

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 17, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:50

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dixon Cartwright

Presentation study—2:00 Ken Tate
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Exodus 32:1–24

Sermon Ken Tate

Quick takes

1. Welcome to guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Ken Tate from northwest Arkansas. Mr. Tate is scheduled to give the 2:00 Bible study and the sermon at the 3:00 church service.
2. Pastor's trip—Today, Dave Havar is visiting a congregation in the Kansas City area.
3. Wednesday-night Bible study on April 24 at 7:00—People are welcome to attend in the building or via a live transmission.
4. Interactive seminar on April 24 from 1:00 to 2:30—David and Melodee Eishen are scheduled to continue the lively discussion of the book *Take Cover: Finding Peace in God's Protection*. (The first seminar was on Feb. 27.)
 - New and returning participants are welcome.
 - Food will be again be included.
 - Attendees can eat during the discussion.
 - A handout with the main discussion points will be provided.
 - Copies of the previous handout will be available for those who did not attend the first seminar.
 - This interactive seminar will not be recorded or be a live transmission.

5. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce that a few guest speakers will be visiting us in the coming weeks.
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| ■ Today | Ken Tate |
| ■ May 8 | Wynn Skelton |
| ■ May 29 | Blake Silverstein |
| ■ June 12 | Wynn Skelton |
| ■ June 19 | Jim Johns |
6. Feast coordinators—Here are the Feast coordinators for the three sites that are presently planned for this year.
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| ■ Big Sandy | Ron and Linda Avey |
| ■ Destin | Ken and Janice Tate |
| ■ Myrtle Beach | Lyle and Kathy Kerby |
7. Feast of Tabernacles housing—Recently, we posted information about Feast housing for the Feast sites in Destin and Myrtle Beach.
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| ■ Destin | Pelican Beach Resort |
| ■ Myrtle Beach | Avista Resort |
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “The Destruction of American Exceptionalism” by Ken Blackwell.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Sexual Immorality” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 39 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 people who are rehabbing at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater—**Ron Feaker, Elaine Holloway** and **Donna Weese**.

In the April 3 bulletin, we gave an update about **David** and **Becky Bonilla**. Mr. Bonilla continues to deal with no movement in his right arm and walking only with assistance. Mrs. Bonilla is recovering well from her rotator-cuff surgery. On Wednesday at physical therapy, she began to abandon her sling during the day—although she still uses the sling at night. The Bonillas appreciate your prayers.

In the March 13 bulletin, we mentioned that **Grace Kouniadis** (sister of **Laura Moran**) had a portion of her right leg removed above her knee. Her recovery has been difficult. This past Wednesday, she moved to a hospice facility in Tyler.

In the March 29 bulletin, we mentioned that **Leon Avery** of Tulsa, Okla., went to a hospital where he was diagnosed with severe problems with his spine. He is back at home and underdoing outpatient therapy.

New prayer requests

Following are excerpts from **Morris Foster** about his recent physical challenges: “Physically, I’m doing well except for the very painful plantar fasciitis in my right foot from caring for **Linda** before she died. Flying to Arizona, I had to have wheelchair assistance in both airports both ways. Thankfully, my foot has been slowly getting better the last week. Bottom line—although I have some hardships (as we all do), I remain incredibly blessed in every way. God has been good in my life.”

Janna Satterwhite of Tulsa, Okla., is recovering from ankle replacement and has developed a bad infection.

Joel Gerstmann of Eugene, Ore., died on March 19. Please remember his wife, **Linda**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Lee Pettijohn of Big Sandy (age 87) died on April 14. Please remember his wife, **Vivian** (age 93), and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Matthew 5:27-30—“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”

Matthew 19:8-9—“He said to them, ‘Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.’ ”

“Sexual Immorality”

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 April 17, 2021.

By **Dave Havir**

BIG SANDY, Texas—In 1 Corinthians 10:6-10, the apostle Paul listed five negative characteristics that were displayed by the children of Israel in the wilderness after they were delivered from Egypt.

■ Lusting after evil things—Numbers 11:1-33

■ Idolatry—Exodus 32:1-6

■ Sexual immorality—Numbers 25:1-9

■ Tempting Christ—Numbers 21:5-6

■ Murmuring—Numbers 14:2-37

In last week’s article, we talked about the subject of idolatry—with emphasis on Exodus 32:1-6.

In this week’s article, I will talk about the subject of sexual immorality.

Committed harlotry

When the apostle Paul wrote 1 Corinthians 10:8, he referred to an incident that previously occurred in Numbers 25:1-9.

Numbers 25:1-3—“Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.”

In the Old Covenant history, God expressed His anger in a dramatic fashion.

Numbers 25:5—“So Moses said to the judges of Israel, ‘Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal of Peor.’”

Numbers 25:6-9—“And indeed, one of the children of Israel came and presented to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand; and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel. And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.”

Sexual immorality

Now, let’s notice some scriptures in the New Testament about sexual immorality.

In 1 Corinthians 10:8, the Greek word describing sexual immorality is *porneuo* (found in *Strong’s Concordance* as No. 4203). The concordance identifies the verb as follows: “to commit sexual immorality of any kind, adultery.”

Strong’s Concordance identifies the noun *porneia* (No. 4202) as follows: “sexual immorality, fornication, marital unfaithfulness, prostitution, adultery, a generic term for sexual sin of any kind.”

In the King James Version of the Bible, the noun *porneia* is translated as “fornication” 26 times.

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the verb *porneuo* is translated “fornication” in eight places.

Although the King James Version of the Bible consistently uses the English word *fornication*, let’s look at a few verses (involving either the verb *porneuo* or the noun *porneia*) in the New King James Version.

Matthew 5:32—“But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

Matthew 19:9—“And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”

1 Corinthians 5:1—“It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father’s wife!”

1 Corinthians 5:9-10—“I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.”

1 Corinthians 6:18-20—“Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8—“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.”