

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 25, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:34

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havar

Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havar
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Job 35–37

Sermon Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Topic for today's interactive Bible study—Today's topic at the 1:00 p.m. interactive Bible study is "Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
2. Wednesday-night Bible study—The next Bible study is March 29.
3. Speakers for the spring feast days—Here is the speaking schedule for the spring feast days.
 - April 6 Daniel Hammons and Dave Havar
 - April 8 Wynn Skelton (twice)
 - April 12 Dave Havar and Reg Killingley
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Fun Facts You Learned in School" by Jeremy Hayes.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "Genesis 37–44" by Dave Havar.
6. Eye on the World—The version of this week's "Eye on the World" that is distributed in the hall is 40 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different layout program.) This edition has 384 headlines and one article.

7. 2023 Feast of Tabernacles—Yesterday, Dave Havir and Dixon Cartwright put information on our website about the 2023 Feast of Tabernacles.
8. Supporting the Kerbys in North Myrtle Beach—For 20 consecutive years, our congregation has co-sponsored a Feast site in the Myrtle Beach area—even though Lyle and Kathy Kerby have done most of the work. Our congregation's role was Dave Havir organizing the speaking schedule. When Mr. Havir recommended to the Kerbys after last year's Feast that they have a committee organize the speaking schedule, Mr. Havir basically eliminated his role at the site. As Mr. Havir wrote on our website: "Although we no longer co-sponsor the site, we strongly recommend the North Myrtle Beach Feast site (at the Avista Resort), because the Kerbys and other friends sure know how to organize a great Feast."

Spring feast days

1. Memorial on Tuesday evening—April 4 at 7:30
 - Memorial of the suffering and death of our Lord
 - "Night He was betrayed"—1 Corinthians 11:23
 - New Testament symbols—1 Corinthians 11:23–26
 - Christ, our Passover—1 Corinthians 5:7
 - Live transmission
2. Remembering the time of Christ's death—Wednesday, April 5, at 3:00 p.m.
3. Traditional meal on Wednesday evening—April 5
 - Traditional meal—depicting deliverance from Egypt
 - Remember the Old Testament history—gathering in homes
 - The pastor recommends cozy gatherings in homes
 - The building may be available for a cozy gathering
 - Old Testament history and spiritual applications
4. First day of Unleavened Bread—Thursday, April 6
 - Because Christ is our Passover—1 Corinthians 5:7–8
5. Remember the timing of Christ's resurrection
 - Three days and three nights after His death
 - Saturday, April 8
6. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—Wednesday, April 12

Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Gary Wilson** arrived at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Rehabilitation Hospital in Tyler. This facility is not the main hospital. The address is 3131 Troup Highway. He is in room 114. (Since the facility seeks to schedule rehab during the day, it encourages visitors between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00.

On Thursday, **Sara Dunn** of Arlington (daughter of **David** and **Joyce Coleman**) learned that insurance will pay for a surgery. The surgery is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28. Her recovering may entail six to 12 months of therapy.

This week, **Cheryl Troberg** of Gilbert, Ariz., was diagnosed with Guillain Barre syndrome—and was on an IV for three-and-a-half hours a day for five days.

New prayer requests

Dave McLearen (who has been in central Texas for the winter) has been in the ER with severe pain and has been diagnosed with a 2-mm kidney stone.

Kate Vincent requests prayers for **Nic Callahan** (her 23-year-old grandson who lives in the Seattle area). Recently, he tried to stop a fight and got shot in his leg. During the surgery, the doctor removed bullet fragments, put screws in his injured ankle and put a metal rod in his fractured femur.

Don Cochran of Big Sandy went to the hospital with breathing problems.

Bill Stenger of Weeki Wachee, Fla., has been hospitalized with leg issues.

Cindy Martin of Lindale has been diagnosed with lymphoma. (The next report mentions the death of her younger sister.)

Julie Black of Frankston died March 15. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Thought for the week

“The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.”

Thought with a twist

“People are making end-of-the-world jokes like there is no tomorrow.”

Genesis 37–44

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 25, 2023.

