

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 18, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:07

Bible studies

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

Presentation study—2:00 Neil McIver
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Job 2:1-13

Sermon Mark Weiss

Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havir is speaking in Waco.
2. Special seminar and lunch today—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
3. Guest speaker rescheduled—Since our scheduled guest speaker today (Don Smith) wasn't feeling well, we decided yesterday to invite him again in the near future.
4. Thank you—Dave Havir thanks Dixon Cartwright and Mark Weiss for agreeing to serve in the responsibilities where Mr. Smith was going to serve. (Mr. Cartwright will lead the interactive Bible study. Mr. Weiss has agreed to give the 3:00 sermon.)

5. Topics for interactive Bible—Following are the topics for the upcoming interactive Bible studies at 1:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 18 Dixon Cartwright (replacing Don Smith)
 - Feb. 25 Bruce Graham
Continuation of “The 144,000 of Revelation”
6. Memorial service for Wayne Cartwright tomorrow—Everyone is invited to a memorial in our building for Wayne Cartwright tomorrow at 2:00. Family members from Oklahoma and elsewhere are expected to attend.
7. Wednesday-night Bible study—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is Feb. 22.
8. Benefit concert in our building—The Big Sandy Museum Association will present a benefit concert (titled “Musical Memories”) in our building next Saturday evening. The doors open at 6:30, and the concert begins at 7:00. Tickets can be purchased at various locations in the city.
9. Tickets for our widows—If any widows in the congregation would like to attend the concert next Saturday night in our building, Dave Havir would love to buy tickets for you.
10. 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
11. 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.)
12. 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.)
13. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Thomas Sowell Is an Important Economist for Our Time” by James Bradshaw.
14. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Overview of Genesis 15-18” by Dave Havir.
15. Eye on the World—The version of this week’s “Eye on the World” that is distributed in the hall is 32 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different program.) This edition has 289 headlines and one article.

Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Gary Wilson** (who attends our congregation even though he lives in the Dallas area) went by ambulance to a hospital in Richardson. On early Wednesday morning, **Lisa Smith** reported: “They had to intubate him early this morning because he was having trouble with breathing and vomiting. They said the CT scan showed that he now has bleeding on the brain.” When **Reg Killingley** was working in the Dallas area on Wednesday, he visited Mr. Wilson and gave the following update around noon on Wednesday: “Gary had an ischemic stroke converted to a hemorrhagic one (dry to wet). The doctor said it could be days before they can make a prognosis.”

Shirley Spearman is scheduled for an exercise stress test and an echocardiogram for Thursday, Feb. 23.”

New prayer requests

Early in the week, **Angela Dunnam** fell and bent back both of her wrists. The wrists were badly bruised and very painful. (You might also remember that she had recently hurt her knee.)

Vaughn Duke of Hawkins was recently diagnosed with cancer on his back. He chose to begin utilizing the “black salve”—which is reportedly having the intended results.” He and **Sylvia** appreciate your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

2 Kings 20:1-3— “In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.”’ Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, ‘Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.’ And Hezekiah wept bitterly.”

Thought for the week

“Forgiving sin is not the same as affirming it.”—*Scott Hogenson*

Thought with a twist

The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract covid. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out?

Genesis 15–18

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. 18, 2023.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Genesis 15-18.” Here are some of the scriptures that I read.

God promised Abram a son

■ Genesis 15:2-3—Abram told God: Since you have not given me a son, Eliezer of Damascus is heir of my house.

■ Genesis 15:4-5—God told Abram: Eliezer will not be your heir because you will have a son—and your descendants will be like the stars.

Genesis 15:6—“And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

Did you know that Genesis 15:6 is quoted three times in the New Testament? (Check it out in Romans 4:3, Galatians 3:6 and James 2:23.)

Sarai offered Hagar to Abram

■ Genesis 16:1-2—Sarai recommended Abram impregnate Hagar (the Egyptian maid-servant of Sarai).

■ Genesis 16:4—After Hagar conceived, Sarai despised Hagar.

■ Genesis 16:5—Sarai blamed Abram.

■ Genesis 16:6—Abram told Sarai to handle it. When Sarai dealt harshly with Hagar, Hagar fled.

■ Genesis 16:7-9—An angel told Hagar to return.

■ Genesis 16:10-12—The angel told Hagar about the blessing involving Ishmael.

God repeated son promise to Abram

■ Genesis 17:1-8—God called Abram the father of many nations and changed his name to Abraham.

■ Genesis 17:9-14—God introduced the covenant of circumcision.

■ Genesis 17:15-16—God called Sarai the mother of nations and changed her name to Sarah.

■ Genesis 17:17—Abraham laughed at the idea of them having a child in their advanced years. (God did not hold this reaction against Abraham being called a man of faith.)

■ Genesis 17:18—Abraham asked God if Ishmael could fulfill the covenant prophecy. (God did not hold this question against Abraham being called a man of faith and being mentioned in Hebrews 11.)

■ Genesis 17:19—God assured Abraham that a son would be born, that his name would be Isaac and that the covenant would continue with Isaac.

■ Genesis 17:20-21—God informed Abraham that He would bless Ishmael, but the covenant would be with Isaac.

■ Genesis 18:11-12—Since Abraham and Sarah were past the age of having children, Sarah laughed internally.

■ Genesis 18:15—Sarah denied laughing. (God did not hold this reaction against Sarah being mentioned in Hebrews 11.)

Abraham negotiated with God

■ Genesis 18:16-21—God told Abraham about the coming destruction.

■ Genesis 18:22-33—Abraham negotiated with God—starting with 50 people and finally getting down to 10 people.

Notice some of the interesting things that Abraham said to God.

Genesis 18:25—“Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

Genesis 18:30—“Let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found?”

Genesis 18:31—“Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the LORD: Suppose twenty should be found there?”

Genesis 18:32—“Let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?”