

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 7, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:29

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 Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Hebrews 11:1–16

Sermon Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is Jan. 11.
2. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.
 - Mickey Ashcraft
 - David and Becky Bonilla
 - Timberly Dunnam
 - Elaine Holloway
 - Annette Payne
 - Ruth Roe
 - Sonny Rosenberger
 - Ronnie Shirley
 - Elaine Townsend
 - Donna Weese
3. 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.)

4. 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.)
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Why Is Jerusalem's Temple Mount Important to Jews, Muslims and Christians?" by Benjamin Weinthal.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "The Tenth Commandment" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 35 pages. (This edition has one article and 330 headlines.)

Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **David Coleman** had his surgery to remove the mass on his right kidney. The doctor said it went well. His recovery schedule has proceeded as planned—sitting in a chair on Wednesday, walking on Thursday and going home on Friday. Mr. Coleman and **Joyce** appreciate your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Martha McIver** was diagnosed with pneumonia. Yesterday, she gave the following report: "My cough is definitely improving—no more [coughing up] blood. The doctor wants me to have another full week of bed rest. Thank you for your prayers."

Timberly Dunnam reports that she still has not been able to make an appointment with an allergist and that she has some pain at various times during the week.

Bernice Burson reports that she continues to make progress in dealing with the scorpion sting.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Mel Edelbach** of Elgin, Minn. (father of **Jeanine Case**), had surgery for a blocked bowel. We later learned that he had a second surgery and was experiencing strong pain. He appreciates prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Larry Shore** of Maryville, Tenn. (who was recently diagnosed with congestive heart failure), was scheduled for a heart catheterization last Tuesday. The results showed zero blockages in his arteries.

New prayer requests

On Friday, **David Bonilla** went to UT Health North Hospital north of Tyler due to pneumonia and a worsening of heart failure from his second stroke a year ago.

Shirley Spearman has been experiencing trouble breathing and also has a fluctuating heart rhythm. (She was anointed at church last week.) She is scheduled to see a cardiologist on Wednesday.

Lisa Smith recently fell on concrete and went to the ER. While she did not break any bones, she missed church last Saturday because her tailbone was severely bruised.

On Monday, **Karen Dean** of Hawkins (daughter of the late **Ron** and **Gracie Feaker**) mentioned that she went to a hospital last weekend because her afib was acting up again. She reported: "I spent Saturday night in the ER. They had to shock my heart. They admitted me to the hospital because shocking my heart didn't work."

Charles Groce of Tyler has been dealing with a back problem.

Sandra Mitchell of Tulsa, Okla., has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Joanne Koeneke of Big Sandy is dealing with mobility issues.

Kelly Barfield of Big Sandy has been diagnosed with pneumonia and atrial fibrillation.

Vinita Barfield of Big Sandy is dealing with mobility issues.

Marilyn Jenison of Big Sandy has been diagnosed with cancer.

Angela Burch of Big Sandy is dealing with stage-4 cancer.

On Monday, **Damar Hamlin** of Buffalo, N.Y., had a cardiac episode during an NFL football game.

Bronson James of Memphis, Tenn., died on Jan. 5. Please remember his wife, **Myra**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

"The Tenth 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 Jan. 7, 2023.

By **Dave Havir**

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled "The Tenth 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 20:17—"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Seven concepts

In the Bible-study presentation, I organized my material into seven concepts. In this article, I will refer to those seven different concepts.

Hebrew word

The English word *covet* in Exodus 20:17 Notice the Hebrew word *hamad* (*Strong's* No. 2530). It is a verb meaning "to covet, desire or lust."

The Hebrew word *hamad* is not always used in a negative setting.

■ Genesis 2:9—God made every tree "pleasant" to the sight.

■ Genesis 3:6—A tree to be "desired" to make one wise.

■ Isaiah 53:2—When people would see the beaten Messiah, there would be no beauty that they should "desire" Him.

Here are examples where the word is used as "coveting."

■ Joshua 7:21—Achan saw the items and coveted them.

■ Micah 2:2—Evil people covet fields and take them by violence.

Here is an example where the word is used as "desire."

■ Deuteronomy 7:25—They were instructed to burn the graven images of the false gods and not to “desire” the silver or gold that was on them.

Here is an example where the word is used as lust.

■ Proverbs 6:25—When talking about an evil woman, the author taught to “lust not” after her beauty in your heart.

Not all desires are bad

■ Matthew 6:33—Seek first the Kingdom of God.

■ 1 Corinthians 12:31—Covet earnestly the best gifts.

■ 1 Corinthians 14:39—Covet to prophesy (correctly).

■ Jeremiah 9:23-24—Seeking wisdom, might and riches are good goals, as long as we prioritize a relationship with the Lord.

■ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31—Seeking wisdom, might and nobility are good, as long as we prioritize a relationship with the Lord.

■ 1 Corinthians 7:1-5—It is good to seek a proper sexual relationship.

■ Ephesians 4:26-27—It is good to seek a proper use of anger.

■ 1 Timothy 5:23—It is good to seek a proper use of alcohol.

God created people susceptible to lust

■ Psalm 81:12—God gave people over to their own stubborn heart.

■ Romans 1:24-29—God gave people over to their own uncleanness, lusts of their hearts, vile passions, debased minds and other sinful traits.

■ Mark 4:19—The parable of the sower mentioned three characteristics—cares of

this life, deceitfulness of riches and desires of this life.

■ 1 John 2:16-17—John mentioned three lustful qualities in the world that are not from the Father—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

Devil is a bad influence

■ John 8:44—People follow the desires of the devil.

■ Ephesians 2:2-3—The prince of the power of the air stirs up the lusts of our flesh.

Disciples over past lusts

■ Romans 6:3-11—In baptism the “old man” was crucified, and disciples seek to walk in newness of life.

■ Ephesians 4:22—Disciples seek to put off the “old man,” which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.

■ Titus 3:3—We previously served different lusts and pleasures.

■ 1 Peter 1:14—We should not conform to former lusts in our ignorance.

Coveting is a trigger

■ Matthew 5:27-28—If we have lust in our heart, we have already committed adultery.

■ James 1:14-15—Each person is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. When desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin.

Pattern of sin

■ Genesis 3:6—Saw, desired and took.

■ Joshua 7:21—Saw, desired and took.

■ 2 Samuel 11:2-4—Saw, inquired and slept with her.

■ Acts 8:18-19—Saw, wanted power and offered money.

Thought for the week

To liberals, compassion seems to be defined by how many people are dependent on the government. To conservatives, it's defined by how many people no longer need help. One promotes dependence, the other freedom, responsibility and achievement.—*Star Parker*

Thought with a twist

What do nuns call their favorite brew? Answer: Ale Mary.—*Reg Killingley*