

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 27, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:15

### Lunch and seminar

Lunch—1:00 ..... Melodee Eishen

Seminar—1:30–2:30 ..... David and Melodee Eishen

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader ..... Reg Killingley

Pianist ..... Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading ..... Psalm 100 and 101

Sermon ..... Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Seminar topic—The subject for the seminar at 1:30 today is a book review titled “Take Cover: Finding Peace in God’s Protection.”
2. Last week’s Wednesday-night Bible study—Here is some information about last week’s Wednesday-night Bible study (at 7:00).
  - Presenter—Dave Havir
  - Title—“Lessons From the Exodus—Part 1 of 4”
  - Transmitted live on website and Facebook page
3. Wednesday-night Bible study on March 3—Here is some information about this week’s Wednesday-night Bible study.
  - Date—March 3
  - Time—7:00 p.m. (central time)
  - Presenter—Dave Havir
  - Title—“Lessons From the Exodus—Part 2 of 4”
  - Transmitted live on website and Facebook page
4. Schedule for March 6—Following is the schedule for Saturday, March 6.
  - 1:00 p.m. Interactive study—Dave Havir
  - 2:00 Recorded musical presentations
  - 3:00 Church service—Sermon by Wynn Skelton

5. Schedule for March 13—Here is the schedule for Saturday, March 13. (Dave Havir is scheduled to be on a church visit. He invited Scott Hoefker to speak.)
  - 1:00 p.m. Interactive study—Scott Hoefker
  - 2:00 Presentation study—Scott Hoefker
  - 3:00 Church service—Sermon by Scott Hoefker
6. 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.
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The Denial of Evil: The Case of Communism" by Dennis Prager.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "How Did Israel End Up in Egypt?" by Dave Havir.
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, David Bonilla, 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, Elaine Holloway** and **Donna Weese**.

In previous bulletins, we mentioned that **Laura Moran** at times deals with diverticulitis. She reported that it flared up again this week.

In the Jan. 16 bulletin, we mentioned that **Grace Kouniadis** (sister of **Laura Moran**) was dealing with cellulitis. Although the cellulitis has improved, she is now dealing with C-diff.

Last Saturday evening, **Cassandra Jenkins** left the hospital and was sent to the Colonial Nursing Home in Lindale for rehab. She is in Room 2-A.

## New prayer requests

**Charles Rogers** of Missouri (who had been diagnosed more than 10 years ago with an upper-aortic aneurysm) learned that it had "grown since last year" and influenced him to have an elevated blood pressure. He and his wife, **Karen**, appreciate your prayers.

**Doris Cole** of Eugene, Ore., recently had a cyst (between her eyes) removed. She is happy to report that her vision is better.

**Wayne Cole** of Eugene, Ore., recently went to a hospital for three days to receive dialysis. Following are excerpts from **Doris** that arrived on Thursday: “Wayne is home. I was not pleased that they sent him home in the weakened condition he was experiencing. I was very outspoken but the doctor signed the release papers at about 10:00 a.m. before he ever knew if Wayne could stand up—as Wayne had been in their bed for three days without getting up even for bathroom breaks. But Wayne wanted to come home. I understand that but I felt he was at a high risk for a fall and should go to rehab for a couple of days. I am grateful that they got Wayne’s blood pressure down and he was able to eat again. Since we went through this one year ago, I think we may need to do an extra dialysis treatment every couple of weeks because of fluid buildup. Thanks for your prayers.”

**Isaac Vierra**, a 14-year-old boy from Graham, Wash., was seriously injured in a freak accident—losing two fingers and the end of his left thumb.

**Shailveena Chandra** of Agra, India, who was born with a birth defect in both legs and walks using crutches, recently fell and injured both of her knees.

**Pam Shuster** of Springfield, Mo., has been diagnosed with an infection of the brain.

**Charley Shuster** of Springfield, Mo., has been diagnosed with a bite from a brown-recluse spider.

**Walt Deptula** of Nacogdoches fell and broke his hip.

**David Husmann** of Omaha, Neb., has been diagnosed with tinnitus (ringing in the ears).

**Barbara Rogers** of Las Vegas, Nev., who was struck by a vehicle while bicycling several months ago, still deals with extreme leg pain.

**Laura Hayden** of Derby, Kan., has been diagnosed with vertigo.

**Wilburn Cochran** of Oklahoma is recovering from open-heart surgery.

**Kenneth Cochran** of Oklahoma just got released from a hospital after surgery on his shoulder.

**Don Shaw** of Christiansburg, Va., has been diagnosed with a small spot of bone cancer in his right shoulder.

**Mark Borgna** of Stokesdale, N.C., has been diagnosed with a small cancer spot on a lung.

**Al Portune**, formerly of Pasadena, Calif., died on Feb. 9. Please remember the family in your prayers.

In the Nov. 21, 2020, bulletin, we mentioned that **John Hicks** of San Diego, Calif. (son of **Al** and **Lana Hicks**), had been dealing with the effects of cancer. Mr. Hicks died on Feb. 20. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Ashlie Sanders** of Dallas died on Feb. 21. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Randy McIver** of Cumberland, Md. (brother of **Neil McIver**), died on Feb. 23. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## “How Did Israel End Up in Egypt?”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of Feb. 27, 2021.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—This is the time of the year when my friends and I are greatly anticipating the memorial of the suffering and death of the Son of God. We enjoy studying the scriptures in the New Testament that describe the significant event.

Like most believers, I seek to base my life upon the teachings of the New Testament. But, like many religious people, I also place historical value in the lessons and teachings of the Old Testament.

### **Exodus account**

During this time of year, my friends and I like to review lessons from the book of Exodus. We like to rehearse how the Israelites were saved under the blood (Exodus 12:7) and through the water (Exodus 14:26-29).

Just as God delivered the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, believers appreciate that God delivers us from our carnal nature.

### **Ending up in Egypt**

At this time, I want to rehearse a few scriptures that describe how the children of Israel ended up in Egypt. We can let Stephen help us with the history lesson.

**Acts 7:8**—“Then He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so Abraham begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the twelve patriarchs.”

**Genesis 32:28**—“And He said, ‘Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.’”

**Acts 7:9-10**—“And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.”

**Acts 7:11-16**—“Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and

Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance. But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first. And the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph’s family became known to the Pharaoh. Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people. So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers. And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem.”

**Genesis 50:14**—“And after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all who went up with him to bury his father.”

### **Promise of deliverance**

**Genesis 50:20**—“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”

**Genesis 50:24**—“And Joseph said to his brethren, ‘I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.’”

**Acts 7:17-18**—“But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt till another king arose who did not know Joseph.”

**Exodus 1:7-8**—“But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.”

**Acts 7:19**—“This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live.”

**Exodus 1:22**—“So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, ‘Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.’”