

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 28, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:48

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 Hebrews 11:32–40

Sermon Terry McAdams

Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is Feb. 1.

2. 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 |

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 “Who Is More Rational: the Religious or Irreligious?” by Dennis Prager.
6. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Overview of Genesis 1–11” by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—The version of this week’s “Eye on the World” that is distributed in the hall is 38 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different page-makeup file.) This edition has one article and 347 headlines.

Prayer updates

Martha McIver gave the following report on Thursday: “After feeling a little better for a couple of days, I started coughing again and just did not feel well. I went to the doctor and she could hear crackles on the right side. She prescribed more antibiotics and told me to rest whenever I felt tired. Please continue to pray for me.”

On Monday, **Penny Bald** had her hip-replacement surgery. She went home on the same day to begin her recovery. On Thursday, she had an allergic reaction to a medication. After a rough night, she was feeling better on Friday.

Timberly Dunnam is happy to report that she was finally able to get an appointment with an allergist—scheduled for Feb. 1. She also reports that her pain level was not too bad through most of the week.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Nancy Amburgey** had recently experienced what she believed to be a TIA (ministroke). She reports that she is feeling fine.

In the Jan. 14 bulletin, we mentioned that **Shirley Spearman** had been experiencing trouble breathing and a fluctuating heart rhythm. (She has consistently told **Dave Havir** that she was dragging her feet about taking a stress test.) Mrs. Spearman appreciates your prayers.

It has been a while since we mentioned **Dorothy Jones** (mother of **Shirley Spearman**) in the bulletin. Her heart condition seems to fluctuate between periods of weakness and moments of improved energy. She appreciates your prayers.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Dean** and **Wanda Klepfer** (parents of **Brenda Kennebeck**) had been diagnosed with covid. It has been a tough time. Mr. Klepfer went to the hospital last Thursday. (Although he has visited people in hospitals, he had never been to a hospital as a patient before—he wasn’t even born in a hospital.) After a rough experience for two days, he returned home last Saturday. Since he has been diagnosed with pneumonia in both lungs, oxygen was delivered to his home. Please remember Mrs. Klepfer as well.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Ron Avey** is scheduled for a heart catheterization on Monday, Jan. 30.

New prayer requests

Nancy Diraison (who recently began attending our congregation) was having intense pain in the front of her chest. On Friday, she called an ambulance to her home to be cautious. When the EMT personnel ruled out a heart problem, she did not go to a hospital. Although the pain manifests itself in the front of her chest, she believes that the pain may be due to a muscular problem in her back (which is common). Since she had missed a couple weeks of church, she was looking forward to attending today.

Jamie Payne of Sand Flat (daughter of **Dixon** and **Linda Cartwright**) had minor surgery on Thursday. Your prayers are appreciated.

Isaac Moluf (18-month-old son of **Peder** and **Melisa Moluf** of Blue Springs, Mo.) died on Jan. 20. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Elijah and **Megan Campbell** of Rogers, Ark., report the death of their unborn child (who had heart issues, and the heart stopped beating). Please remember the family in your prayers.

Scriptures fo consider

Genesis 11:6-7—“And the LORD said, ‘Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.’”

Genesis 11:8-9—“So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.”

Thought for the week

“Parenthood is gardening, not carpentry. You have to let children grow.”—*Samuel West*

Thought with a twist

Why should you never say anything bad about someone until you’ve walked a mile in his shoes?
Answer: Because by then he is a mile away, you’ve got his shoes, and you can say whatever you want.—*Reg Killingley*

“Overview of Genesis 1–11”

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. 28, 2023.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Genesis 1-11.” Here are some of the scriptures that I read.

Magnificent creation

Genesis 1:1-31 describes the creation. Let’s look at other parts of the Bible that also talk about the creation.

Isaiah 45:18—“For thus says the LORD . . . ‘I am the Lord, and there is no other.’”

Before the author mentioned that statement, he used six wonderful descriptions about the LORD.

- “The LORD who created the heavens”
- “The LORD who is God”
- “The LORD who formed the earth and made it”
- “The LORD who has established it”
- “The LORD who did not create it in vain”
- “The LORD who formed it to be inhabited”

Another Old Testament book that talks about the creation is the book of Job.

- Job 38 and 39—God confronted Job for the first time.
- Job 38:4—Where were you when . . . ?
- Job 40-41—God confronted Job for the second time.
- Job 40:15—Look at the behemoth (large animal, exact identity unknown).
- Job 41:1—Leviathan (large sea creature)

Mentioned dinosaurs

Bible students enjoy learning how fossils support the idea of dinosaurs living on the earth.

- Some Bible students believe that dinosaurs walked the earth before the creation listed in Genesis 1.
- Other Bible students believe that dinosaurs walked the earth after the creation of animals in Genesis 1:20-25.

During the Bible study, I read excerpts

from “Dinosaurs and the Bible” (an article by Ken Ham that can be found on answersingenesis.org).

Adam and Eve

- Luke 3:38 and Jude 14—Genealogy
- Matthew 19:4—The Son of God mentioned how God created male and female (quoting Genesis 1:27).
- Matthew 19:5—The Son of God mentioned the man and woman could become “one flesh” (quoting Genesis 2:24).
- Romans 5:12-14—Sin entered the world through Adam.
- 1 Corinthians 15:21-22—Death came by one man (Adam).
- 1 Corinthians 15:45—Paul mentioned the first Adam and the last Adam.
- 2 Corinthians 11:3—The serpent beguiled Eve.
- 1 Timothy 2:13—Adam was formed before Eve.
- 1 Timothy 2:14—Paul made the distinction that Eve was deceived.

Cain and Abel

- Matthew 23:35—Blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah.
- Hebrews 11:4—Abel offered a better sacrifice than Cain.
- Hebrews 12:24—The blood of Christ speaks better than the blood of Abel.
- 1 John 3:12—Don’t be like Cain, who murdered his brother.
- Jude 11—Some people have gone after the way of Cain.

Noah and the Flood

- Hebrews 11:7—Noah moved with godly fear and prepared an Ark.
- 1 Peter 3:20—Noah prepared an Ark, and eight people were saved.
- 2 Peter 2:5—God did not spare the ancient world (with the exception of Noah and his family), when he brought the Flood on the world.