

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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July 6, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:29

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Daniel Hammons

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 Acts 5:26–42

Sermon Jim Bald

Quick takes

1. Thank you—The congregation thanks Daniel and Stephanie Hammons for preparing the fireworks display at the building on Wednesday evening.
2. Wednesday, July 10—Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
3. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Christian Denominations by Population” as compiled at wikipedia.org.
4. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Book of Revelation—Part 1” by Dave Havir.
5. Eye on the World—This week’s edition was not completed at the printing deadline of this bulletin.

Prayer updates

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Melodee Eishen** was scheduled for surgery in Dallas for colon cancer of the cecum on July 5. **David** reported: “The surgery just ended, and the doctor seems convinced that they got it all.” Mrs. Eishen’s daughter **Debbie** reported: “Mom is out of surgery. It went as well as expected. Hopefully, we will come home in a few days. The pathology report will be back in seven to 10 days to determine the next steps. Thank you for all the prayers.”

Mark Searer reports: “I am on the road to recovery.” There is still fungus in his system—with no plan for more surgery until the fungus is gone (because surgery could spread the fungus). Once the fungus is gone, there is talk about a heart ablation. Mr. Searer recently had his scheduled two shots in his eyes—which are scheduled every six to eight weeks with the goal to keep him from going blind due to diabetes. He feels blessed because he realizes that he could have easily died a few months ago.

On Monday, **Timberly Dunnam** had an MRI, and she expects to find out the results of the test on July 18.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that, while **Angela Dunnam** was mowing the backyard, she was stung 14 times by wasps and hurt her knee while getting away from the wasps. She reported: “I am currently on steroids, which is helping the wasp stings and the swelling of my ‘good’ knee. They have set up for me to see an orthopedic surgeon.”

Kemmer Pfund enjoyed coming to the church service last Saturday and is looking forward to seeing everyone again this week.

As was mentioned in last week’s bulletin, **Dixon Cartwright** is scheduled to receive an enhanced stent inserted into an artery in his neck on Monday.

Jim Stewart is expecting to see the results of his bronchoscopy on Wednesday.

In the March 30 bulletin, we mentioned that **Johnny Hooker** (of North Carolina) had been diagnosed with “metastatic prostate cancer” that had spread to his bladder. On June 28, his wife, **Bonita**, reported: “Johnny decided to take the chemo. He had his second round (out of six) last week. Thank everyone for the many cards that we have received from Texas and Oklahoma. Johnny says that, when this is all done, we will make a trip to Texas so we can meet these folks in person and thank them.” On Wednesday, his wife reported: “Johnny got a good report today. His white and red blood count are holding up well. His PSA has dropped from 40 (when he was diagnosed) to 0.2, which is really good. If the number is at zero, that is an indicator that the cancer is ‘controlled’—which means more life expectancy. We both feel like we have 1,000 pounds lifted off our shoulders.”

New prayer requests

Carol Killingley has been diagnosed with os peroneum syndrome in her right foot. The bone growth has caused a tendon to tear. She will undergo surgery on July 19 to remove the excess bone and repair the tendon. She will not be allowed to drive for six weeks to allow her foot to fully heal.

On Friday, **Randy Searer** of Klamath Falls, Ore. (brother of **Mark Searer**), had surgery after being diagnosed with an abscess of his colon—which caused leakage into his lower intestine. The surgeon inserted a stent into the abscess for draining. After the surgery, he was still considered “critical” and was placed on a ventilator for 36–48 hours—so that his body could rest.

After **Ellis Stewart** of Big Sandy was taken to a hospital on Tuesday, he was diagnosed with a low hemoglobin count and given a couple units of blood.

