

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 19, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:08

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dixon Cartwright
Presentation study—2:00 Gordon McCarty
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Matthew 5:1–12
Sermon Robert Onsando

Quick takes

1. Pastor's trip—Today Dave Havar is giving two presentations in the congregation south of Waco. (Terry Post is scheduled to visit the congregation, and he hopes to talk to members of that congregation and to Mr. Havar about the anticipated Feast site in Durango, Colo.)
2. Traveling speakers—We are pleased to announce the following traveling speakers coming to our congregation.
 - Today Robert Onsando (from Kenya)
 - March 12 Morris Foster
 - March 19 Wynn Skelton
 - April 2 Bill Crow
 - April 30 Ken Tate
 - May 14 Jim Johns
3. Wednesday-night Bible study on Feb. 23—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for Feb. 23. (If Dave Havar is not called away to a funeral in Minnesota this week, he intends to cover the subject of "Visions and Dreams in the New Testament." He recommends that interested attendees read Acts 2:16-21.)
4. Rehearsal in our building on Thursday—The Big Sandy Museum Association has scheduled a rehearsal on Thursday evening for the program it is producing for next Saturday evening. (See the next announcement.)

5. Music program in our building on Feb. 26—The Big Sandy Museum Association has scheduled a musical program in our building on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 26. You might recall that the association previously scheduled annual programs in our building for many years. (Dave Havar was surprised to hear that it had been five years since its last program.)
6. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

■ Mickey Ashcraft	■ Ruth Roe
■ David and Becky Bonilla	■ Sonny Rosenberger
■ Timberly Dunnam	■ Ronnie Shirley
■ Elaine Holloway	■ Elaine Townsend
■ Annette Payne	■ Donna Weese
7. 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.)
8. 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.)
9. Postponing a proposed tradition—On Feb. 5, Dave Havar asked the congregation to consider a new tradition in our congregation—with the audience standing during the weekly Scripture-reading portion of the church service. While the congregation followed the suggestion that week, Mr. Havar received some input that influenced him to presently withdraw the request for the tradition—until we have more time to discuss the potential idea. He thanks the congregation for giving good input.
10. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "69.4% of Voters in 2020 Did Not Vote in Person" by Terence P. Jeffrey.
11. Among Friends—This week's article is "Visions and Dreams in the Old Testament" by Dave Havar.
12. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 19 pages. (This edition has seven articles and zero headlines.)

Prayer updates

Timberly Dunnam had a rough week dealing with pain. On Thursday, the rheumatologist changed some of her meds with the hope of giving her relief. She and her family have been frustrated with the bureaucracy involved when seeking to see different specialists to further diagnose and treat the problems. Timberly greatly appreciates the support—the prayers, cards and messages.

Although **David Bonilla** is getting stronger, he still needs help when walking a few steps. He hopes to regain more use of his right arm. Continued prayers are appreciated.

Although **Tim Lindholm** of Becker, Minn., has had six successful years of fighting cancer, his problems became worse for him in the past few months. He and **Hope** report that he is now unable to eat. Hospice personnel believe that his body is shutting down. He and his family appreciate your prayers.

New prayer requests

Last Saturday, **Brenda Hogg** was taken by ambulance to a Tyler hospital and diagnosed with covid and pneumonia. She returned home on Tuesday and has been using oxygen to improve.

Sandra Sharp of Shady Grove was hospitalized and was diagnosed with having ministrokes. She was able to return home.

David Fisher of Pritchett was hospitalized with covid but is recovering at home.

Nadine Van Laecken of Big Sandy had a biopsy on a small spot on her leg and learned that the spot is cancerous. She began a 10-day course of antibiotics before she expects to have surgery on the cancerous spot.

Dave Fergen of Tulsa, Okla., is recovering from hip-replacement surgery.

Vivian Pettijohn of Big Sandy (but recently moved to an assisted-living facility in Longview) died on Feb. 2. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Nikki Akins of Big Sandy died on Feb. 10. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Chance Jordan of Ardmore, Okla., died on Feb. 10. Please remember his wife, **Connie**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Shawn Cortelyou of La Porte, Ind., died on Feb. 16. Please remember his wife, **Beth**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Deuteronomy 18:20—"But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Deuteronomy 13:1-3—"If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods'—which you have not known—'and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams . . ."

Thought for the week

Just once I want a username and password prompt to say "Close enough."

“Visions and Dreams in the Old 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 Feb. 19, 2022.

By Dave Havir

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

Comments in the Law

Here are some verses about visions and dreams in books of the Law.

Numbers 12:6-8—“Then He said, ‘Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; and he sees the form of the LORD.’”

Deuteronomy 13:1-3—“If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams.”

Deuteronomy 18:10-11—“There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.”

Comments in the Prophets

Here are some verses about visions and dreams in books of the Prophets.

Isaiah 1:1—“The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.”

Isaiah 29:11—“The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is literate, saying, ‘Read this, please.’ And he says, ‘I cannot, for it is sealed.’”

Jeremiah 14:14—“And the LORD said to me, ‘The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded

them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.’”

Jeremiah 23:16—“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the LORD.’”

Ezekiel 1:1—“Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.”

Comments in the Writings

Here are some verses about visions and dreams in books of the Writings.

Daniel 2:19—“Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.”

Daniel 2:47—“The king answered Daniel, and said, ‘Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret.’”

Daniel 7:1—“In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.”

Daniel 8:1—“In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me—to me, Daniel—after the one that appeared to me the first time.”

Daniel 9:21-22—“Yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, ‘O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.’”

Daniel 10:7—“And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.”

Daniel 10:14—“Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.”