

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 23, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:15

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Jim Bald
Presentation study—2:00 Morris Foster
(also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Luke 17:11–19
Sermon Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havir is speaking at a congregation in Texarkana.
2. Dominoes tomorrow—There will be dominoes tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
3. Community Thanksgiving Gathering—On Nov. 24 (at 5:00), there will be the annual Community Thanksgiving Gathering at the Civic Center. Dixon Cartwright will be representing our congregation by playing the piano at the event.
4. Barn Dance and Chili Supper—Morris Foster and friends are hosting the annual Barn Dance and Chili Supper in Gladewater Nov. 30. Activities will include a band with live music, square dancing, hayrides and plenty of food.
5. Wednesday Bible study—Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "How to Be Thankful in All Things" by Billy Graham.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Emotional Bank Account—Part 2" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—Not finished at printing deadline.

Prayer updates

Melodee Eishen sent the following update: “Thank you for your prayers. My markers for my cancer are very good. However, I’m facing a new challenge with perhaps a different cancer. More tests and procedures will determine if I have another cancer concern.”

Daughter **Sheila** gave the following report about **Linda Avey**: “Mom has made significant improvement and will be released to go home on Tuesday. She will be receiving home health services to gain strength and improve mobility. Continued prayers are appreciated.”

Please continue to ask God that the insurance for **Gary Wilson** will approve coverage for intensive inpatient therapy to help him strengthen his right side.

Angela Dunnam reported that she saw the doctor on Tuesday, but a diagnostic mammogram will be scheduled after Thanksgiving.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Lisa Smith** asked prayers for her parents in Louisiana. She mentioned yesterday: “My pawpaw, **Nolen Pitre**, needs prayers for his heart issues.”

Pam Kimmons had an eventful week. **Anthony** reported on Tuesday: “In the last couple of weeks, Pam has been dealing with increased levels of discomfort. She had tests run last Friday [Nov. 15] looking for causes.” The results revealed that her biliary stent had failed. She was able to get the stent replaced on Thursday. Although she awoke on Friday with some pain in her right side, she ultimately felt well enough to head home.

New prayer requests

On Tuesday, **Bea Gusner** went to a doctor appointment. Here are four descriptions of the visit. First, her CRP (C-reactive protein) numbers were extremely high, which revealed high inflammation in her body. Second, she has a gout flare-up in her left wrist. Third, on Dec. 4 she has an echocardiogram scheduled. Fourth, on Jan. 6 she has an appointment to check her pacemaker device. (In 2017, she received a two-wire device, and she believes a three-wire device would work better.) On Friday, she reported: “I am feeling better. I am also getting my generator, which will help me to receive more oxygen.”

On Thursday, **Gloria Hoppe** went to an ER due to weakness and nausea. She was diagnosed with food poisoning (which probably occurred last Sunday). The doctor released Mrs. Hoppe after securing a promise that she would follow instructions—some pills for the rest of the week, only liquids and bed rest. (Mrs. Hoppe reported to **Dave Havir**: “I would have promised most anything to get to go home, but I will behave.”)

Grace Geslowski of Elk Grove Village, Ill., has been diagnosed with stage-4 cancer and is struggling with a lot of pain.

Daniel and **Stephanie Hammons** request prayers for health challenges. Mrs. Hammons has for a while dealt with “low energy” that affects many areas of her life, and she is asking God for understanding about what is wrong and what she can do about it. Mr. Hammons requests prayers for sleep and general well-being.

Allen Heckman of Kaiser, Mo., suffered a seizure on Thursday morning.

Georgia Holcomb (aunt of **Angela Dunnam** who lived down the road from her) died on Nov. 21. Please remember her husband, **Harold**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Barn Dance and Chili Supper

Dave Havir sent the following text to people around the country.

This text is intended to give honor to Morris Foster and his friends who sponsor an annual Barn Dance and Chili Supper that invites people across congregational affiliations.

1. They began organizing the barn dance in 2003 under the auspices of a Church of God group for seven years.
2. When there was a split in that group, Morris and Linda (with the help of friends) continued to host the event across church-organization boundaries.
3. After 2018, Morris took a break as he dealt with the sickness and death of Linda.
4. In 2023, Morris and friends started up again.
5. Activities include: a band with live music, food, square dancing, food, hayride and more food.
6. The date this year is Saturday night, Nov. 30—in Gladewater, Texas.
7. Feel free to attend (someone is coming from Connecticut)—and please pray for the servants organizing the event.

“Emotional Bank Account—Part 2”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God’s website (churchofgodbig sandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Nov. 23, 2024.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued a series with a presentation titled “Emotional Bank Account—Part 2.” Following are the subtitles of the first two presentations.

■ The subtitle for the first presentation was “Father and Son Make Deposits Into Your

Emotional Bank Account.”

■ The subtitle for the current presentation was “God Made Positive Withdrawals From Christ’s Emotional Bank Account.”

Deposits are good, withdrawals are bad

The general premise of the emotional bank account is that deposits are good and with-

drawals are bad. In human endeavors, that is often true.

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 them. An Emotional Bank Account 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 greater, 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.”

Later in this series

As this series progresses, we are going to focus upon Covey’s words to reach the following goals.

- We want to make good deposits into the lives of other people.

- We want to deal with the negative withdrawals that people make toward us.

But, before we discuss those concepts, we are going to review how God dealt with His Son—because that approach can be very helpful to us in our Christian walk.

Reminder about the Father’s deposits

Let’s notice what Paul wrote in Romans 8:31-39.

- Romans 8:31—If God is for us, who can be against us?

- Romans 8:32—Since God did not spare His own Son (but delivered Him up for us all), how can we doubt that He is giving so much to us?

- Romans 8:33—Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect?

- Romans 8:34—The Son of God died for us, and He is risen at the right hand of God, making intercession for us.

- Romans 8:35—None of the following seven things can separate us from the love of Christ.

Tribulation.

Distress.

Persecution.

Famine.

Nakedness.

Peril.

A sword.

- Romans 8:37—We are conquerors through Him who loved us.

- Romans 8:38-39—None of the following things can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Neither death nor life.

Neither angels, principalities nor powers.

Neither things present nor things to come.

Neither height nor depth.

Not any other created things.

Both withdrawals and deposits

It is important to realize that, when the Father made deliberate withdrawals from His Son, He was making deposits for all of mankind.

- Matthew 16:21—Withdrawals from the Son—to suffer and to be killed.

- Matthew 26:37-38—Withdrawals from the Son—facing heavy sorrow and stress.

- Matthew 27:46—Withdrawals from the Son—facing a portion of His trial alone.

- Romans 5:6-10—Withdrawals from the Son—dying for sinners.

- Hebrews 5:7-8—Withdrawals from the Son—experiencing obedience to the Father.

- 1 Peter 2:19-21—Withdrawals from the Son—suffering even though He was innocent.

To reiterate—when the Father made deliberate withdrawals from His Son, He was making deposits for all of mankind.

Reminder

These first couple of Bible studies were designed to focus upon the wonderful deposits and how His withdrawals helped mankind.

As we continue in this series, we are going to talk about the following Christian-living goals.

- We want to make good deposits into the lives of other people.

- We want to deal with the negative withdrawals that people make toward us.