

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 1, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:51

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	Dave Havir
Teen class	Martha Mclver

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader	Neil Mclver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Exodus 2:1–25
Sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Interactive this week—The interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be a continuation of “Proverbs 6:16–19” moderated by Dave Havir.
2. Illusionist show on Feb. 15—Jonathan Havir (son of Dave and Pam Havir), who has scheduled an illusionist show in Gilmer on Saturday evening, Feb. 15, invites members of this congregation to his show as guests. Some of you may want to include your extended family for the event. Interested members are encouraged to see the pastor.
3. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Finding Angel” by Anthony Watts.
4. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Death of the Son” by Dave Havir.
5. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 16 pages.

Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran, Boyd Payne, Annette Payne** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

It has been nice to see **Eli Benedict** at the church service for the past two weeks. (He had missed three consecutive weeks of church prior to that—due to a variety of challenges that included a rash on his chest.) The rash, which had interfered with his sleeping, has improved.

Please remember **David Bonilla**, who is dealing with a weakened heart and problems with his kidneys, in your prayers.

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

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. He is in Room 115.

In the Aug. 17 bulletin, we mentioned that **Linda Foster** was diagnosed with a “rare, rapidly progressing cognitive disease.” **Dave Havir** asked her husband, **Morris**, for an update for our bulletin so that our congregation could be reminded to include them in our prayers. Following are excerpts from a report by Mr. Foster concerning his wife: “Your prayers would be much appreciated for my dear, sweet wife, Linda. She has been diagnosed with a rapidly progressing dementia. She is now in need of sobering in-home care. Thank you.”

Tom Mitchell died on Jan. 29. Please remember his wife, **Judi**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Jean Benedict reports that she fell on Thursday (Jan. 23), but she didn’t start hurting until last Saturday night.

Last Saturday, **Ronnie Shirley** was admitted to Longview Regional Hospital due to heart symptoms. On Sunday, the doctor informed Mr. Shirley that he had a faulty heart valve and would have surgery on the next day. As it turned out, a heart catheterization influenced a change of plans. The catheterization revealed two blocked arteries, and two stents were inserted during the procedure. (The surgery to replace the heart valve was postponed until Feb. 20.) An interesting scenario unfolded after the procedure to insert the stents—when Mr. Shirley started bleeding at the entry point on his leg. At that time, a nurse applied pressure on that entry point for almost four hours to control the bleeding. To help **Dave Havir** understand the pain involved in this scenario, a friend gave the following report: “My friend had the same thing after a heart cath. He said the pain while the pressure was being applied was horrible, and recovering from that was the worst part of the whole procedure.” Mr. Shirley went home on Thursday.

Kristen Hocker of Kansas City, Mo., has been diagnosed with ependymoma (a type of tumor that can form in the brain or spinal cord). Mrs. Hocker’s cancer is located in the spinal cord. She was scheduled for extensive surgery yesterday.

Darla Vance of Tulsa, Okla., was diagnosed with carpal-tunnel syndrome.

Eva Zlab of Pasadena, Calif., died on Jan. 4. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Floy Wolford of La Canada, Calif., died on Jan. 7. Please remember her husband, **Donald**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Colleen Vance of Longview died on Jan. 23. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Proverbs 6:16-19—“These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

■ Hands to shed innocent blood

Isaiah 1:12-15—“When you come to appear before Me, who has required this from your hand, to trample My courts? Bring no more futile sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.”

Exodus 1:22—“So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, ‘Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.’”

Matthew 2:16—“Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.”

John 13:27—“Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, ‘What you do, do quickly.’”

■ Hands to help the guilty

Matthew 14:19—“Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.”

Luke 4:40—“When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.”

Luke 23:34—“Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.’ And they divided His garments and cast lots.”

Romans 5:6-8—“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Death of the Son

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 Feb. 1, 2020.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Years ago, I gave a sermon titled “That God May Be All in All.” I chose the title of the sermon from the concluding phrase in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

1 Corinthians 15:24, 28—“Then comes the end, when He [Son] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [Son] puts an end to all rule and all authority and power . . . Now when all things are made subject to Him [Son], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [Father] who put all things under Him [Son], that God may be all in all.”

I also quoted John 5:22-23.

John 5:22-23—“For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

I proceeded to give 10 ways we can show honor to the Son. This week we will look at the fifth concept—the death of the Son.

Seeds in Old Testament

The sacrificial system in the Old Testament pointed to the future death of the Son of God. Notice a few verses.

Exodus 12:3, 5—“Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household . . . Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.’”

1 Peter 1:18-19—“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

Isaiah 53:7, 9—“He was oppressed and

He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth . . . And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.”

Acts 8:32-33—“The place in the Scripture which he read was this: ‘He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.’”

Told His disciples

Toward the end of the Son’s physical ministry on earth, He told His disciples about His upcoming death.

Matthew 16:21—“From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”

Importance of His death

At various places, the Bible discusses the importance of the death of the Son.

Romans 5:6-9—“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

Hebrews 2:14-15—“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”