By **Dave Havir**

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Genesis 37-44.” Here are some of the scriptures that I read.

Joseph had two dreams

■ Genesis 37:1-2—Joseph (age 17) brought a bad report about the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah.

■ Genesis 37:3—Israel loved Joseph (son of his old age) and gave him a coat of many colors.

■ Genesis 37:4—His brothers “hated” him, and could not say good things about him.

■ Genesis 37:5-7—When Joseph told them about the first dream (“your sheaves bowed down to my sheaf”), his brothers hated him even more.

■ Genesis 37:8—The brothers asked: “Shall you reign over us?” and “Shall you have dominion over us?”

■ Genesis 37:9-11—When Joseph told his family about the second dream (“the sun, moon and 11 stars bowed down to me”), Jacob asked: “Shall your mother, I and your brothers bow down to you?”

Brothers sold Joseph

■ Genesis 37:12-17—Jacob sent Joseph to his brothers.

■ Genesis 37:18-20—The brothers talked about killing him.

■ Genesis 37:21-24—Reuben suggested that they put Joseph into a pit.

■ Genesis 37:25-28—Judah sold Joseph to Ishmaelites for 20 shekels of silver.

■ Genesis 37:29-30—When Reuben returned to the pit, he thought Joseph was dead.

■ Genesis 37:31-35—The brothers put goat’s blood on the coat and took the coat to their father.

■ Genesis 37:36—The Midianites sold Joseph to Potiphar.

Some history about Judah

■ Genesis 38:1-30—This chapter described various stories about Judah.

Joseph and Potiphar

■ Genesis 39:1-23—This chapter talked about Joseph’s initial good relationship with Potiphar; the misbehavior of Potiphar’s wife; her lies about Joseph; and Joseph being put into prison.

Events in prison

■ Genesis 40:1-22—This chapter talked about Joseph separately interpreting the dreams of the butler and the baker; Pharaoh restoring the butler and hanging the baker; and the butler not remembering Joseph at this time.

Pharaoh heard about Joseph

■ Genesis 41:1-57—This chapter talked about Pharaoh having a dream; the butler telling Pharaoh about Joseph interpreting two dreams in prison; Joseph interpreting Pharaoh’s dream; Joseph giving advice to Pharaoh; Pharaoh rewarding Jo-

seph with a leadership position; Joseph preparing for bad financial times; and the nations coming to Joseph to buy grain.

Joseph saw his brothers

■ Genesis 42:1-6—Jacob sent 10 sons to Egypt to buy grain.

■ Genesis 42:7-8—Joseph recognized his brothers.

■ Genesis 42:9-20—Joseph called them spies with a plan for them to bring Benjamin to Egypt (to prove their honesty and to prove that they were not spies); put them in prison for three days.

■ Genesis 42:21-23—When the brothers reminisced about the way they had mistreated Joseph, they did not know that Joseph understood their language.

■ Genesis 42:24-28—Joseph bound Simeon and sent the other brothers on their way.

■ Genesis 42:29-38—When Jacob heard the message, he did not want to send Benjamin to Egypt, because he had already lost two sons (believing Joseph was dead and hearing that Simeon was held in Egypt).

Brothers returned to Egypt

■ Genesis 43:1-2—Jacob instructed his sons to go back to Egypt to get more grain.

■ Genesis 43:3-7—When Judah reminded his father that they needed to take Benjamin, the father initially recoiled at the idea.

■ Genesis 43:8-15—When Judah told Jacob that he would personally be a surety for Benjamin, Jacob agreed and instructed them to take gifts.

■ Genesis 43:16-28—When the brothers arrived in Egypt, they went to Joseph’s house.

■ Genesis 43:29-34—Joseph reacted when seeing Benjamin.

Joseph sent them away with a plan

■ Genesis 44:1-5—Joseph sent the brothers away with a plan (by planting a silver cup in their possession).

■ Genesis 44:6-13—Joseph’s steward caught up with them and found the cup in Benjamin’s sack.

■ Genesis 44:14-34—The brothers returned to Joseph’s house.