

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 11, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:01

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Bruce Graham

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 Job 1:13–21

Sermon Ron Avey

Quick takes

1. Topics for interactive Bible—Following are the topics for the upcoming interactive Bible studies at 1:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 11, Bruce Graham “The 144,000 of Revelation”
 - Feb. 18, Don Smith “Goshen and Jerusalem—the Chronologies and Geographies of the First Passover in the Exodus and the Crucifixion Week Passover”
2. Wednesday-night Bible study—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is Feb. 15.
3. Special seminar and lunch next Saturday—David Eishen will be giving a seminar in the morning next Saturday, and his wife, Melodee, will be providing a lunch for those who attend the seminar.
 - 10:00 to 12:00, “Six Cascading Scenarios That Will Impact Your Life”
 - Lunch at 12:00

4. Memorial service for Wayne Cartwright—Everyone is invited to a memorial in our building for Wayne Cartwright on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2:00. Family members from Oklahoma and elsewhere are expected to attend.
5. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

■ Mickey Ashcraft	■ Ruth Roe
■ David and Becky Bonilla	■ Sonny Rosenberger
■ Timberly Dunnam	■ Ronnie Shirley
■ Elaine Holloway	■ Elaine Townsend
■ Annette Payne	■ Donna Weese
6. 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.)
7. 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.)
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Earthquakes Strike in Turkey and Syria" by Dave Havir.
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "Genesis 11-14" by Dave Havir.
10. 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 program.) This edition has 342 headlines and two articles.

Prayer updates

In the Jan. 28 bulletin, we mentioned that Shirley Spearman was hesitant about scheduling a stress test. Last Monday, she reported: "I finally scheduled an exercise stress test and an echocardiogram for Thursday, Feb. 23."

New prayer requests

Jordan and **Jessica Lewis** of the Dallas area (daughter and son-in-law of **Mickey Voyce**) were diagnosed with covid. Although Mr. Lewis is feeling better, their 7-month-old daughter **Joy** has also been diagnosed with covid. Please remember mother and daughter in your prayers.

Mickey Voyce and her family request prayers for a family member (who was recently elected as a mayor) to have the wisdom and patience to lead his city in a godly manner.

Karen Rickard (co-owner with her husband, **Kerry**, of Rose Cottage Bakery in Big Sandy) has been diagnosed with an aggressive type of lung cancer. The Rickards (who attend the First Baptist Church in Big Sandy) set a good example of helping to bring people together in the Big Sandy community.

Maggie Blood of Big Sandy went to an ER last Sunday with symptoms of a heart problem. After a series of tests, she was sent home.

Ivirne Allen of Big Sandy went to an ER this week with issues relating to elevated blood pressure.

Margaret Mitchell of Farragut, Tenn. (who had knee-replacement surgery in the past), is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday “to have scar tissue removed” from her original incision from the surgery.

Harriet Fehrman of Columbus, Ohio (age 82), has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Jerusha Chen of Harbin, China, has been diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis, which has advanced to cause significant damage to her lungs.

Robin PerMar of Amelia, Ohio, has been diagnosed with cancer of the ovaries.

Art Suckling of Colorado Springs, Colo., died on Jan. 5. Please remember his wife, **Marsha**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Curtis Garner of Stamps, Ark., died on Feb. 5. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Edward Shore of St. Augustine, Fla., died on Feb. 8. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Revelation 7:4—“And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed.”

Revelation 14:1—“Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads.”

Thought for the week

“Reading can seriously damage your ignorance.”

Thought with a twist

“My dad suggested I register for a donor card—he’s a man after my own heart.”—*Reg Killingley*

Genesis 11-14

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 Feb. 11, 2023.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Genesis 11-14.” Here are some of the scriptures that I read.

Birth of Abram

■ Genesis 11:26-27—Terah (who lived 70 years) begot Abram, Nahor and Haran—Haran begot Lot.

■ Genesis 11:28—The son Haran died before his father Terah (in their native land of Ur of the Chaldeans).

■ Genesis 11:29—Abram married Sarai.

Headed toward Canaan

■ Genesis 11:31—Terah and his family headed toward the land of Canaan but stopped in the city of Haran.

■ Genesis 11:32—Terah died in the city of Haran.

Then the LORD told Abram to continue his trek to Canaan.

Genesis 12:1-3—“Get out of your country from your family and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

■ Genesis 12:4-5—Abram and Lot departed from the city of Haran and arrived at the land of Canaan.

Genesis 12:7—“Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’”

Abram went to Egypt

■ Genesis 12:10—A famine nudged Abram to Egypt.

■ Genesis 12:11-20—Abram instructed Sarai to identify herself as a sister instead of identifying herself as Abram’s wife.

Back to Canaan

■ Genesis 13:1-6—Abram and Lot each had large flocks and herds so that there was not enough pasture for the two families.

■ Genesis 13:7-8—When the servants from the two families quarreled, Abram wanted to stop the strife.

■ Genesis 13:9-11—When Abram gave Lot the choice of what land he wanted, Lot chose the plains of Jordan to the east.

■ Genesis 13:12-18—Abram stayed in Canaan.

Abram rescued Lot

■ Genesis 14:1-13—When there was a battle between four kings and five kings, the victors captured Lot.

■ Genesis 14:14-16—Abram’s 318 men recovered the goods and rescued Lot.

Melchizedek, the priest of God

■ Genesis 14:18-20—Melchizedek blessed Abram.

■ Genesis 14:20 (last sentence)—Abram gave Melchizedek a tithe.

Abram accepted only food for his men

■ Genesis 14:21—The king of Sodom wanted the captured people returned to him but offered all the goods to Abram.

■ Genesis 14:22-24—Abram took only enough food for his men.

The order of Melchizedek

■ Psalm 110:4—“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

■ Hebrews 5:6

■ Hebrews 5:10

■ Hebrews 6:20

■ Hebrews 7:11

■ Hebrews 7:17

■ Hebrews 7:21.

■ Hebrews 7:1-28—The Son of God as our High Priest is superior to the Old Testament priesthood system (organized through physical lineage).