

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 12, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:20

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m.

Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00

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(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader

Reg Killingley

Pianist

Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading

Hebrews 3:1-19

Sermon

Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is Nov. 16.
2. Community Thanksgiving service—Everyone is invited to the annual community Thanksgiving celebration.
 - When—Sunday, Nov. 20
 - Time—5:00 p.m.
 - Where—Big Sandy Civic Center
 - Address—612 N. Tyler St.
 - Food—Reception to follow
3. Invitation to Senior Citizen Luncheon—The United Church of God East Texas invites senior citizens to a luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 4, at noon. The address is 1007 N. Tyler St. RSVP by Nov. 20 at 903-336-1666.
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Good-bye Affirmative Action, Hello Individual Freedom and Dignity" by Star Parker.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "The Third Commandment" by Dave Havir.

6. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 34 pages. (This edition has 332 headlines.) On page 9 of the Nov. 5 edition, we wrote the following comment. "At this present time, we have the opportunity to watch and to learn how things work in our Republic in 2022. Let's take advantage of the opportunity to notice how the Democratic Party (with the help of the corporate media) is seeking to attract voters to it—when its policies are unpopular with the populace. On page 8 of the Nov. 12 edition, we wrote the following comment. "Based upon the results of the midterms on Tuesday, notice how the Democrats were successful."

Prayer updates

In the Oct. 29 bulletin, we mentioned that **Timberly Dunnam** was dealing with extreme itchiness (mostly on the arms) and the regular pain. She reports that she still has the itching and that she is scheduled to see an allergist on Monday.

Several weeks ago, **Chad** and **JoLyn Tate** of northwest Arkansas had asked for prayers for **Shelby** (their 12-year-old daughter), who was dealing with problems with her eyesight. Following is an update last Sunday. "Shelby had her appointment for her eyes on Friday (Nov. 4). The result was that there was [positive] change, but not enough of a change to determine whether the issue is just a thick cornea or something else is going on. We have been referred to either K.C., St. Louis or Okla. City. The appointment is three to six months out. Until then, the medical people want us to continue using pressure-reducing drops. We have asked them to change to drops that don't burn for a few seconds on contact. Thank you for your prayers."

On Nov. 1, **Dave Havir** circulated a prayer request (via text) about **Doris Cole** of Oregon. Mrs. Cole mentioned her ongoing health issues (including congestive heart failure, low sodium, anemic condition, swollen legs and swollen feet) and the greater issue on her mind. She wrote: "In 2010, I had breast cancer in my left breast—it was contained in a duct and I had a lumpectomy which was successful. In 2016, I had the same thing happen and had the same type of surgery—except, instead of stitches, the doctor used glue with much less scar tissue. On Nov. 2 at 1:15, I am scheduled for several different types of tests and ultrasounds." Here is the note of appreciation from Mrs. Cole: "I will keep working with my M.D. on my other issues, but at least it appears at the moment that I don't have breast cancer to fight. A very hugh thank-you for your concerns, thoughts and prayers. I can't express my appreciation enough."

In the Oct. 29 bulletin, we mentioned that **Kimberly Jackson** (daughter of **Dorothy Thomas** and niece of **Shirley Spearman**) had an aneurysm and resulting brain surgery. Although the family has not given us any updates

(which is certainly their prerogative), we ask that you continue to keep her in your prayers.

New prayer requests

On Wednesday, **David Coleman** had an ultrasound on his kidney. On Friday, the doctor advised him that there was a mass on his right kidney and scheduled a CT scan on Friday afternoon. The results from the scan will probably be available on Monday.

Last Saturday, we learned that **Elaine Holloway** went to a hospital in Longview due to a UTI, low blood pressure and low oxygen. (Her daughter **Cheryl** just informed us that Mrs. Holloway had gone to a hospital in Tyler on Aug. 27 because of a UTI at that time.) On Wednesday, Mrs. Holloway returned to Legend Oaks in Gladewater.

On Wednesday, **Dave McLearen** asked prayers for his sister **Melinda**, who was having heart surgery in Houston. He reports that the doctor was pleased with his sister's recovery.

On Thursday, **Linda Daniels** requested prayers for her sister **Lori Barr** (who lives in Ohio) who was being flown by Lifeflight to a hospital when she awoke with numbness on the side of her face and arm.

Fran Baron of East Texas had surgery for a blood clot to the brain. She is anticipating going to rehab before going home.

Joanne Koeneke of Big Sandy is struggling with pain associated with fibromyalgia.

Keith Langston (owner of the Two Rivers Grocery Store in Big Sandy) is dealing with health issues.

Finn Thomas Polk (a 4-month-old boy in Tulsa, Okla.) has been diagnosed with RSV (respiratory virus infection).

Jeff Livingston of Knoxville, Tenn., went to the University of Tennessee Hospital and was diagnosed with diabetes and gangrene in his foot. On Friday, he was scheduled for a procedure in which the artery in his leg would be scoped to check on blood flow and look at possible damage to the bone.

Steve Hurst of Knoxville, Tenn., learned from scans that a spot was detected on his lung.

James McBride of Lincoln, England, was taken to a hospital due to "heart issues."

Thought for the week

"In economics, it's called 'revealed preference.'
If you want to know what people really want, focus
on what they do—not what they say."

Thought with a twist

"The ability to speak several languages is an
asset, but the ability to keep your mouth
shut in any language is priceless."



"The Third Commandment"

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Nov. 12, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled "The Third Commandment." Following are some of the scriptures that I read.

Grace and expectations

Exodus 20:2—"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

Exodus 20:7—"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."

Four main points

In the study, I presented four main ideas about not taking the name of the Lord in vain.

“Sacred Names” in general usage

The first idea is that some people believe that the Third Commandment encourages people to use the "Sacred Names" when referring to the Father and the Son. (Although I do not feel compelled to use the "Sacred Names," I support people following their convictions.)

Although I personally use the names "God" and "Jesus," I have friends who prefer to use the names "Yahweh" and "Yahshua."

Notice the following quote from gotquestions.org: "Related to the Hebrew Roots Movement, the Sacred Name Movement developed from the Church of God (Seventh Day) in the 1930s . . . The Sacred Name Movement teaches that only 'Yahweh' is to be used as the name for God and only 'Yahshua' is to be used as the name for Jesus . . . From the original Sacred Name Movement, several subgroups have formed, including the Assemblies of Yahweh, the Assembly of Yahweh, the House of Yahweh and Yahweh's Restoration Ministry."

Blaspheming the name of the Lord

The second idea is a reminder not to blaspheme the name of the Lord.

- Leviticus 24:10-16
- Revelation 13:5-6
- Revelation 16:9
- Revelation 16:11
- Revelation 16:21

Swearing and vows

The third idea is a reminder not to swear, but to fulfill our vows.

- Deuteronomy 23:21-23
- Matthew 5:33-37
- James 5:12

Dishonoring the family name by our actions

The fourth idea is accepting the family name, but dishonoring the family name by our actions.

Leviticus 18:21—“. . . Nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord."

Leviticus 21:6—"They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God."

Ezekiel 36:20—"When they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned My holy name."

Ezekiel 36:21—"But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went."

Ezekiel 36:22-23—"Thus says the Lord God: 'I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord' says the Lord God, when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.' "

Malachi 1:6-8—"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence? says the Lord of hosts to you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?' You offer defiled food on My altar, but say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the Lord is contemptible.' And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? 'Would he accept you favorably?' says the Lord of hosts."

Titus 1:16—"They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work."

Revelation 3:8—"I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name."