

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 22, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:43

Bible studies

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

Presentation study—2:00 Wynn Skelton
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Daniel 11:1–13

Sermon Wynn Skelton

Quick takes

1. Pregnancy announcement—Andrew and Anna McIver are happy to announce that they are expecting the birth of their first baby in July.
2. Pastor's trip—Today, Dave Havir is giving two presentations in the Houston area.
3. Thank you—Shirley Spearman and her extended family thank the congregation for providing the hall and the meal at the memorial service for Cassandra Jenkins last Thursday.
4. Thank you—Linda Avey thanks all the members of the congregation for helping at the memorial service for Cassandra Jenkins last Thursday.
5. Thank you—The Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce thanks the congregation for use of some tables for its event at the Big Sandy Civic Center on Thursday evening. (The Chamber, which has previously used our building for its annual banquet, chose to have a 1950s-style dance with the meal in the Civic Center last Thursday.)
6. Wednesday-night Bible study on Jan. 26—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for Jan. 26.

7. Board meeting (to confirm the budget)—There is a board meeting on Sunday, Jan. 23, in the building at 4:00 p.m. to discuss and establish the budget. (In previous years, there have been two meetings—first, a meeting of a committee to discuss the budget and then a meeting for the board to approve the budget. Because of the simplicity of our budget and because of everyone’s busy schedule, the board compressed the procedure into one meeting.) As is the history of this congregation, all members are invited to this meeting to give your suggestions about the budget. If you cannot attend the meeting, you are invited to give your input to any board member.
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Former Abortion Advocate Now Marches for Life” by Dave Havir.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Earthquake of 1 Kings 19:11–12” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 38 pages. (This edition has eight articles and 243 headlines.)

Prayer updates

In last week’s bulletin, we indicated that **Timberly Dunnam** had some good days. However, this week was not as good—since she passed another kidney stone this week. Timberly and her family greatly appreciate the prayers, cards and other acts of kindness.

In the Jan. 8 bulletin, we mentioned that **Willis Hogg** had been suffering a skin rash after his leg cast was removed in August and a doctor suggested that the rash was a bone infection. (At the time, the doctor wanted to do nuclear marrow tests, but he was unable to proceed with an MRI because the surgeon in May had previously installed metal hardware to repair the leg break.) On Thursday, Jan. 13, the doctor performed surgery to remove all of the metal hardware that was used in the surgery in May when he originally broke his leg. Mr. Hogg is still awaiting the scheduling of the nuclear marrow tests. At present, Mr. Hogg is wearing a heart monitor for two weeks.

New prayer requests

Joanne Koeneke of Big Sandy has been dealing with a decrease in mobility and strength. As you might remember, she is giving care to her husband, **Dean**, who is receiving hospice care in their home.

Carl Franklin of Spring Lake, Mich., died on Jan. 14. Please remember his wife, **Jean**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Thought for the week

I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.

Eye on the World

- An article by Geoff Earle titled “ ‘It Gives Putin the Green Light’: Furious Ukraine Officials Slam Biden After He Said Russia Could Get Away With a ‘Minor Incursion,’ Sparking White House to Furiously Backpedal” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 19, 2022.
- An article by Chris Pleasance titled “Russia Must Choose Between ‘Path of Diplomacy’ and Path of ‘Conflict and Condemnation’ in Ukraine; U.S. Says Following Talks in Geneva, After Moscow Accused NATO of Stirring Up Invasion ‘Hysteria’ ” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 21, 2022.
- An article by Rachael Bunyan titled “Iran, China and Russia Hold Joint Naval Drills in Indian Ocean as Putin Prepares to Face Off Against the West in Ukraine” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 21, 2022.
- An article by Charlotte Pence Bond titled “March for Life President Jeanne Mancini Discusses ‘Equality Begins in the Womb’ Theme” was posted at dailywire.com on Jan. 18, 2022.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled “Donald Trump Jr: Democrats Used Filibuster 327 Times in 2020—‘Republicans Used It Once’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 14, 2022.
- An article by Susan Jones titled “[Mitch] McConnell: Dems Used the 60-Vote Rule [Which They Loudly Criticize] to Block a Bill Just Last Week” was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 19, 2022.

Scriptures to consider

1 Samuel 15:17— “So Samuel said, ‘When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel?’ ”

Proverbs 8:13—“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.”

Proverbs 16:18-19—“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.”

Isaiah 66:1-2—“Thus says the LORD: ‘Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,’ says the LORD. ‘But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.’ ”

Philippians 2:5-8—“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

“Earthquake 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. 22, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation about the “earthquake” 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 earthquake.

Colorful descriptions

There are many verses in the Old Testament that discuss earthquakes. The following scriptures have been chosen for the colorful descriptions given as much as for any valuable lesson mentioned.

2 Samuel 22:8—“Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken, because He was angry.”

Job 14:18—“But as a mountain falls and crumbles away, and as a rock is moved from its place.”

Psalms 46:1-3—“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though

the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah.”

Psalms 97:5—“The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.”

Psalms 114:4—“The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like lambs.”

Isaiah 24:19—“The earth is violently broken, the earth is split open, the earth is shaken exceedingly.”

Jeremiah 23:29—“‘Is not My word like a fire?’ says the LORD, ‘and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?’”

Ezekiel 38:19-20—“For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’”

New Testament history

Matthew 27:50-51—“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split.”

Matthew 27:54—“So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, ‘Truly this was the Son of God!’”

New Testament prophecy

Revelation 11:13—“In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

Revelation 16:18—“And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.”