

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 19, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:30

Bible studies

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

Presentation study—2:00 Blake Silverstein
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Matthew 5:43–48

Sermon John Reedy

Quick takes

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

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| ■ Today | Blake Silverstein and John Reedy |
| ■ April 2 | Bill Crow |
| ■ April 30 | Ken Tate |
| ■ May 14 | Jim Johns |

2. Pastor's travel—Today Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Jackson, Miss. He is helping out pastor Joe Weicks, who recently had hip-replacement surgery.

3. Wednesday-night Bible study on March 23—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for March 23. The scheduled topic is "Angels in the New Testament."

4. 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 |

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 "Economic Warfare Is the Next Battle for Freedom" by Jeffrey A. Tucker.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "Angels in the Old Testament" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 38 pages. (This edition has five articles and 289 headlines.)

Prayer updates

Here is a report about **Vi Lehman** by **Dave Havir**: "Our friend Vi Lehman appreciates your prayers. I would mention her more in the bulletin, but she scolds me when I do. By the way, she turns 98 in May. Although she can't read very well, she keeps her mind active. She often listens to her books. You might ask: 'If she can't read very well, how would she know when you mention her in the bulletin?' Well, **Marcia** reads the bulletin to her. So it looks like I am going to get busted. We love Vi and she loves us. As I said at the beginning, she appreciates your prayers."

Timberly Dunnam reports some inconvenient news (that she is still waiting for the results of the tests performed by an ear, nose and throat specialist) and some painful news (that she had another kidney stone this week). She and her family appreciate your prayers.

In the Dec. 11 bulletin, we mentioned that **Andrew McIver** was experiencing digestive issues and a gastroenterologist recommended small steps to deal with his challenges. Mr. McIver reports that he is generally feeling fine. (He does avoid certain foods.)

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Koby Dunne** of Arlington (grandson of **David** and **Joyce Coleman**) had for some time been dealing with stomach issues and that they recently progressed to stomach pain. Family members report that he is feeling better but that they are considering for him to see a specialist.

New prayer requests

On Tuesday, we learned that **Naomi Irion** of Fernley, Nev. (18-year-old daughter of former Ambassador College students **Herve** and **Diana Irion**), was kidnapped from a Walmart parking lot on March 12. Security cameras at the Walmart captured video of her being pushed into her car. We have no update.

More than two weeks ago, **Roger Daniels** was feeling poorly at his home and went to a hospital—where he learned that he had experienced a ruptured appendix at home. The infection caused the colon to shut down. It took a while for everything to wake up again. He has been slowly recovering in the hospital for 14 days. On Monday, he still had a tube down his throat. On Tuesday, he was able to drink broth. On Wednesday, he was able to eat some “real” food. On Friday, he was scheduled to return home, but he is still at a high risk for infection. **Linda** (who has been with him at the hospital) will monitor his temperature at home. They appreciate your prayers.

On Thursday, **Melven Allen** of Big Sandy fell and went to a hospital. Although there was some mention of a small brain bleed, he seemed to be doing well.

Joe Weicks of Jackson, Miss., is recovering from hip-replacement surgery.

Dean Wheelock of Lakewood, Wis., died on Jan. 26. Please remember his wife, **Susan**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Jean Peterson of Lakewood, Fla. (mother of **Rick Peterson** and grandmother of **Anna McIver**), died on March 14. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Daniel 9:20-23—“Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God, 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. At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision.’ ”

Daniel 10:13—“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.”

Daniel 10:20-21—“Then he said, ‘Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.’ ”

Revelation 12:7-9—“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Thought for the week

When I went to an antique auction, the people began bidding on me.

Angels in the Old Testament

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 19, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Angels in the Old Testament.” I want to share some of my comments in this short article.

What are seraphim?

A seraph is defined as a six-winged angel. The plural is seraphim.

Isaiah 6:2—“Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.”

What are cherubim?

A cherub is defined in two general ways—as a supernatural being that serves in the presence of God and as an ornamental figure on the ark of the covenant. The plural is cherubim.

Following are sections of verses that discuss cherubim.

■ **Genesis 3:24**—After Adam and Eve sinned, God placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden.

■ **Exodus 25:8-22**—When God introduced the tabernacle, He mentioned cherubim as part of the ark and mercy seat.

■ **1 Kings 6:14-35**—When Solomon built the temple, he mentioned cherubim.

■ **Ezekiel 10:1-22**—When Ezekiel had his visions, he mentioned cherubim.

What are angels?

An angel is defined as a messenger—both human and supernatural.

Psalms 8:5—“For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.”

Psalms 91:11—“For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.”

Gabriel was angel in Daniel 8-9

Daniel 8:16—“Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.”

Daniel 8:17—“[Gabriel] said to me, ‘Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end.’”

Daniel 9:21—“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.”

Was Gabriel the angel of Daniel 10?

Later, Daniel had another vision (**Daniel 10:1, 5**), and an angel was sent to him.

Although the identity of this angel is not specifically mentioned, many Bible students believe that it was Gabriel again. Why?

The words mentioned by Gabriel in **Daniel 9:23** were mentioned again in **Daniel 10:11**.

Daniel 9:23—“I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved.”

Daniel 10:11—“Oh Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you . . . for I have now been sent to you.”

When Daniel mentioned that his sorrows overwhelmed him (**Daniel 10:16**), the angel (probably Gabriel) gave encouraging advice.

Daniel 10:19—“And he said, ‘O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!’”

Who was Michael?

This angel (probably Gabriel) talked about how the angel Michael helped him.

Daniel 10:13—“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.”

When the angel (probably Gabriel) mentioned that he had to go battle the prince of Persia and the prince of Greece (**Daniel 10:20**), he again mentioned how the angel Michael helped him.

Daniel 10:21—“No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.”

(Check out Michael’s heroics in **Jude 9** and **Revelation 12:7-8**.)