

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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March 4, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:19

### 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 . . . . . Ron Avey

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . Job 32:1-22

Sermon . . . . . Neil McIver

### Quick takes

1. Congratulations to John Harris and Beatriz Ramirez Navarro—The congregation congratulates John Harris and Beatriz Ramirez Navarro, who were married on Feb. 15. Their ceremony was a little different from that of most couples in the congregation. The new Mrs. Harris is temporarily in Mexico awaiting the opportunity to move to the United States. (Mr. Harris met his future bride in recent years when she previously lived here. The couple has been working with a lawyer to arrange for her move to this country, and the lawyer mentioned that it could take up to four years for the process to be completed.) Mr. Harris arranged to get a temporary visa to go to Mexico to prepare for the wedding, to get married and to enjoy their honeymoon at a nice resort. One interesting aspect of the ceremony is that the couple was married on an international bridge between Nuevo Laredo and Laredo—with Mrs. Harris standing in Mexico and Mr. Harris standing in the United States.
2. Thank you—The Big Sandy Museum Association thanks the congregation for making our building available for its concert last Saturday evening.

3. Thank you—The Big Sandy Museum Association thanks Michael Bald for serving in our sound booth at the musical concert.
4. Topic for today's interactive Bible—Today's topic at the 1:00 p.m. interactive Bible study is a continuation of "The 144,000 of Revelation."
5. Wednesday-night Bible study—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is March 15.
6. Upcoming guest speakers—We continue to schedule guest speakers to come to our congregation.

■ March 11	Scott Hoefker
■ March 25	Bill Crow
■ April 15	Ken Tate

7. 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

8. 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.)
9. 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.)
10. Edifying the Body—None this week.
11. Among Friends—This week's article is "Genesis 20-25" by Dave Havar.
12. Eye on the World—The version of this week's "Eye on the World" that is distributed in the hall is 36 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to use of a different layout program.) This edition has 329 headlines and one article.

## Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Dorothy Jones** (mother of **Shirley Spearman**) had two significant events. First, she had discussions with hospice personnel to establish long-term hospice care in her home. Second, she went to a hospital to have surgery to bypass blood clots in her legs. On Sunday, her health circumstances changed when she did not recover well from the surgery

and the doctors said that she was in the “last stages of life.” Hence, long-term hospice became palliative care. On Wednesday, the family restricted visitation to avoid overstimulating her at that time. As of the deadline of this bulletin, Mrs. Jones continued to rest. If it is time for Mrs. Jones to pass this weekend, the funeral could be at Rose Heights Church in Lindale on Tuesday or Thursday.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Gary Wilson** was not able to talk (due to a tracheotomy) and was not able to eat (but had a feeding tube inserted). Toward the end of this week, he was moved to a long-term care facility.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Dixon Cartwright** went to a hospital, where he was diagnosed with having had a stroke. One of the symptoms that Mr. Cartwright experienced was aphasia (difficulty in speaking). However, the doctors noted that an MRI revealed that the location of the stroke does not normally cause aphasia. Mr. Cartwright’s speaking improved, but another event delayed his release from the hospital. At 2:00 a.m. on Tuesday, he fell in his room and hurt his knee. On a scale of 1-10, Mr. Cartwright said the pain was at 15. When he returned home last Saturday, the knee was still painful. But the pain subsided on Wednesday evening. On Monday, he is scheduled for appointments at two separate doctors.

On Friday, **Martha McIver** had her staples and her stitches removed. Although she is still bruised, she hopes to attend the church service today.

### Thought for the week

“My wrath is aroused against you [Eliphaz] and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right.”—*The LORD (Job 42:7)*

### Scriptures to consider

Job 4-5	Eliphaz spoke	Job 18	Bildad spoke
Job 6-7	Job responded	Job 19	Job responded
Job 8	Bildad spoke	Job 20	Zophar spoke
Job 9-10	Job responded	Job 21	Job responded
Job 11	Zophar spoke	Job 22	Eliphaz spoke
Job 12-14	Job responded	Job 23-24	Job responded
Job 15	Eliphaz spoke	Job 25	Bildad spoke
Job 16-17	Job responded	Job 26-31	Job responded

### Thought with a twist

Intelligence is like underwear. It is important that you have it but not necessary that you show it off.

## Genesis 20–25

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 March 4, 2023.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Genesis 20-25.” Here are some of the scriptures that I read.

### **Abraham and Abimelech**

■ Genesis 20:2—When Abraham called Sarah his sister, Abimelech king of Gerar took Sarah.

■ Genesis 20:3-7—God told Abimelech in a dream about Abraham’s action.

■ Genesis 20:8-10—Abimelech asked Abraham why he called Sarah his sister.

■ Genesis 20:11-13—Abraham explained that Sarah was his half sister.

■ Genesis 20:14—Abimelech gave animals to Abraham.

■ Genesis 20:15—Abimelech told Abraham that he could live anywhere in that region.

■ Genesis 20:16—Abimelech told Sarah that he gave 1,000 pieces of silver to signify that she had done nothing wrong.

■ Genesis 20:17-18—Abraham prayed that the house of Abimelech would have children, and God healed the matter.

### **Birth of Isaac**

■ Genesis 21:1-8—Isaac was born.

■ Genesis 21:9—Sarah saw Ishmael mocking Isaac.

■ Galatians 4:29-30—The apostle Paul referred to the mocking incident and quoted Genesis 21:10.

■ Genesis 21:10-14—Hagar and Ishmael were sent away.

■ Genesis 21:15-21—God comforted Hagar.

■ Genesis 21:22-34—Abimelech made a covenant with Abraham.

### **God tested Abraham**

■ Genesis 22:1-14—God tested Abraham.

■ Hebrews 11:17—When Abraham was tested, he was willing to offer up Isaac by faith.

■ Hebrews 11:18—The author of Hebrews quoted Genesis 21:12.

■ Hebrews 11:19—Abraham concluded that God was able to raise Isaac from the dead.

■ Genesis 22:15-19—God repeated His covenant with Abraham.

■ Genesis 22:20-23—The children of Nahor (Abraham’s brother) are listed.

### **Sarah died**

■ Genesis 23:1-2—Sarah died at the age of 127.

■ Genesis 23:3-18—Abraham bought the cave of Machpelah.

■ Genesis 23:19-20—Abraham buried Sarah in the cave of Machpelah.

### **Isaac married Rebekah**

■ Genesis 24:1-14—Abraham sent his servant to their homeland to seek a wife for Isaac.

■ Genesis 24:15-61—Rebekah traveled with the servant.

■ Genesis 24:62-67—Isaac married Rebekah.

### **Abraham died**

■ Genesis 25:1-4—Abraham married Keturah.

■ Genesis 25:5—Abraham gave an inheritance to Isaac.

■ Genesis 25:6—Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines and sent them away from Isaac.

■ Genesis 25:7-8—Abraham died at the age of 175.

■ Genesis 25:9-10—Abraham was buried in the cave of Machpelah.

■ Genesis 25:11—After Abraham’s death, God blessed Isaac.

■ Genesis 25:19-34—This is the genealogy of Isaac.

■ Galatians 3:29—If you are in Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise.