

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 9, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:31

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 Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Psalm 90:1–17

Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—Dixon and Linda Cartwright thank the congregation for sharing the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary last Saturday after church.
2. Budget meeting—There will be a budget meeting on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 3:00 p.m. For years, the congregation has been invited to participate in the process of setting our church budget—by serving on the Budget Committee. Ron Avey has asked board members to meet on Jan. 17, and he invites other members of the congregation to attend this meeting as well. A budget will be submitted to the board in the near future.
3. Chamber of Commerce dinner—The annual Chamber of Commerce dinner is scheduled to be held in our building on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 6:30 p.m.
4. Reminders for attending—Here are 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.

5. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are maturely and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
6. Prayers for victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Covid Killed Hundreds of Thousands, Abortion Killed Tens of Millions" by Michael Brown.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "They Are Liars" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 41 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—**Eli Benedict, 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**.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Eli Benedict** was dealing with cellulitis on his left foot—which caused itching and swelling. We correctly reported that Mr. Benedict took an antibiotic for four days, causing a rash to appear, and that **Jean** took him off the antibiotic, causing something good to occur. However, we incorrectly reported what disappeared—claiming the rash disappeared, instead of correctly mentioning that the cellulitis disappeared. Not only did the rash remain last week, it remained this week—causing him to have a rough time sleeping. They appreciate your prayers.

Following his stroke and hospitalization, **David Bonilla** was moved to the Christus Rehab Hospital. (He is in Room 134-B.) He and **Becky** greatly appreciate your prayers.

On Monday, **Laura Moran** went to a doctor due to upper-respiratory symptoms and an earache. The doctor quickly ruled out flu and covid-19—and ultimately ruled out infection and a blood clot in the right lower lung. The diagnosis was likely congestive heart failure.

Last Monday, **Joyce Coleman** had cataract surgery on one eye. On Monday, she is scheduled for cataract surgery on the other eye.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Don Mischnick** (of the local United congregation) had tested positive for covid and was struggling with pain, chills, fever, coughing and weakness. **Michele** gave the following reports. On Sunday he was weak, with no appetite and on oxygen full time. On Thursday, Mrs. Mischnick reported: "He is back in the hospital to receive antibiotics and to get sleep. I think some of his symptoms are a result of sleep deprivation, since he has not slept well for two weeks." Later on Thursday: "They are going to give him the plasma antibodies."

Mike Kennebeck (of a local Church of God congregation) is still awaiting the anticipated schedule of a double-bypass surgery.

Here are excerpts from an update from **Morris Foster** concerning his wife, **Linda**: “I am saddened to report that Linda’s decline with frontotemporal dementia continues. She is declining rapidly at this point. She has totally lost the ability to speak, walk and to feed herself. In medical terms, she has lost all five ADLs (activities of daily living). Today, she has been unable to swallow. I thank God for each of you dear friends praying for Linda and me. Even though our loving heavenly Father has not yet chosen to heal Linda, I can feel God’s strength and comfort as a result of your prayers.”

New prayer requests

On Tuesday, Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater told **Karen Dean** that her father, **Ron Feaker**, had been diagnosed with covid.

Donna Weese reports that she has been dealing with a lack of energy. Then, on Thursday night, she did not sleep well.

Last Saturday, **Dave Havir** learned that **Nancy Amburgey** had recently experienced some TIAs (small strokes) maybe lasting five minutes. (Mrs. Amburgey didn’t tell Mr. Havir right away because she didn’t want to add to his workload.) Here are excerpts from a report that she gave on Tuesday: “Good news from my doctor visit. The nurse took all my information, and the PA [physician’s assistant] wasn’t all that concerned. It had already been 10 days since the TIAs. I told her about the off-and-on nausea. She asked why I didn’t go to the ER. I replied: ‘With all the covid, etc.?’ My blood pressure and heart rate were good. They took a blood sample. **Risë** has me taking a daily aspirin. I get tired more easily. I’ve started walking.”

Kevin Grizzle of the local United congregation (stepson of **Sonny Rosenberger**) has been diagnosed with covid.

Carmen Espinoza of California died on Dec. 25. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Jeff Salyer of Dallas died on Jan. 1. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Bobbie Franklin of Birmingham, Ala. (who was a regular attendee at our Feast site in Destin, Fla.), died on Jan. 9. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Eye on the World

- An article by Thomas D. Williams titled “Abortion Leading Global Cause of Death in 2020 With 42.7 Million Killed” was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 1, 2021.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled “Vatican Says Covid Vaccine Made From Cell Lines of Aborted Babies ‘Morally Acceptable’—Some Bishops Disagree” was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 4, 2021.
- An article by Michael Haynes titled “Which Covid-19 Vaccines Are Connected to Abortion?” was posted at lifesitenews.com on Jan. 5, 2021.

“They Are Liars”

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 Jan. 9, 2021.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Let me spend a few minutes discussing whether a Christian should call someone a liar or not.

It is easy to spot the faults of other people. It is easy to recognize when people are being too hard (harsh and condemning) toward other people, just as it is easy to recognize when people are being too soft (tolerant) toward other people.

When we look in the mirror, do we realize that we have the same dilemma—sometimes we are too hard on people and sometimes we are too soft on people?

Reason for softness

Can you think of any scriptures that influence you to show softness toward someone?

Matthew 7:1-5—“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

Romans 2:21-23—“You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?”

Galatians 6:1—“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”

James 2:13—“For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”

Reason for toughness

Can you think of any scriptures that influence you to show toughness toward someone?

- 1 Corinthians 5:1-2
- Titus 1:13
- Titus 2:15

What does God hate?

Bible students are aware that God says He hates things.

Revelation 2:6—“But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

Revelation 2:15—“Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.”

Justifiable anger

Bible students are aware of scriptures about being angry in a proper fashion.

■ James 1:19-20—We want to be slow to anger.

■ Ephesians 4:26-27—We want to address our anger in a timely fashion and in a proper manner.

■ Romans 12:19—If we are unable to address our anger directly to someone (due to troubling circumstances), we can share our anger with God.

Justifiable irritation

At this time, I am feeling justifiable irritation. I share this with my friends because I know that many of you are feeling the same.

If you are not irritated right now, good for you. You don’t have to be irritated. But please don’t look down your nose at individuals who are feeling justifiable irritation.

I want to share a scripture with you that sums up how many of us are feeling.

Revelation 2:2—“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars.”