

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Oct. 17, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:44

Bible study and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00) Dave Havir

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver
Pianist Jeri Holcomb
Scripture reading Revelation 21:1–7
Sermon Music presentations

Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thanks to the coordinators for the three Feast sites that were sponsored by our congregation.
2. Thank you—Thank you to those who helped the coordinators by serving at our Feast sites.
3. Interactive topic today—Dave Havir is scheduled to moderate an interactive discussion. His topic is the Eighth Day.
4. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are maturely and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
5. Prayers for the victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
6. 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 these are important to you, please bring your own.
 - We expect attendees to make good use of our spacious hall by spreading out.
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Set Hysterics Aside Concerning 'Systemic Police Brutality' " by Larry Elder.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "You Are Not a Racist" by Liz Matory.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 38 pages.

Prayer updates

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

Please remember to pray for the following people who are rehabbing at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater—**Ron Feaker** and **Elaine Holloway**.

Eli and **Jean Benedict** were thrilled to attend five days of the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy. Mr. Benedict wasn't sure if he would attend today (due to some pain in his hips and knees).

In the Sept. 26 bulletin, we mentioned that **Annette Payne** was diagnosed with a nodule in her right lung and was anticipating a follow-up examination. On Thursday, the doctor gave a preliminary diagnosis of cancer in her lung and in one lymph node. She is scheduled for a biopsy on Oct. 29 to confirm the diagnosis. (Before the Feast of Tabernacles, Mrs. Payne was leaning to not proceeding with any treatment. However, following the advice of her children, she has since decided to consider treatment options.) Mrs. Payne was thrilled to attend two days of the Feast of Tabernacles. She hopes to be able to attend more often.

On Wednesday, **Ronnie Shirley** went for a doctor appointment. A PET scan revealed the good news that his tumor had significantly shrunk. The doctor told Mr. Shirley that he was not scheduled for any more radiation or surgery. However, the doctor wanted him to begin additional chemo. On Friday, Mr. Shirley began a program of liquid chemo and chemo pills (six pills a day). He reports that he has been feeling well throughout his treatment.

Laura Moran has a sinus infection, and she is having trouble breathing.

Grace Louniadis of Carrollton (sister of **Laura Moran**) remains in a rehab facility and still hopes to move to our area.

Please remember **Linda Foster**, who is dealing with “end-stage dementia.”

Please remember **Emma Lou Bacher** of Plano, who is dealing with cognitive challenges.

Please remember **Thayne Slater** of Canyon, who recently had a brain tumor removed and was recently diagnosed with cancer of the spine.

Please remember **Jerry Jones** of Ojai, Calif., who was diagnosed with lymphoma.

Tim Lindholm of Minneapolis recently began a round of chemo treatment. (His program is unlike many programs that include regular treatments five days a week for several weeks.) His one-day treatments are scheduled to be weeks apart. Mr. Lindholm was scheduled for a second treatment before the Feast, but it was postponed until after the Feast. The Lindholm family enjoyed observing the Feast in Destin.

In the Sept. 28 bulletin, we mentioned that **Dwayne Canup** of Big Sandy had been hospitalized due to pneumonia and covid. He died on Oct. 1. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Prayer requests

On Oct. 4, **Paula Monsalvo** of Mobile, Ala., was diagnosed with necrotizing fasciitis (flesh-eating bacteria).

Jimmy and Jean Rogers of Denton (who are a part of our extended congregation) request prayers. Mr. Rogers reports that his cancer of the liver is in remission. Mrs. Rogers is scheduled for back surgery on Tuesday. (She had previous back surgery. This surgery is expected to last five hours.)

Jeannette Reinoso of Sachse was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Brad Ellis of Kailua Kona, Hawaii (who is diabetic), had surgery to insert a stent in a leg vein to increase blood flow to his foot.

Richard Dix of Toston, Mont., is reportedly entering the “final struggle” of his advanced form of Parkinson’s disease.

Loreta Panlaqui of Manila, Philippines, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer (stage 4).

Diane Carter of Fellsmere, Fla., has a growth behind her right eye that has been diagnosed as cancerous.

