

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 5, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:23

Bible studies

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

Presentation study—2:00 Neil McIver
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Psalm 119:65–80

Sermon Morris Foster

Quick takes

1. Welcome to our guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Morris Foster. Mr. Foster is scheduled to give the sermon during the 3:00 church service.
2. Pastor's trip—Today, Dave Havir is speaking in Mineral Wells W.Va. (near Parkersburg). Tonight, he is meeting with the leadership team that organizes the Myrtle Beach Feast site.
3. Congratulations to Carol Bald as board member—This is to announce that Carol Bald will begin a new term on July 1.
 - Normally, May is the month for nominations, and June is the month for the election.
 - When the votes for the nomination were counted last Saturday night, several individuals who were nominated chose not to allow their name to proceed to the election phase.
 - Since Carol Bald was the only person who agreed to allow her name to proceed to the election phase, there is no need for an election phase this year. (This is the first time that this scenario has occurred since we implemented this system.)

4. Thank you to servers—Thank you to individuals from the congregation who served at the rehearsal dinner last Saturday night and at the wedding on Sunday. The individuals included Ron Avey, Linda Avey, Brenda Kennebeck, Jacob Kennebeck, Mike Kennebeck, Zack Kennebeck, Andrew McIver and Neil McIver.
5. Wednesday-night Bible study on June 9 at 7:00—People are encouraged to attend in the building or via a live transmission.
6. Appreciating the Wednesday-night Bible studies—Many people in the extended congregation have expressed their appreciation for Dave Havir giving regular presentations (on the website and on Facebook) at the Wednesday-night Bible studies. Here are the subjects that have been covered.
 - April 24 Lessons From the Exodus—Part 1 of 4
 - March 3 Lessons From the Exodus—Part 2 of 4
 - March 10 Lessons From the Exodus—Part 3 of 4
 - March 17 Lessons From the Exodus—Part 4 of 4
 - March 24 New Testament Symbols
 - March 31 Wilderness Sin No. 1—Lusting, Murmuring
and Tempting Christ
 - April 14 Wilderness Sin No. 2—Idolatry
 - April 21 Wilderness Sin No. 3—Sexual Immorality
 - April 28 Obey God—to Be Blessed Now
 - May 5 Obey God—to Be Blessed at the Resurrection
 - May 12 Obey God—to Willingly Honor God Now
 - May 19 Seeking God’s Will
 - May 26 Accepting God’s Will
 - June 2 God Sometimes Says “No”
7. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce that a few guest speakers will be visiting us in the coming weeks.
 - Today Morris Foster
 - June 12 Larry Watkins
 - June 19 Jim Johns
 - June 26 Wynn Skelton
8. Feast coordinators—Here are the Feast coordinators for the three sites that are presently planned for this year.
 - Big Sandy Ron and Linda Avey
 - Destin Ken and Janice Tate
 - Myrtle Beach Lyle and Kathy Kerby
9. Feast of Tabernacles housing—Recently, we posted information about Feast housing for the sites in Destin and Myrtle Beach.
 - Destin Pelican Beach Resort
 - Myrtle Beach Avista Resort
10. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Did They Die in Vain?” by Ben Mauldin.

11. Among Friends—This week's article is "Surviving in an Angry World—Part 7" by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 13 pages.
13. Bulletin completed on Wednesday—Due to Dave Havir's trip, this bulletin was completed on Wednesday.

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.**

On Wednesday, the family of **Laura Moran** (who suffered a stroke on May 27) reported that she was making slow progress. Her family appreciates your prayers.

Chuck Callahan is anticipating surgery to replace his aortic valve.

On Wednesday, **Brenda Hogg** reported that her husband, **Willis** (who fell on May 27 and broke his ankle in two places and broke a bone in his leg), was scheduled for surgery on Friday, June 4. She reported: "They will be installing rods, pins and plates in the ankle. We are grateful for all the prayers."

The following report from **Dave Havir** is not given because there is a problem but because many of the congregation ask him about such things. He reported: "On Wednesday, I had a follow-up appointment with my eye doctor after he removed a cataract from my left eye six months ago. (The doctor had removed the cataract from my right eye in 2016.) He said that my vision is 20/20. The doctor was pleased when he reminded me that my left eye is set up for close reading and my right eye is set up for distance. He reminded me that fewer than 10 percent of patients choose to have their vision arranged in that manner because it would make them feel wonky. Thank you for your interest."

New prayer requests

Sandy Daniels of Longview has been diagnosed with blockages of 75 percent and 50 percent in two arteries.

Alvin Duchane of Tulsa, Okla., was admitted to a hospital with covid and kidney failure.

Charlene Githens of Jefferson City, Mo., has been diagnosed with advanced Parkinson's.

Mike Weatherley of Britain died on May 20. Please remember his family in your prayers.

“Surviving in an Angry World—Part 7”

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 June 5, 2021. (The article was previously posted March 22, 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 seventh (and final) installment.

On page 220, Dr. Stanley wrote: “Very often, an angry response becomes a habit in a person. The good news is that all habits have been learned, so they can be unlearned too. Anyone can choose to reverse persistent anger in his or her life.”

Dr. Stanley mentioned three ideas to help a person learn a new habit.

Change of thinking

Dr. Stanley wrote: “First, make a choice to think about things that are positive and beneficial . . .

“Refuse to nurse negative and hurtful thoughts. Don’t reopen emotional wounds. Reject any thoughts of revenge. Choose instead to think about those things related to the goodness and greatness of God . . .

“Rather than think about the person who hurt you, think about Jesus. Rather than focus on the issue or circumstance that made you angry, focus on the One who died for you.”

Positive activities

Dr. Stanley wrote: “Second, choose to become involved in positive activities that require your full attention. Make new decisions about how you will spend your time, money, and mental energy.

“Choose to associate with people who are pursuing positive goals . . . Focus on those things that last beyond your lifetime and extend into eternity.”

Seek God’s help

Dr. Stanley wrote: “Third, ask God to help you monitor your own thoughts and speech.

“Countless people wander through life, not really paying attention to what they’re thinking and saying.

“They are just going with the flow, thinking about whatever captures their attention at the moment, visually or verbally, and saying anything that comes to mind. Choose to take charge of what you think and what you say.

“Anger is fueled by negative thoughts and negative words. Turn off the fuel pump! Recognize that you have the choice not to dwell on what you happen to see or hear. You can choose how you will process and react to what you’re exposed to on a daily basis.”

Gaining peace

On page 236, Dr. Stanley wrote: “Jesus certainly did not deny that some situations and circumstances would be difficult or challenging. Nor did He promise His followers that they would be free of problems and hardships.

“On the contrary, Christ said clearly, ‘In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world’ (John 16:33).

“Every hurtful or unpleasant experience can be regarded as a faith challenge. It can be approached as an opportunity to trust God in greater depth or in new ways.

“It can be viewed as a call to begin intense prayer for a person or group.

“Ask God to give you His peace and to help you have the calm, quiet confidence that comes from total trust in Him.”

From church bulletins

“The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind.
They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.”