate challenges).

On Sunday, **Betty Foster** was able to leave the rehab facility (Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater) and return to her home.

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at the home of caregiving daughter **Karen**.

Elaine Holloway continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. She is in Room 109.

Marilyn Boston continues to rehab at Park Place Rehabilitation Center in Tyler (2450 E. Fifth St.). She is in Room 218.

Angela Beam of Rome, Ga., was discharged from the hospital on Monday.

Please remember **Chuck Ragland** (father of **Diana Havir**), who was transported to Baylor Hospital in Dallas, where a colorectal specialist was examining his condition.

Please remember **Tim Lindholm** of Minneapolis, Minn., who has been experiencing increased pain due to his cancer.

Please remember **Eric Ledy** of Austin, who has been diagnosed with tumors in his chest, left lung and left shoulder blade.

New prayer requests

Vi Lehman has been dealing with a flare-up of arthritis. While she is experiencing pain in her joints, the greater pain is in her back. She appreciates your prayers.

Les McCullough of a local Church of God group died on March 11. Please remember his wife, **Marion**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

“Our Planet Is Not Fragile Despite ‘Climate Change’ Hysteria”

This article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of March 16, 2019. A version of the article was posted at jewishworldreview.com on March 6.

By **Walter Williams**

The people at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change agree, saying that to avoid some of the most devastating impacts of climate change, the

world must slash carbon emissions by 45 percent by 2030 and completely decarbonize by 2050.

Such dire warnings are not new.

In 1970, Harvard University biology

professor George Wald, a Nobel laureate, predicted, "Civilization will end within 15 or 30 years unless immediate action is taken against problems facing mankind."

Also in 1970, Paul Ehrlich, a Stanford University biologist, predicted in an article for *The Progressive*, "The death rate will increase until at least 100-200 million people per year will be starving to death during the next ten years."

The year before, he had warned, "If I were a gambler, I would take even money that England will not exist in the year 2000." Despite such harebrained predictions, Ehrlich has won no fewer than 16 awards, including the 1990 Crafoord Prize, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences' highest award.

Leftists constantly preach nonsense.

■ "The world that we live in is beautiful but fragile."

■ "The 3rd rock from the sun is a fragile oasis."

■ "Remember that Earth needs to be saved every single day."

These and many other statements, along with apocalyptic predictions, are stock in trade for environmentalists.

Worse yet, this fragile-earth indoctrination is fed to the nation's youth from kindergarten through college. That's why many millennials support Rep. Ocasio-Cortez.

Let's examine just a few cataclysmic events that exceed any destructive power of mankind and then ask how our purportedly fragile planet could survive.

■ The 1883 eruption of the Krakatoa volcano, in present-day Indonesia, had the force of 200 megatons of TNT. That's the equivalent of 13,300 15-kiloton atomic bombs, the kind that destroyed Hiroshima in World War II.

■ Before that was the 1815 Tambora eruption, the largest known volcanic eruption. It spewed so much debris into the atmosphere that 1816 became known as the "Year Without a Summer." It led to crop failures and livestock death in the Northern Hemisphere, producing the worst famine of the 19th century.

■ The Krakatoa eruption in the year 535 had such force that it blotted out much of the light and heat of the sun for 18 months and is said to have led to the Dark Ages.

■ Geophysicists estimate that just three volcanic eruptions—Indonesia (1883), Alaska (1912) and Iceland (1947)—spewed more carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide into the atmosphere than all of mankind's activities during our entire history.

Our so-called fragile earth survived other catastrophic events.

■ Such events included the floods in China in 1887, which took an estimated 1 million to 2 million lives, followed by floods there in 1931, which took an estimated 1 million to 4 million lives.

What about the impact of earthquakes on our fragile earth?

■ Chile's 1960 Valdivia earthquake was 9.5 on the Richter scale. It created a force equivalent to 1,000 atomic bombs going off at the same time.

■ The deadly 1556 earthquake in China's Shaanxi province devastated an area of 520 miles.

Our so-called fragile earth faces outer-space terror.

■ Two billion years ago, an asteroid hit earth, creating the Vredefort crater in South Africa, which has a diameter of 190 miles.

■ In Ontario, there's the Sudbury Basin, resulting from a meteor strike 1.8 billion years ago. At 39 miles long, 19 miles wide and 9 miles deep, it's the second-largest impact structure on earth.

■ Virginia's Chesapeake Bay crater is a bit smaller, about 53 miles wide.

■ Then there's the famous but puny Meteor Crater in Arizona, which is not even a mile wide.

My question is: Which of these powers of nature could be duplicated by mankind?

For example, could mankind even come close to duplicating the polluting effects of the 1815 Tambora volcanic eruption?

It is the height of arrogance to think that mankind can make significant parametric changes in the earth or can match nature's destructive forces. Our planet is not fragile.

Occasionally, environmentalists spill the beans and reveal their true agenda.

Barry Commoner said, "Capitalism is the earth's number one enemy." Amherst College professor Leo Marx said, "On ecological grounds, the case for world government is beyond argument."

“Meditate on Whatever Is Praiseworthy”

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 16, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Here is one of the best pieces of advice that a mental-health professional can give to people: ‘Focus upon the positive factors of this life.’ It should come as no surprise that this concept is found in the Bible.

One verse that promotes this approach is Philippians 4:8.

Philippians 4:8—“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

We began a series to talk about the characteristics mentioned in this verse. Today, we will talk about things that are “praiseworthy.”

Recognize negative

Before we look at this week’s characteristic, I want to remind you about a realistic approach in life—recognize negative, but dwell on positive.

■ Numbers 13:26-33—Although the other spies became preoccupied with the negative factors, Joshua and Caleb recognized the challenges and focused upon God’s promises.

■ Luke 14:26-33—The Son of God’s instruction to count the cost includes recognizing the challenges and focusing upon God’s promises.

Greek word in Philippians 4:8

Let’s notice the Greek word used in Philippians 4:8.

■ *Epainos* (No. 1868 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek noun in Philippians 4:8 translated as “praiseworthy.” It is used 10 other times in the New Testament.

■ *Epaineo* (No. 1867 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a Greek verb translated as “to praise.” It is used six times in the New Testament.

Luke 16:8—“So the master commended [No. 1867] the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.”

Romans 15:11—“And again: ‘Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!’”

1 Corinthians 11:2—“Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.”

1 Corinthians 11:17—“Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse.”

1 Corinthians 11:22—“What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.”

Praise to God

- Ephesians 1:6
- Ephesians 1:12
- Ephesians 1:14
- Philippians 1:11
- 1 Peter 1:7

Praise from God

Romans 2:29—“But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.”

1 Corinthians 4:5—“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.”

Praise from brethren

2 Corinthians 8:18—“And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches.”