

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 5, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:19

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 Matthew 5:21–30

Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—The Big Sandy Museum thanks the congregation for allowing it to have its music program in our building last Saturday night.

2. Arrangements for Ken Burgin—The family of Ken Burgin has announced the following information.

■ Visitation—Saturday, March 5

Time 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Where Croley Funeral Home, Gladewater

■ Celebration of life—Sunday, March 6

Time Noon

Where Church of God Big Sandy

Comment A meal will be provided

3. Traveling speakers—We are pleased to announce the following traveling speakers coming to our congregation.

■ March 12 Morris Foster

■ April 2 Bill Crow

■ April 30 Ken Tate

■ May 14 Jim Johns

4. Wednesday-night Bible study on March 9—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for March 9.
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 “Saying Good-Bye in This Life” by Shirley West.
7. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Acts 2:16–21” by Dave Havar.
9. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 38 pages. (This edition has nine articles and 255 headlines.)

Prayer updates

On Thursday, **Timberly Dunnam** visited an ear, nose and throat specialist. She is scheduled to have tests performed on Monday.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Ken Burgin** suffered a heart attack while at a marina in Kemah. He died on Feb. 28. Please remember his wife, **Sharon**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Randy Steele of Big Sandy (father of **Mandi Mischnick**) is recovering in a hospital after having his leg amputated below the knee on Feb. 16. Mr. Steele and his wife, **Diane**, appreciate your prayers.

Gary Woodring has been having trouble with his gallbladder. He considered surgery this past week but decided against the surgery due to his heart issues and having diabetes.

Lily (a 5-year-old girl in Arizona) has been in the ICU of a children’s hospital with pneumonia and low oxygen.

Mike Arritt of Lansing, W.Va., died on Feb. 25. Please remember his wife, **Rita**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Chuck Ragland of Lindale (father of **Diana Havar**) died on Feb. 28. Please remember his wife, **Janet**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Thought for the week

Retirement to-do list—“Wake up” . . . Nailed it!

Saying Good-Bye in This Life

This article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of March 5, 2022.

By Shirley West

BIG SANDY, Texas—Hellos and good-byes are a large portion of our lives. Hello is the beginning of every relationship.

Our parents may not have said the word *hello* when we were born, but they certainly welcomed us. And that is what a hello does—it welcomes others into our space.

Sometimes hello is just a courtesy, shown to a person we meet on the street. Such greetings can be fleeting, like ships passing in the night.

Yet there are times in our lives when a hello forms a lasting relationship that turns into a marriage, family or lifelong friendship.

Just as every relationship begins with a hello, it ends with a good-bye.

Some good-byes are temporary.

“So long, I’ll be seeing you later.”

One of my friends shortens her response to “Later.”

And there is the proverbial “See you later, alligator.”

There are all kinds of good-byes. We say good-bye to childhood and our teenage years as we say hello to adulthood.

There are the good-byes of our early romances, which probably inspired Shakespeare to pen, “Parting is such sweet sorrow.”

The hardest good-byes are the “final” good-byes in this physical life. (We know that we will be seeing our loved ones again in the Kingdom, but we still experience the temporary separation in this life.)

Good-byes in this life touch everyone’s life sooner or later. Some have to say good-bye in their early years, while others live almost a lifetime without saying a good-bye.

I was 29 when I had to say my first *final* good-bye. It was hard to do. It was to our 3-year-old son, who died from leukemia.

Later I said good-bye to my grandmother, who was present when I was born.

In the following years, I said good-bye to another son, who died from carbon monoxide, my father-in-law and my mother-in-law, my parents, dear lifelong friends and, lastly, to my dear husband of 60 years.

It has been said that it is better to have loved and lost than not to have loved at all. That is also true of the people to whom we have said good-byes.

All of them touched our lives. They brought us joy and laughter. They shared with us love and friendship. They left us with a treasure of memories we can keep and cherish until we say our *final* good-bye in this physical life.

Eye on the world

- An article by Spencer Brown titled “How the Left’s ‘Green’ Climate Policies Enabled Putin’s Aggression” was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 24, 2022.
- An article by Oliver North and David Goetsch titled “Biden Rejects Reality—Putin Rolls Into Ukraine” was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2022.
- An article by Geoff Earle titled “Joe Manchin Tears Into the ‘Hypocritical’ White House for Buying 500,000 Russian Oil Barrels a Day While Putin Is Using ‘Energy Bomb’ and Urges U.S. to Ramp Up Domestic Production” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on March 1, 2022.
- An article by Spencer Brown titled “Stacey Abrams Likens Her Activism [Against People Requiring Voter IDs] to the Plight of Ukraine—Where ID Is Required to Vote” was posted at townhall.com on March 3, 2022.

“Acts 2:16–21”

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 March 5, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation about Acts 2:16-21.

This was a follow-up to the previous study titled “Visions and Dreams in the New Testament.” I wanted to take some extra time to discuss Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:16-21.

I will share some of the scriptures in this short article.

Accurate paraphrase

I believe that the apostle Peter gave an accurate paraphrase of Joel 2:28-32 in his sermon mentioned in Acts 2:16-21.

It is not technically a direct quote for the following reasons.

- In Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17, Peter flipped the order of the phrases about old men dreaming and young men seeing visions.

- In Acts 2:18, Peter added the phrase “and they shall prophesy,” which was not mentioned in Joel 2:29.

- In Acts 2:21, Peter did not repeat the part about Mount Zion and Jerusalem that was mentioned in Joel 2:32.

Value of Old Testament

Peter mentioning Joel 2:28-32 is one of the many examples of people in New Testament times recognizing the significance of the writings of the Old Testament.

Here are a few more.

- John 5:45-47
- Luke 24:44-45
- Romans 15:4
- 1 Corinthians 10:11

General application

Bible students should be aware that prophetic statements can have a general application, rather than a specific application. (Bible students should be careful about people who dogmatically give their specific prophecy opinions as a certainty.)

- Peter uses a prophecy from the Old

Testament (Joel 2:28-32) in a sermon to explain events that he saw in his life (Acts 2)—even though some of the details did not exactly apply at that moment.

- Although you should not claim to speak for God when He has not spoken to you, it is not wrong for you to recognize truth from the past to help you appreciate miracles in the present.

- Please be careful not to attempt to squeeze or force the interpretation of a general prophecy of events into a specific event.

“All flesh”

Did God pour out His Spirit on “all flesh” in Acts 2?

- Acts 2:1-36—Holy Spirit to the Jewish converts

- Acts 10:44-48—Holy Spirit to gentile converts

- Acts 2:41—3,000 people were added

- Acts 4:4—5,000 believed

- Acts 8:14-17—Laid hands on people to receive the Holy Spirit

- Understand how the phrase “all flesh” is a literary device.

“Day of the Lord”

Was Joel 2:31 or Acts 2:20 the “Day of the Lord?”

- The phrase “Day of the Lord” is not necessarily a specific time frame as many religious people define it.

- The phrase “Day of the Lord” has been used in the Bible to describe when God got more involved.

- Understand how the phrase “Day of the Lord” is a literary device.

Prophesying, visions and dreams

While I used this Bible study to help Bible students in their study of the Bible, I want to remind you how this topic is also a follow-up to my discussion about visions and dreams.

Peter talked about prophesying, visions and dreams.