

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 16, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:19

Bible studies

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

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 James 3:13–18

Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Dominoes tomorrow—There will be dominoes tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
2. Wednesday-night Bible study—Nov. 20 at 7:00.
3. Community Thanksgiving Gathering—On Nov. 24 (at 5:00), there will be the annual Community Thanksgiving Gathering at the Civic Center. Dave Havir approached Mayor Linda Baggett weeks ago about our congregation participating again. (In the past, we have participated in the following ways: Mr. Havir spoke, Shirley West spoke, and Amy Case sang.) Mr. Havir has already approached Dixon Cartwright about his playing a selection of songs (religious, patriotic and memories).
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Opinion—2020 Election Was a Blessing in Disguise" by Dennis Prager.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "Emotional Bank Account—Part 1" by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—153 headlines and six articles.

7. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

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| ■ Mickey Ashcraft | ■ Ronnie Shirley |
| ■ Judy Biggs | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Angela Dunnam | ■ Mickey Voyce |
| ■ Timberly Dunnam | ■ Donna Weese |
| ■ Ruth Roe | |

Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Timberly Dunnam** had emergency appendix surgery. She thanks you for your prayers.

Angela Dunnam reported: "The doctor is planning to have further testing to evaluate my diagnosis. I will see the doctor on Nov. 20. I am expecting a deeper mammogram (which is called a diagnostic mammogram). Thank you for your prayers."

Linda Avey reports: "I am getting stronger every day. I am walking the halls. And I am ready to receive visitors here at the nursing home. I am hoping to go home the week of Thanksgiving."

Here is a reminder from last week's bulletin—Here are two items to pray about for **Gary Wilson**. Pray that his insurance will approve for intensive inpatient therapy to help him strengthen his right side, and pray that his blood pressure stops being so high.

New prayer requests

At the church service last week, we announced the following prayer request. Here is the printed version: "Please remember the **Jackson** family of Big Sandy in your prayers. Oldest daughter (**Rebecca**) lost her husband (**Lee**) in a car crash. He also leaves behind a 4-month-old baby boy. Her dad (**Russell**) was in another car crash around the same time and is hospitalized with kidney failure."

Lisa Smith asks prayers for her parents in Louisiana (**Pawpaw Nolen Pitre** and **Margaret Pitre**). Mr. Pitre has heart issues and has difficulty walking. To top it off, the bathroom sink fell out of the wall.

Brittan Benkowski (17-year-old girl from Tyler) was involved in a car wreck (rear-ended) and was ejected from the car—causing a major brain injury.

Norma Aga of Big Sandy (age 94) died on Nov. 9. Please remember her 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."

Scriptures to consider

Isaiah 5:20-23—“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away justice from the righteous man!”

Joel 1:13—“Gird yourselves and lament, you priests; wail, you who minister before the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, you who minister to my God; for the grain offering and the drink offering are withheld from the house of your God.”

Joel 2:12-14—“Now, therefore,” says the LORD, “turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him—a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?”

Amos 6:3-6—“Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, who cause the seat of violence to come near; who lie on beds of ivory, stretch out on your couches, eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall; who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, and invent for yourselves musical instruments like David; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint yourselves with the best ointments, but are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.”

Zephaniah 3:1-5—“Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, to the oppressing city! She has not obeyed His voice, she has not received correction; she has not trusted in the LORD; she has not drawn near to her God. Her princes in her midst are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves that leave not a bone till morning. Her prophets are insolent, treacherous people; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. The LORD is righteous in her midst, He will do no unrighteousness. Every morning He brings His justice to light; He never fails, but the unjust knows no shame.”

John 11:35—“Jesus wept.”

“Emotional Bank Account—Part 1”

This article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God’s website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Nov. 16, 2024.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a series titled “Emotional Bank Account—Part 1.” The subtitle was “Father and Son Make Deposits Into Your Emotional Bank Account.”

Author Stephen Covey wrote about “the

Emotional Bank Account” in his book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. Following are excerpts.

On page 188, Covey wrote: “We all know what a financial bank account is. We make deposits into it and build up a reserve from which we can make withdrawals when we need it. An Emotional Bank Ac-

count is a metaphor that describes the amount of trust that's been built up in a relationship. It's the feeling of safeness you have with another human being.

"If I make deposits into an Emotional Bank Account with you through courtesy, kindness, honesty, and keeping my commitments to you, I build up a reserve. Your trust toward me becomes higher, and I call upon that trust many times if I need to. I can even make mistakes and that trust level (that emotional reserve) will compensate for it."

Father and Son are one

Before we discuss the greatest deposits into our lives, let's acknowledge one of the greatest truths in the Bible—the Father and the Son are one.

- John 10:30—"I and My Father are one."

Regularly listed together

Notice how the opening words to most letters of the New Testament connect the Father and the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ).

- Romans 1:3-4
- 1 Corinthians 1:3
- 2 Corinthians 1:2-3
- Galatians 1:1-5
- Ephesians 1:2-3
- Philippians 1:2
- Colossians 1:2-3
- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2
- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2
- 1 Timothy 1:1-2
- 2 Timothy 1:2
- Titus 1:4
- Philemon 1:3
- Hebrews 1:1-2
- James 1:1
- 1 Peter 1:3
- 2 Peter 1:3
- 1 John 1:3
- 2 John 1:3

- Jude 1
- Revelation 1:1

The Father as the Savior

- 1 Timothy 1:1—"God our Savior"
- 1 Timothy 2:3—"God our Savior"
- 1 Timothy 4:10—"We trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men."
- Titus 1:3—"God our Savior"
- Titus 2:10—"God our Savior"
- Titus 3:4—"God our Savior"

The Son as the Savior

- Titus 1:4—"The Lord Jesus Christ our Savior"
- Titus 2:13—"Appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ"
- Titus 3:6—"Through Jesus Christ our Savior"

Powerful deposits

- John 10:14-18—"The Father sent the Son as the good shepherd."
- John 10:25-27—"The Father sent the Son as the good shepherd."
- John 10:28—"And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."
- John 10:29—"My Father (who has given them to Me) is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4—"The God (of all comfort) comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in trouble."
- 2 Corinthians 1:8-10—"We trust Him because He has delivered us, He does deliver us and He will deliver us."
- Hebrews 8:1—"We have a High Priest seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens."

Thoughts with a twist

"A courtroom artist was arrested today for an unknown reason. Details are sketchy."

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