

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 29, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:15

Bible studies and classes

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

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Exodus 6:1–30
Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—The Agape House in Big Sandy thanks members of the congregation for donating food that is distributed in the Big Sandy community.
2. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce the scheduling of guest speakers in the coming weeks. Some of them are the following:
 - March 28 Vance Stinson
 - April 11 Jim Johns
 - April 15 Richard Crow
 - April 18 Ken Tate
 - May 23 Wynn Skelton
 - June 20 Neal Parker
3. Interactive this week—The interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be “Does the Bible Predict the Coronavirus?” moderated by Dave Havir.
4. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Where Is the Church of God?” by Dave Havir.
5. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Judgment by the Son” by Dave Havir.
6. 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 was great to see **Eli Benedict** at church last week. He has dealt with congestion this week.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Timberly Dunnam** was scheduled for a small procedure on Feb. 25 before the doctor would finalize any recommendation for a possible hysterectomy. After the bulletin was completed, we learned on Friday (the 21st) that the hysterectomy was definitely scheduled for the 25th. She was able to return home on Wednesday. Here are excerpts from a report by **Angela** after Timberly went home: "She is home and sleeping. She was hurting when she got home. She has to be extremely careful for the next week. The stitches inside her body should dissolve in week three. It's a six-week healing time. She is excited to have new life." A friend in the congregation texted to the family: "I feel sorry for her having a bad night with pain. But it's good to get relief from her health problems so she can enjoy life. She's a sweetheart."

On Monday evening, **David Bonilla** was having pain and bleeding, so he went to the ER of Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler just after midnight (into Tuesday morning). Here are excerpts from a report by **Becky**: "A catheter injured his prostate, making it bleed. Due to a blood thinner, it wouldn't stop so he had to be cauterized. A different catheter (now used after blood transfusion from his own blood taken earlier in the ER) seems to have made him stronger so far." He went home on Wednesday. He is expected to have a neurology follow-up on March 5. Mrs. Bonilla added the following comments: "He is doing better. Thanks for your continued prayers. We love and miss you all!"

In previous bulletins, we mentioned that doctors had postponed heart-valve surgery for **Ronnie Shirley**. We saw him at the church service on Feb. 15. A doctor called, reportedly on Monday (Feb. 17), to unexpectedly inform him about a surgery to replace a heart valve. A doctor subsequently replaced a heart valve at Longview Regional Hospital. After a few days of recovery at the hospital, Mr. Shirley was moved to Summer Meadows for rehabilitation. (The address is 301 Hollybrook Dr. in Longview.) He is in Room 402.

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

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

Ellis La Ravia of Tucson, Ariz., died on Feb. 23. Please remember his wife, **Gwen** (who is in hospice care), and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Viorica Graham went to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler due to a swollen hand. She was diagnosed as having a stretched ligament.

Emma Brown (14-year-old granddaughter of **John** and **Della Worden**) is scheduled for heart surgery (“valve-sparing aortic root replacement”) on March 10 in Dallas. Emma (who turns 15 two days after this surgery) had an initial surgery when she was airlifted to Dallas when she was only 2 days old. This upcoming surgery is scheduled to last eight hours.

After experiencing high blood pressure, **Wayne Cole** of Oregon was hospitalized. Here are excerpts from **Doris**: “The doctors were able to get his blood pressure down by changing some of his meds. They gave him a dialysis treatment to take some of the fluid off of his lungs and will give him another one in the morning. They want to do this while he is still under the care of the hospital just in case anything should go wrong.”

Gary Antion of Batavia, Ohio, lost consciousness while speaking in a church service on Feb. 22. It was reported that he was “out” for 15 seconds and sustained no significant injuries from the fall itself. He went to a hospital. Here are excerpts from a report by a granddaughter: “The doctors concluded that the loss of consciousness was due to the lack of blood flow going to his head, largely because of a problem with his aortic valve. His medical team has determined that the next step will be to repair his aortic valve.”

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.”

■ Sowing Discord

Genesis 3:1—“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”’ ”

Revelation 12:12—“Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

■ Sowing Peace and Unity

Romans 12:16-21—“Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the LORD. Therefore ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

James 3:17-18—“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

Judgment by 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. 29, 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 ninth concept—the judgment of the Son.

Savior through the Son

It is interesting to note that the Bible refers to both the Father and the Son as our Savior. Notice two scriptures.

1 Timothy 4:10—“For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.”

John 4:42—“Then they said to the woman, ‘Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.’”

Therefore, Bible students conclude that the Father is the Savior through the Son.

Judgment through the Son

Likewise, the Bible refers to both the Father and the Son as giving judgment.

Notice two scriptures.

Romans 14:12—“So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”

2 Corinthians 5:10—“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Therefore, Bible students conclude that the Father is the Judge through the Son.

Responsibility and authority

Earlier, we quoted John 5:22 that mentioned that the Father gave responsibility for judgment to the Son.

It is important to realize that, when the Father gave the responsibility, He also gave authority to the Son.

John 5:27—“And has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.”

And, when responsibility and authority are given, there is also accountability.

John 5:30—“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

Based on understanding

There is much that could be said about the righteous judgment of the Son. Let’s note that the Son’s judgment is based upon what a person understands.

Notice what the Son said about a person who does not understand.

John 12:47—“And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.”

Notice what the Son said about a person who does understand.

John 12:48—“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”