

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 29, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:19

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Jerry Thompson

Presentation study—2:00 Blake Silverstein
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Psalm 119:49–64

Sermon Blake Silverstein

Quick takes

1. Welcome to our guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Blake Silverstein and his family. Mr. Silverstein is scheduled to give the 2:00 presentation study and the sermon during the 3:00 church service.
2. Pastor's trip—Today, Dave Havir is giving a Bible study and a sermon in Shreveport. (He is scheduled to be back today to participate in his bylaw-mandated responsibility of helping to count ballots.)
3. Memorial service for Tom Mitchell tomorrow—In the Feb. 1, 2020, bulletin, we mentioned that Tom Mitchell had died on Jan. 29, 2020. Because of covid, his wife, Judi, and the rest of the family postponed a memorial service. Having now decided to proceed with a memorial service, they are inviting friends from the congregation to attend.
 - Date—Sunday, May 30, 2021
 - Time—2:00 p.m.
 - Location—Historic Aviation Memorial Museum
 - Address—150 Airport Blvd., Unit 2, Tyler
4. Wedding in the building tomorrow—This is to inform the congregation that there is a wedding scheduled in the building on Sunday, May 30. We ask members of the congregation to avoid making plans involving the building on that day.

5. Wednesday-night Bible study on June 2 at 7:00—People are encouraged to attend in the building or via a live transmission.
6. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce that a few guest speakers will be visiting us in the coming weeks.

■ June 5	Morris Foster
■ June 12	Larry Watkins
■ June 19	Jim Johns
■ June 26	Wynn Skelton
7. Today is the last day of the nomination process—Since May is the time for our congregation to nominate people to be included in the election phase (in June) for our church board, the nomination phase ends at 5:00 p.m. today.
8. Feast of Tabernacles housing—Recently, we posted information about Feast housing for the Feast sites in Destin and Myrtle Beach.

■ Destin	Pelican Beach Resort
■ Myrtle Beach	Avista Resort
9. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “The Middle East Dispute Is About Religion, Not Land” by Dennis Prager.
10. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Surviving in an Angry World—Part 6” by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 42 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** and **Elaine Holloway**.

New prayer requests

On Friday (May 21), **Chuck Callahan** had a heart catheterization that resulted in his having a stent inserted and a diagnosis of a faulty heart valve. His daughter (**Sue Johns**) reported: “His aortic valve is shot. In a couple of months they plan to replace his aortic valve (through the groin procedure). The doctor thinks he is in good shape for his age [93].”

On Thursday night, **Laura Moran** suffered a stroke and was transported to Mother Frances Hospital. At the printing deadline of this bulletin, she remained in serious condition. Her family appreciates your prayers.

On Thursday, **Willis Hogg** fell at work and broke his ankle in two places. Following are excerpts from his wife, **Brenda**: “Willis tripped over a pipe at work. He fell, but his foot lodged under the pipe. He went one way, but his foot stayed in place. He totally dislocated his foot. An ambulance was called and he was taken to Mother Frances Hospital. After three extremely painful attempts in the ER to relocate it, surgery was permitted to temporarily put it back in place and to put a brace on it. After X rays, it was determined that he had broken his ankle in two places and had broken a bone in his leg. Additional surgery is scheduled. He will be in a splint for six to eight weeks and then a boot afterwards for a few weeks. Since it is his right foot, driving is out for now. Thank you for your prayers.”

Sarah McBride of Lincoln, England, has been suffering with severe back pain.

David Husmann of Omaha, Neb., was admitted to a hospital with gallbladder trouble.

On May 15, **Cledice Decker** of Pasadena, Calif., was diagnosed with having suffered a mild stroke. She reported that the right carotid artery was 50% blocked, and the left carotid artery was 90% blocked. On May 17, a doctor inserted a stent.

Debbie Suelzle of Puyallup, Wash., died on May 18. Please remember her husband, **Curt**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Olive Henry of Lawton, Okla. (age 91), died on May 24, when she did not awaken after a surgery for the removal of a lymphatic tumor that was blocking her small intestine.

Lillian Hewson of Bismarck, N.D. (mother of **Nina Searer**), died on May 25. (The funeral was yesterday, with Nina’s husband, **Mark Searer**, officiating.) Please remember the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

James 4:2-3—“You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”

1 John 5:14—“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

Daniel 3:17-18—“If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

Luke 22:42-44 —“ ‘Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.’ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”

2 Corinthians 12:9—“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

“Surviving in an Angry World—Part 6”

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 May 29, 2021. (The article was previously posted March 15, 2014.)

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—On April 24, I began a series to mention concepts from a book titled *Surviving in an Angry World*. The book was written in 2010 by Charles Stanley.

This is the sixth installment.

Resolving conflict

On page 189, Dr. Stanley wrote: “Through the years, I have been amazed at the people I’ve encountered who argue so loudly and vigorously for ‘peace.’ They are sometimes so angry as they talk about peace-versus-war issues that they turn red in the face and can hardly speak coherently.

“They are quick to blast away verbally at any person who disagrees with them, and they apparently see no problem or contradiction with getting violently angry in their pursuit of ‘peace’ . . .”

10 things you can do

On page 193, Dr. Stanley wrote: “You may not be able to avoid a conflict, but you are responsible for how you respond. Some situations cannot be avoided, nor should you ignore them. Sometimes you will be at the receiving end of another person’s anger, hostility, or resentment. But you can always choose what your reaction will be.

“Here are ten things you can do to create a positive outcome to a conflict and set the stage for a peaceful resolution. And you can do all these things without any participation from the other person involved.”

■ Refuse to respond in anger.

“No matter what another person says or does, refuse to speak in anger or frustration.”

■ Make no attempt to defend yourself verbally.

“There may be a time later when you need to state your case. But until that time comes, keep quiet.”

■ When the time comes to speak, ask God to help you with what to say.

“Spend time in prayer, asking God to reveal His desires for you, the other person, and your relationship.”

■ Explore what you might do to help a person with needs in his life that may be the underlying cause for the conflict.

“Ask the Lord to guide you and to reveal to you what you need to know.”

■ See the conflict as coming from God.

“Please understand that I’m not saying God sends or causes conflict. Rather, the Father allows it for a purpose, which He ultimately will use for your good. If you see conflict as having godly purposes, you are going to be far less likely to get angry and lose control in the midst of it.”

■ Identify your part in the conflict.

“Reflect upon the situation and identify any part you played in bringing about the conflict or escalating the argument.”

■ Begin to treat the other person with genuine kindness and tenderness.

“Look for a way to express love to him or her.”

■ Choose to make necessary changes.

“Learn any lessons you can from the conflict as quickly as possible.”

■ View the conflict as an opportunity to respond as Christ would.

“Jesus is every believer’s role model for all aspects of life.”

■ Make a decision about how you will respond to future conflict or criticism.

“You can choose what to think and say long before a conflict.”

From church bulletins

“For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.”