Richard Ames of Charlotte, N.C., died on July 4. Please remember his wife, **Kathryn**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Synopsis of June 30 board meeting

- The board welcomed back Carol O'Brien, who was selected by the congregation to serve a new three-year term.
- The board voted to keep the present officers of the board in their present functions—Reg Killingley as president; David Coleman as vice president; Carol O'Brien as secretary; and Neil McIver as treasurer.
- In the treasurer's report, Mr. McIver gave a review of the church investments and compared the year-to-date expenditures with the budget (which was approved at the beginning of the year).
- In unfinished business, the board reviewed the "building-use agreement" and voted to confirm Michael Bald as the building manager.
- In preparation for new business, the president asked Dave Havir in advance to give some of his thoughts about a "succession plan" for a future pastor. Mr. Havir's comments included the following items: (1) He enjoys his work and he is not thinking about retirement; (2) in the event of his death, Mr. Havir has full confidence that God would help the board and the congregation to move forward; and (3) Mr. Havir mentioned that, in the event of his death, he recommended that the board seek the input of his wife (realizing that the decision would be with the board).
- The pastor's report (which is generally the recent history of the speakers in the congregation and Mr. Havir's recent travel history) was provided to the board members.

"Book of Revelation—Part 1"

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 July 6, 2024.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a nine-part series about the book of Revelation. Part 1 was about the Father and Son in the book of Revelation. Notice the following seven sections.

References to God

There are approximately 100 references to the word *God* in the book of Revelation.

References to God and Jesus Christ

■ Revelation 1:1—The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants.

■ Revelation 1:2—John bore witness to the Word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ.

■ Revelation 1:5-6—To Jesus Christ (the faithful witness; the firstborn from the dead; the Ruler over the kings of the earth; Him who loved us and washed us from our

sins in His own blood; who made us kings and priests to His God and Father) be glory and dominion forever and ever.

■ Revelation 1:9—John was on the island of Patmos for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

■ Revelation 12:17—The dragon went to make war with the offspring—who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

■ Revelation 14:12—The saints are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

■ Revelation 20:4—These were beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the Word of God—they lived and reigned with Christ for 1,000 years.

References to Jesus Christ

■ Revelation 17:6—John saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

■ Revelation 19:10—The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

■ Revelation 22:16—Jesus is the Root and the Offspring of David, and the Bright and Morning Star.

■ Revelation 22:20—“Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”

■ Revelation 22:21—“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.”

Reference to the Son of God

■ Revelation 2:18

References to the Son of Man

■ Revelation 1:13

■ Revelation 14:14

References to the Lamb

■ Revelation 5:6—In the midst of the throne stood a Lamb—as though it had been slain.

■ Revelation 5:8—The four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb.

■ Revelation 5:12—“Worthy is the Lamb.”

■ Revelation 6:1—The Lamb opened the first seal—He actually opened all seven seals.

■ Revelation 7:9—A great multitude will stand before the Lamb in white robes.

■ Revelation 7:14—Those who come out of tribulation will be made white in the blood of the Lamb.

■ Revelation 12:11—They overcame the serpent by the blood of the Lamb.

■ Revelation 13:8—Those who worship the Beast do not have their names written in the Book of Life of the Lamb—who was slain from the foundation of the world.

■ Revelation 14:1—The Lamb was standing on Mount Zion with the 144,000.

■ Revelation 15:3—They sang the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb.

■ Revelation 17:14—The 10 kings make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them.

■ Revelation 19:7—The marriage of the Lamb has come.

■ Revelation 19:9—Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

■ Revelation 21:14—On the wall of the city were the names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb.

References to God and the Lamb

■ Revelation 5:13—Blessing, honor, glory and power be to Him [God] who sits on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.

■ Revelation 6:16—The people will seek to hide from the face of Him [God] who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb.

■ Revelation 7:10—“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!”

■ Revelation 7:17—The Lamb will shepherd them and lead them to living waters—and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

■ Revelation 14:10—The Beast shall drink of the wrath of God and shall be tormented in the presence of the Lamb.

■ Revelation 21:22-23—There will be no temple because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple—the glory of God illuminated it, and the Lamb was the light.

■ Revelation 22:1, 3—A river of living water shall proceed from the throne of God and of the Lamb.