

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Welcome to our guests

Members of the Church of God Big Sandy welcome guests as we worship on the Day of Pentecost. Here is the schedule for today.

- 1:00 p.m. Interactive study by Dave Havir
- 2:00 Bible study by Dave Havir
- 3:00 Church service
- 4:00 Snacks (instead of a potluck meal)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Offertory Piano selection
Scripture reading ... Acts 2:14–36 and Acts 2:37–46
Sermon Ramon Coleman

Quick takes

1. Welcome to our guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Ramon Coleman as a guest speaker today. Mr. Coleman is scheduled to give the sermon. (He also gave two presentations yesterday.)
2. Supporting your freedom of choice—We understand that some of you may choose to delay coming to the building for church at this time, and we certainly support your freedom of choice.
 - Please be comfortable with your decision
 - Please consider the protective opinion of your family
3. Reminders for attending—Here are some reminders for people who choose to attend the church service in the building.
 - We do not provide masks or gloves. If those are important to you, please bring your own.
 - We expect attendees to make good use of our spacious hall by spreading out.

4. Guest speaker next week—The congregation is happy to announce that Bill Crow is scheduled to give two presentations next week.
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The 12 Deadliest Viruses on Earth" by Anne Harding and Nicoletta Lanese.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Father's Expectations—Matthew 22:36–40" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 33 pages.

Prayer update

In yesterday's bulletin, we mentioned that **Eli Benedict** had a rough week. (On Wednesday night, he went to a satellite ER in Longview to receive a catheter. On Thursday night, he fell on the floor and **Jean** tried to get him up for four and one-half hours before she finally called 911.) After the bulletin was printed on Friday, we learned that he had another tough time. On Friday night, he went to the ER of Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview, where he heard three diagnoses about his health. First, the doctor identified the cause of his bleeding was because of many blood clots in his bladder—which are continuing to be flushed out. Second, the doctor reported that the mass in his bladder has gotten bigger. Third, the doctor diagnosed him with congestive heart failure. Mr. Benedict's daughter, **Donna**, stayed with him on Friday night so Mrs. Benedict could go home and try to get some rest. Doctors have discussed the possibility of a surgical procedure involving the bladder that would be intended to slow down the forming of clots within the bladder. However, Mr. Benedict and his family will consider his age as they contemplate their course of action. (He is 97 and ready to turn 98 in August.) The Benedicts thank you for your prayers.

Word tickler

Some people would consider the following quote to be an oxymoron. But we like to call it a word tickler—"If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?"

Scriptures for the season

Leviticus 23:15-17—"And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the LORD."

Deuteronomy 16:9-10—"You shall count seven weeks for yourself; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain. Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the LORD your God blesses you."

Exodus 20:1-2—And God spoke all these words, saying: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.” [He proceeded to give the Ten Commandments.]

Exodus 20:3-11—“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”

Exodus 20:12-17—“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Psalms 51:11—Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Luke 24:49—“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Acts 1:4-5—And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Acts 1:6-8—Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:9-11—Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 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.”

Acts 2:1-4—When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:22-24—“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”

Acts 2:29-31—“Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.”

Acts 2:32-33—“This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.”

Acts 2:37-40—Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”

Romans 8:11—But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit [that] dwells in you.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17—Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Galatians 5:22-23—But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Ephesians 4:30—And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by [which] you were sealed for the day of redemption.

1 Thessalonians 5:19—Do not quench the Spirit.

2 Timothy 1:6-7—Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.