

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 15, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:04

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 4:1–31
Sermon	Morris Foster

Quick takes

1. Welcome to our guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Morris Foster, who is scheduled to give the sermon today. (Dave Havir apologizes for not advertising in advance that Mr. Foster was giving the sermon today. However, this was a last minute change in the schedule. Mr. Havir was originally scheduled to give two presentations today. Since Mr. Havir's voice has been giving him trouble this week, he thought it unwise to attempt two presentations today. So, at the last minute, he reached out to Mr. Foster, who has several presentations that can be given here on short notice. Mr. Havir asked Mr. Foster which presentation he wanted to give today, and Mr. Havir will give the other.)
2. Interactive this week—The interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be "What Is Your Spiritual Identity?" moderated by Dave Havir. (Mr. Havir presented this subject in a three-part sermon series in November. He wondered if members in the congregation had any new thoughts about the subject since then.)
3. Illusionist show tonight—Jonathan Havir (son of Dave and Pam Havir), who has scheduled an illusionist show in Gilmer this evening evening at 7:00, 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. (To this point, the pastor has fulfilled 26 requests for tickets.)

4. Very rare to cancel church service—It is the custom of our congregation to avoid canceling our church service due to inclement weather. Even with a lower attendance in the building on a specific day due to weather in our area, we still hope to serve the audience on the website.
5. Main reason for canceling church service—Our main reason for canceling a church service is the loss of electricity.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Slavery Not a Crime for Almost Half the Countries in the World" by Sonia Elks.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Return of the Son" by Dave Havar.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 14 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**.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Eli Benedict** was experiencing a problem with his nose that might influence him to miss the church service. **Jean** reports that his nose is doing better.

Please remember **David Bonilla**, who is dealing with a weakened heart and problems with his kidneys, in your prayers. Although the Bonillas watch the church service on the Internet, they miss seeing everyone here.

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.

Ronnie Shirley reports that the heart-valve surgery that was rescheduled for Feb. 20 has been postponed again. The doctor is watching how Mr. Shirley is responding to the blood thinner.

Please remember **Timberly Dunnam**, who is scheduled for a small procedure on Feb. 25 before the doctor finalizes any recommendation for a possible hysterectomy.

In the Dec. 14 bulletin, we mentioned that **Julian Cruz** had suffered a "massive" stroke. His family reported: "After six long and hard weeks, Julian is home."

New prayer requests

Diana Cheesman of Oaklyn, N.J., has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Manfred Meier of Salzburg, Austria, who was diagnosed five years ago with hydrocephalus (an accumulation of fluid in the ventricles of the brain) has experienced deterioration.

Ellis La Ravia of Tucson, Ariz., suffered a small stroke. After treatment in a hospital, he returned home.

Randy Kobernat of Winter Garden, Fla., died on Jan. 25. Please remember the 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.”

- Feet Swift to Run to Evil (Mischievous)

Job 1:7—“And the LORD said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’”

Matthew 13:19—““When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.”

1 Peter 5:8—“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

- Feet Swift to Edification

Matthew 8:5-7—“Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, ‘Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘I will come and heal him.’”

Mark 10:13-16—“Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. “Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.”

John 8:7-11—“So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, ‘He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.’ And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, ‘Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?’ She said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.’”

Romans 10:15—“And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!’”

Return of the Son

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 Feb. 15, 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 seventh concept—the return of the Son.

Seeds in Old Testament

While some prophecies in the Old Testament pointed to the first coming of the Son of God, other prophecies in the Old Testament pointed to a second coming of the Son of God. Notice a few verses.

- Isaiah 2:2-4
- Daniel 2:44-45
- Daniel 7:13-14

Misunderstood timing

It was common for people to confuse the prophecies of the Son’s first and second coming. Many of the people wanted Him to establish God’s Kingdom during His physical ministry on earth.

John 6:14-15—“Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, ‘This is truly the Prophet who is to come into

the world.’ Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.”

He said He would return

During the Son’s physical ministry, He mentioned that He was going to return.

Matthew 16:27—“For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.”

He especially mentioned this concept to His disciples just prior to His death.

- Matthew 24:30-31
- John 14:2-3
- John 14:18
- John 14:28

Other references

The New Testament also contains other references about the return of the Son. Following are a few.

Acts 1:10-11—“And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.’”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17—“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

- Revelation 1:7
- Revelation 2:25
- Revelation 3:3
- Revelation 3:11
- Revelation 3:20