

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 15, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:36

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 Reg Killingley
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Daniel 10:1–21
Sermon Neil Mclver

Quick takes

1. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.
 - Mickey Ashcraft
 - David and Becky Bonilla
 - Timberly Dunnam
 - Elaine Holloway
 - Annette Payne
 - Ruth Roe
 - Sonny Rosenberger
 - Ronnie Shirley
 - Elaine Townsend
 - Donna Weese
2. Memorial service for Lee Stolley—A memorial service for Lee Stolley is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 16, at 11:00 in the building of the United Church of God East Texas (which is located in Big Sandy).
3. Funeral for Cassandra Jenkins—A funeral for Cassandra Jenkins (daughter of Shirley Spearman) is scheduled in our building on Thursday, Jan. 20, at noon.
4. Wednesday-night Bible study on Jan. 19—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for Jan. 19.
5. 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.)

6. 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.)
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Voter ID Requirements Make Sense" by Terence Jeffrey.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "Strong Wind of 1 Kings 19:11–12" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 40 pages. (This edition has 11 articles and 295 headlines.)

Prayer updates

Timberly Dunnam is anticipating treatment from the Texas Spine and Joint Hospital in Tyler. **Angela** reported: "They changed her pain management a little bit and that seemed to help some. We sure appreciate the prayers for her."

David Bonilla is recovering from hip surgery to have a metal rod inserted from his right hip to his knee. **Becky** reports: "David is still careful about putting weight on his right leg but has gained some strength with his therapy. Thank you for the continued prayers and concern."

New prayer requests

Please remember those individuals who have been diagnosed with covid (who have not been reported for this bulletin). Although many scientists report that the omicron variant is easier to catch but not as dangerous, people still need each other's prayers.

On Monday, **Andrew McIver** reported that he tested positive for covid. On Thursday, he mentioned that **Anna** also tested positive for covid.

On Thursday, **Paula Monsalvo** of Mobile, Ala., had a biopsy for a foot swelling. Following are excerpts from **Bernie**: "The doctor took some fatty tissue. He will send it to pathology. There is no infection in the foot. They gave her a boot and she can put weight on it. But she will keep her foot elevated [when not walking]. If there is any inflammation or oozing from the wound, she is to call the doctor. The stitches will be removed in 10 to 12 days. Overall, she is very pleased with the care she received from the doctor and the nurses. We are grateful for the prayers."

LaVerne Evans of Chariton, Iowa (aunt of **Joyce Coleman**), died on Jan. 10. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Freia Smith of Big Sandy died on Jan. 13. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Cassandra Jenkins of Lindale (daughter of **Shirley Spearman**) died on Jan. 13. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Eye on the World

- An article by Thomas D. Williams titled “Abortion Leading Global Cause of Death in 2021 With 43 Million Killed” was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 31, 2021.
- A video and an article by Ben Zeisloft titled “Watch: Christian Convert, Ex-Drug User Goes Viral for Thanking Her Church for Staying Open Through Covid-19, Leading to Her Salvation” were posted at dailywire.com on Jan. 12, 2022.
- An article by Ken Blackwell titled “The Freedom to Cheat Act: The Radical Left’s Latest Attempt to Undermine Our Democracy” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 12, 2022.
- An article by Tim Meads titled “Starting Saturday, You’ll Need Photo ID to Enter Most D.C. Businesses” was posted at dailywire.com on Jan. 11, 2022.
- An article by Rory Tingle and Martin Robinson titled “Queen Cuts Andrew Adrift: Duke of York Is Stripped of All His Military Titles and Royal Patronages, Will No Longer Use HRH in Official Capacity and Is Told He Will Have to Face Sex Assault Lawsuit as a ‘Private Citizen’ ” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 13, 2022.
- An article by Rebecca English, Jack Newman, Rory Tingle and Martin Robinson titled “Prince Charles and [Son] William Demanded Andrew’s Exile: Shamed Duke of York Was Stripped of Titles at Crisis Summit With Queen in Attempt to ‘Ensure the Survival of the Royal Family at All Costs’ as He Faces Sex Assault Lawsuit” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 13, 2022.

Scriptures to consider

2 Corinthians 1:8-11— “For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.”

2 Corinthians 4:7-12— “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you.”

Thought for the week

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, “No, we all seem to enjoy it.”

“Strong Wind of 1 Kings 19:11–12”

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. 15, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation about the “strong wind” of 1 Kings 19:11-12. I wanted to share some of the scriptures in this short article.

In 1 Kings 19:11-12, we read about four methods in which the Lord can communicate to His people on the earth. (We realize that He is not limited to these four methods.)

1 Kings 19:11-12—“Then He said, ‘Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.’ And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.”

- Strong wind
- Earthquake
- Fire
- Still small voice

Today, we will focus on the strong wind.

God created the wind

Amos 4:13—“For behold, He who forms mountains, and creates the wind, who declares to man what his thought is, and makes the morning darkness, who treads the high places of the earth—the LORD God of hosts is His name.”

Wind to create universe

2 Samuel 22:16—“Then the channels of the sea were seen, the foundations of the world were uncovered, at the rebuke of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of His nostrils.”

Job 37:10-12—“By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen. Also with moisture He saturates the thick clouds; He scatters His bright clouds. And they swirl about, being turned by His guidance, that they may do whatever He commands them on the face of the whole earth.”

Breath to create mankind

Genesis 2:7—“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

Job 33:4—“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

Job 34:14-15—“If He should set His heart on it, if He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath, all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.”

Wind associated with calamity

Job 27:21-22—“The east wind carries him away, and he is gone; it sweeps him out of his place. It hurls against him and does not spare; he flees desperately from its power.”

Isaiah 57:13—“When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you. But the wind will carry them all away, a breath will take them. But he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain.”

Jeremiah 23:19—“Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury—a violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.”

Wind associated with restoration

Genesis 8:1—“Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.”

Exodus 14:21-22—“Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.”

Ezekiel 37:9—“Also He said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, “Thus says the LORD GOD: ‘Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.’ ” ’ ”