

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 21, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:17

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havir
Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havir
(also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Psalm 92:1–9
Sermon Neil Mclver

Quick takes

1. Every Wednesday—Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
2. Sunday at 11:00 a.m.—There will be dominoes in the building on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
3. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "New Book About Reagan and Presidency" by Star Parker.
4. Among Friends—This week's article is "Book of Revelation—Part 12" by Dave Havir.
5. Eye on the World—279 headlines and three articles.

Prayer updates

On Monday, **Linda Avey** went home from the hospital. She borrowed a walker from the church building to avoid falling around the house as she regains her strength. She reports that she is getting stronger, but her energy has not yet rebounded enough for her to come to church today.

Bea Gusner is feeling better, but she still can have breathing issues when she overdoes. She believes that her pulmonary hypertension is improving. She takes oxygen at night. She wishes that her doctor had installed a three-wire pacemaker instead of the two-wire pacemaker.

Jean Benedict continues to feel better. She does not think that she had a small stroke. She certainly believes that she was low on iron, and has sought to correct that.

On Tuesday, **Timberly Dunnam** sent the following report about her mother (**Angela Dunnam**): "Mom is having terrible knee pain that is not going away. (Ice is helping some.) She has a cyst the size of a golf ball. With the meniscus tear and the cyst in the same area, she is uncomfortable. Mom will see the surgeon on Thursday." At the doctor visit, he did not suggest microscopic surgery at this time, but wanted her to stay inactive for six weeks to heal the meniscus tear.

After **Dave Havir** sent a message on Wednesday about world conditions on his expanded text list, **Angela Dunnam** wrote this heartfelt message: "We know it has to be this way for Jesus to return. I can't wait for my daughter [**Timberly**] to have a new body. She was born with pain in her body and, 30 years later, she has more pain. I hope and pray I see her in a body that doesn't hurt." On Friday, Mrs. Dunnam reported: "Timberly had a full-panel bloodwork done, and we are waiting for an opening for her to see a specialist in immunology."

In the Sept. 2, 2023, bulletin, we reported that **Mickey Voyce** had abdominal surgery (but honored her request to avoid giving many specifics). On Friday, she was scheduled for surgery (which is considered a natural follow-up). Please pray for a smooth recovery.

In the Aug. 17 bulletin, we reported that **Jessica Lewis** (daughter of **Mickey Voyce**) and her husband were expecting their second child. The doctor is scheduled to induce labor on Sept. 24.

Dave McLearn had a problem with his ankle, but X-rays revealed no fracture. The doctor suspects gout. The doctor ordered an ultrasound to rule out possible blood clots.

New prayer requests

Last Sunday evening, **Brenda Kennebeck** went to an ER, where she was diagnosed with acute bronchitis, sinusitis and double ear infection--which has severely hampered her hearing out of her right ear. She missed a couple days of work and worked on other days when she wasn't feeling well. Then, she was up most of the night coughing. She appreciates our prayer support.

Jeanette McMurray of Tulsa, Okla., was diagnosed with a stroke. After surgery, she was transferred to a nursing home for rehab.

Randy Steele of Big Sandy died on Sept. 16. Please remember the family in your prayers.

“Book of Revelation—Part 12”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’ website (churchofgodbig sandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Sept. 21, 2024.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I concluded a 12-part series about the book of Revelation. Part 12 was about “The Direct Words of the Son of God.”

I began the study by giving a list of the titles for each of the previous 11 parts and then by discussing Revelation 1:1-2.

Introduction of the book

The title of the book is “The Revelation of Jesus Christ.”

The verses of Revelation 1:1-2 revealed some basic facts.

- The Father gave the revelation to His Son.

- The Son gave the revelation to His angel.

- The angel of the Son gave the revelation to the Son’s servant (John).

- John revealed what he saw (and heard).

For the rest of the Bible study, I read only what the Son of God said.

Chapter 1

- Revelation 1:8—“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

- Revelation 1:11—“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last; what you see, write in a book and send it to Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

- Revelation 1:17—“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.”

- Revelation 1:18—“I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”

- Revelation 1:19—“Write the things which you have seen and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.”

- Revelation 1:20—“The mystery of the

seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.”

Words to Ephesus

- Revelation 2:1—“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write: ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands.’”

- Revelation 2:2-7—The Son of God spoke words of praise and correction directly to the congregation at Ephesus.

- Revelation 2:7—“He who has an ear; let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”

Words to Smyrna

- Revelation 2:8—“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life.’”

- Revelation 2:9-11—The Son of God spoke words of praise directly to the congregation at Smyrna.

- Revelation 2:11—“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.”

Words to Pergamos

- Revelation 2:12—“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write: ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword.’”

- Revelation 2:13-17—The Son of God spoke words of praise and correction directly to the congregation at Pergamos.

- Revelation 2:17—“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the

stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”

Words to Thyatira

■ Revelation 2:18—“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass.’”

■ Revelation 2:19-29—The Son of God spoke words of praise and correction directly to the congregation at Thyatira.

■ Revelation 2:26-29—“And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations [and then a paraphrase of Psalm 2:9]—as I have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Words to Sardis

■ Revelation 3:1—“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars.’”

■ Revelation 3:2-6—The Son of God spoke words of praise and correction directly to the congregation at Sardis.

■ Revelation 3:5-6—“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and Before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Words to Philadelphia

■ Revelation 3:7—“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true [and then a paraphrase of Isaiah 22:22].’”

■ Revelation 3:8-13—The Son of God spoke words of praise directly to the congregation at Philadelphia.

■ Revelation 3:12-13—“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the tem-

ple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God (the New Jerusalem) which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.”

Words to Laodicea

■ Revelation 3:14—“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God.’”

■ Revelation 3:15-22—The Son of God spoke words of correction to the congregation at Laodicea.

■ Revelation 3:20-22—“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Revelation 16:15

■ Revelation 16:15—“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

Revelation 22

■ Revelation 22:7—“Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

■ Revelation 22:12-13—“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

■ Revelation 22:16—“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

■ Revelation 22:20—“Surely I am coming quickly.”

Thought for the week

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.”—*Isaiah 5:20*