

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 1, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:25

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havir
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Daniel 8:1–27

Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study on Jan. 5—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for Jan. 5.
2. Upcoming speakers—We are pleased to announce the following traveling speakers coming to our congregation.
 - Jan. 8 Blake Silverstein
 - Jan. 22 Wynn Skelton
3. Bad weather doesn't stop us—Since the beginning of this congregation, it has been our tradition to avoid canceling a church service due to weather. We expect each individual to use personal judgment and freedom for himself and his family. (Besides, you could join our Internet audience to watch our presentations online.)
4. Loss of electricity could slow us down—Although the circumstance would be rare, we would probably cancel a church service in the building due to a loss of electricity. (However, knowing our audience, anyone who showed up might enjoy a small Bible study—as long as we stayed warm enough.)

5. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.
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| ■ Mickey Ashcraft | ■ Ruth Roe |
| ■ David and Becky Bonilla | ■ Sonny Rosenberger |
| ■ Timberly Dunnam | ■ Ronnie Shirley |
| ■ Elaine Holloway | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Annette Payne | ■ Donna Weese |
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Pastor Says Forgive and Your Pain Will Go Away" by Dixon Cartwright.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Supplications in New Testament" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 16 pages. (This edition has 10 articles, but no headlines. Although Dave Havir collected his normal supply of more than 200 headlines, he was too busy to organize and format the headlines this week.)

Prayer updates

Please remember **Timberly Dunnam**, who is dealing with pain in her back and other locations and who is waiting to hear from Longview Orthopedics to establish an appointment.

On Dec. 23, **David Bonilla** (who is recovering from hip surgery to have a metal rod inserted from his right hip to his knee) had his staples removed. He and **Becky** have appreciated the nursing care and the therapy that come to their home about three times a week. And they appreciate all of you who have been praying for them.

In previous bulletins, we mentioned that **Andrew McIver** has been experiencing digestive issues and had lost 15 pounds since the Feast of Tabernacles. It was suggested that Mr. McIver consider having a colonoscopy. He is presently scheduled for the procedure on Jan. 18.

In the Dec. 18 bulletin, we mentioned that **Vern Case** had been diagnosed with covid and was receiving oxygen at Longview Regional Hospital. He was able to be released from the hospital on Dec. 22—with the understanding that he would be using oxygen at home. On Thursday, he was cleared by his doctor to go back to work next week—with the understanding that he will have his oxygen tank with him in case he needs it. Mr. Case appreciates the prayers.

Doyle Welborn reports that he continues to do his personal physical therapy at home and that he is recovering well.

Ronnie Shirley reports that he is continuing to improve. The doctors described his initial challenge as a mixture of pneumonia and a medication overdose (with the hospital and the rehab facility each blaming the other for the medication problem). Mr. Shirley wonders if he experienced a small stroke, since he has had difficulty walking and using both hands. He is happy to report that his walking has greatly improved. He is excited about his progress.

In the Dec. 18 bulletin, we mentioned that **Chuck Calahan** was scheduled for a heart evaluation of his aortic valve on Jan. 7.

Following is an excerpt from an update by **Dave Havir** about **Tim Lindholm**: “While I was driving to Arkansas last Friday, I called Tim and **Hope** Lindholm to see if they were going to a Winter Weekend in Lexington, Ky. Tim said no and that his liver problem continues—with significant pain and discomfort. Please remember them in your prayers.”

New prayer requests

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Koby Dunne** of Arlington (18-year-old grandson of **David** and **Joyce Coleman**) had been diagnosed with covid. Although he is feeling better, his mother, **Sara**, and sister, **Madison** (age 14), have both been diagnosed with covid. The Coleman family thanks you for your prayers.

Martha Clement of Tulsa, Okla. (mother of our deceased friend **Pam Kurr**), was hospitalized and diagnosed with pneumonia. On Tuesday, she was released from the hospital.

Danny Dean (son-in-law of the **Feakers**) died on Dec. 22. Please remember his wife, **Karen**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Albert Foy, pastor of a congregation in Huntsville, died on Dec. 25. (Mr. Foy gave a helpful sermon in our congregation on Nov. 12, 2011. Although we regularly invited him to return to our pulpit, his busy schedule and later health matters interrupted his goal to return.) Mr. Foy kept in contact with **Dave Havir**, and Mr. Havir is scheduled to attend a memorial service in the Huntsville congregation’s building on Jan. 8. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Bud Houston of Barnett, Mo., died on Dec. 27. Please remember his wife, **Connie**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Luke 2:36-37—“Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.”

Hebrews 5:5-8—“So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.’ As He also says in another place: ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek’; who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.”

“Supplication in New Testament”

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 Jan. 1, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation about supplication in the New Testament. I wanted to share some of the scriptures in this short article.

Stronger style of prayer

Bible students are aware that the King James Version of the Bible uses two Greek words to discuss prayers and praying—the Greek noun *proseuche* (37 times) and the Greek verb *proseuchomai* (87 times).

However, there are two other Greek words that focus on the concept of supplication.

- The Greek word *deesis* (No. 1162 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is used 19 times in the King James Version of the Bible. It is translated as prayer or prayers 12 times, and it is translated as supplication or supplications six times.

- The Greek word *hiketaria* (No. 2428 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is used only one time in the King James Version of the Bible (Hebrews 5:7)—translated as supplications.

Called prayer

Here are the 12 times that the concept of intense “prayer” is used when the word *supplication* might be more enlightening.

- Luke 1:13—praying for a son
- Luke 2:37—fastings and prayers, night and day
- Luke 5:33—fasting and prayers
- Romans 10:1—praying for his genealogy
- 2 Corinthians 1:11—saints praying for Paul
- 2 Corinthians 9:14—saints praying for saints
- Philippians 1:4—Paul praying for saints
- Philippians 1:19—saints praying for Paul
- 2 Timothy 1:3—night and day for Timothy
- Hebrews 5:7—the Son of God had fervent prayers
- James 5:16—effective fervent prayer
- 1 Peter 3:12—the Lord hears their prayers

Called supplication

Here are the six times that the description “supplication” is used. (Ephesians 6:18 used the Greek word twice.)

- Acts 1:14—continued in supplication
- Ephesians 6:18—supplication for all saints
- Philippians 4:6—supplication with thanksgiving
- 1 Timothy 2:1—supplication for all men
- 1 Timothy 5:5—supplication night and day

Supplication for yourself

Notice scriptures about the Son of God practicing supplication for Himself.

In the first example, the word *supplication* is not used. However, notice the example of the supplication.

Luke 22:41-44—“And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, ‘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.”

In the second example, notice that both Greek words, *deesis* and *hiketaria*, are used.

Hebrews 5:7—“Who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers [*deesis*] and supplications [*hiketaria*], with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear.”

Supplication for other people

Notice two examples about supplication for other people.

Romans 10:1—“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.”

2 Timothy 1:3—“I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day.”