Laura Slack of Gold Hill, Ore., has been diagnosed with a carcinoma mass near her uterus.

Sharon Ross of Fargo, N.D., is scheduled for back surgery on Oct. 22.

Margarita Castillo of Lamesa (friend of **Pam Havir**) has been hospitalized due to pneumonia and covid-19.

Joel Thomas of Corona Del Mar, Calif., died on Sept. 27. Please remember his wife, **Shelly**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

“You Are Not a Racist”

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 Oct. 17, 2020. Generally, Pastor Dave Havir writes an article for “Among Friends.” However, he chose to post this article by a 39-year-old black woman because of her goal to identify truth and to reassure people. A version of the article was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 30.

By Elizabeth Matory

CARNEY, Md.—Black lives matter. All lives matter and have infinite value. But the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement is an entirely other entity, one that has the ability to destroy our society. It will take a miracle to stop it.

Seeing the threat

And, if you think BLM is a force that is irreparably damaging our country and culture, you’re not a racist.

The BLM movement is well on the path to succeed where Planned Parenthood and the transcontinental slave trade could not: It

is moving towards erasing the essence of humanity.

Abortion was not considered morally acceptable in the last several decades, and Planned Parenthood has worked hard to turn societal attitudes in that direction. Yet, even still, most people can understand why ending a human life before it is born would be considered wrong.

Correcting the wrongs

Society eventually came to believe that slavery was wrong, even though modern slavery still exists under the radar in various forms. Yet most people can understand that forcing another human being into submission and bondage against his will and treating that person as nonhuman is wrong.

Antiabortionists and abolitionists have been able to voice opposition to these wrongs for generations.

Powerful propaganda campaign

Here is the key difference: The BLM movement remains above reproach in that anyone questioning it is shut down, socially ridiculed, personally attacked and deemed a racist—and becomes a victim of our modern-day “cancel culture.”

This fact makes the BLM movement the most powerful propaganda campaign in modern history.

Fear-of-racist label

What better way to manufacture (manipulate) consent than to strike fear in the hearts and minds of the people with the mere presumption of racism?

You are automatically a bad person if you do not support BLM. And that is terrifying.

My mother is from the Philippines, and my father is black. I didn't always fit into the boxes society tried to put me in and took a long path towards the truth.

Refuse propaganda and dogma

I refuse to passively accept the powerful propaganda, dangerous dogma and weaponized worldview that the BLM movement promotes.

No one can deny that the lives of the descendants of African ancestry are important. If you do, you are a racist.

Crafted a lie

No one in his right mind believes that black men or boys, women or girls ought to be shot and killed either by police or to settle a beef, or by a stray bullet. No reason is justified.

But the BLM movement has crafted a lie to force everyone to think that, because of certain situations, the entire society is evil and that black people are powerless and incapable of controlling their own lives.

No one in history had succeeded in fully degrading what it is to be black, until BLM. Every word, every opinion, every act falls under its control now.

Not an innocent movement

Most people still think that BLM is an innocent, righteous movement founded by brokenhearted lesbians who seek justice for their fellow black people. But it is not that, at least not anymore.

It's not a simple yard sign or church banner. It never was. Every time a Black Lives Matters sign is planted, it proliferates the notion that black people are less than everyone else. BLM is just the belief that our society is evil and must end. That is the opinion to be accepted by the public.

Through every hardship, flaw and fault, the individual, the family, communities, generations have overcome every single obstacle, and it is our society that will continue to overcome whatever the challenge.

Together, we are what makes our society prosper. But BLM wants none of that. The very concept of who we are must end for them.

Do not participate

We are being pushed off the proverbial cliff by the carefully crafted BLM. The only solution is to not participate at all.

Just like other destructive propaganda in the past, society needs to forcefully reject it. No good will ever come from destroying property, burning and looting businesses and shutting down constructive dialogue.

You have found truth

Solutions are not what the BLM movement wants. It wants total destruction of society.

If you are not okay with the destructive BLM movement, you're not a racist. You are a decent human being who has found the truth.