

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 30, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:14

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 136:1–26

Sermon Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Thank you—The congregation thanks Dixon Cartwright for representing the congregation last Sunday evening at the Community Thanksgiving Gathering in Big Sandy. He did a great job playing background music before the event started and a medley during the offering.
2. Barn Dance and Chili Supper tonight—Morris Foster and friends are hosting the annual Barn Dance and Chili Supper in Gladewater tonight at 6:00. Activities will include a band with live music, square dancing, hayrides and plenty of food. The location is posted on the bulletin board.
3. Dominoes tomorrow—There will be dominoes tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
4. Wednesday Bible study—Dec. 4 at 7:00 p.m.
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Thanksgiving Every Day" by Betty Foster.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Emotional Bank Account—Part 3" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—Not finished at printing deadline.

Prayer updates

Linda Avey went home on Tuesday. Visitors are welcome—when you check with her in advance about an available time.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Bea Gusner** was wanting a generator to help her with her oxygen level. She reports that she got a refund on a generator and purchased a smaller generator (the size of a suitcase that could fit in her car). On Monday, her son drove her to North Carolina to be with her family (they arrived on Tuesday night). She is scheduled to arrive home on Tuesday. You might remember that she has an echocardiogram scheduled on Wednesday.

Here is a report on Monday about **Pam Kimmons**: "We thank everyone for your prayers and concerns during this latest episode in her fight against pancreatic cancer. After arriving home on Friday [Nov. 22], she had begun to experience severe pain and we went to a local ER in Brookhaven. As we continue this journey, we would appreciate you keeping her in your prayers. She knows that the true healer likes to hear from all of us. We thank you more than we can express."

New prayer requests

Don Day (stepfather of **David Coleman** living in Iowa) went to an ER in Des Moines. His blood pressure is low. Mr. Coleman reported: "They got some blood-pressure medication in his system. That has helped. He has no memory of the last days or why he is in the hospital. He was placed on a restricted diet (liquids and pureed foods). Thank you for your prayers."

Jimmy Kissee of Gladewater died on Nov. 20. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Richard Davis of Texarkana died on Nov. 25. Please remember his wife, **Nancy**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

"Emotional Bank Account—Part 3"

This article is from the "Among Friends" of the Church of God's Big Sandy's website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Nov. 30, 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 3."

Following are the three subtitles of the first three presentations.

■ The subtitle for the first presentation was "Father and Son Make Deposits Into Your Emotional Bank Account."

■ The subtitle for the second presentation was "God Made Positive Withdrawals

From Christ's Emotional Bank Account."

■ The subtitle for the third presentation was "God Makes Positive Withdrawals From Disciples' Emotional Bank Accounts."

Deposits are good, withdrawals are bad

The general premise of the emotional bank account is that deposits are good and withdrawals 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 it. 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 safety 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.”

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 do that, we want to remember the sovereignty of the Father and the Son (1 Corinthians 15:24-28).

Father’s deposits to mankind

Here are some quick reminders about the Father’s deposits to mankind.

- John 10:1-30
- Romans 8:31-39
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-10

Father’s withdrawals from the Son

Here are some quick reminders about the Father’s withdrawals from the Son (which were also deposits for Him and for all of mankind).

- Matthew 16:21
- Matthew 26:37-38
- Matthew 27:46
- Hebrews 5:7-8

Positive withdrawals from disciples

Just as the Father made some withdrawals from His Son, He occasionally makes withdrawals from His disciples.

Seek to understand why the Father made specific withdrawals in the lives of the following five people in the Bible.

Withdrawals from Joseph

Notice how the Lord’s withdrawals in the life of Joseph were meant to further a greater purpose.

■ Genesis 37:18-20—The brothers of Joseph discussed killing him—I am not aware if Joseph knew this at the time or if he became aware of it later, but he probably was aware of their friction toward him.

■ Genesis 37:22-24—The brothers of Joseph threw him into a pit.

■ Genesis 37:25-28—The brothers of Joseph sold into slavery.

■ Genesis 39:7—The wife of Joseph’s boss made a sexual advance toward Joseph.

■ Genesis 39:19-20—Joseph’s boss believed his wife and threw Joseph into prison.

■ Genesis 50:20—Joseph told his brothers that God used these events (withdrawals) to further His purpose.

Withdrawals from Moses

Even though the Lord God corrected Moses (a withdrawal) in the following scriptures, the correction was meant to help Moses—who was listed positively throughout the Bible (including in Hebrews 11).

■ Deuteronomy 3:23-27—God said “no” to Moses’ request, because He was disappointed (the Bible says “angry”) with a particular behavior.

Withdrawals from David

Even though the Lord God corrected David (a withdrawal) in the following scriptures, the correction was meant to help David—who is listed positively throughout the Bible (including in Acts 13:22).

■ 2 Samuel 12:13-14—When David repented of his sins of adultery and murder, he was forgiven, but the Lord informed him that his son would die.

■ 2 Samuel 12:15-23—When David pleaded for the life of the child (with fasting), the Lord said “no” to his request.

Withdrawals from Job

Even though the Lord God corrected Job (with several withdrawals) in the following

scriptures, the correction was meant to help Job—who exhibited a repentant attitude in the end of the book of Job (Job 42:1-6).

■ Job 1:8—God initiated the first trial.

■ Job 1:9-11—Satan suggested the details of Job losing his possessions and his children—which was a major withdrawal.

■ Job 1:12—God approved Satan’s details, but maintained a hedge around Job.

■ Job 2:3—God initiated the second trial.

■ Job 2:4-5—Satan suggested the details of Job losing his health—which was another major withdrawal.

■ Job 2:6—God approved Satan’s details, but maintained a hedge around Job.

Withdrawals from Paul

Notice how the Lord’s withdrawals in the life of Paul were meant to further a greater purpose. Notice three withdrawals for Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

1. The initial thorn—When the Lord gave Paul a “thorn in the flesh” (2 Corinthians 12:7), it was both a withdrawal and a deposit.

2. Pleading with the Lord—When Paul

went through the action of pleading with the Lord three times to take away the condition (2 Corinthians 12:8), it was both a withdrawal and a deposit.

3. Accepting the Lord’s response—When the Lord said “no” to Paul (2 Corinthians 12:9-10), this rejection of Paul’s request was both a withdrawal and a deposit—for Paul and for people who read the account).

■ Philippians 4:11—Paul recognized his needs, but learned to be content.

■ Philippians 4:12—Paul learned how to be abased and how to abound (how to be full, how to be hungry and how to suffer need).

■ Philippians 4:13—Paul said: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Reminders

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.

Thanksgiving Every Day

This short article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Nov. 30, 2024. (It was also previously posted for the weekend of Nov. 21, 2015.)

By Betty Foster

Thanksgiving comes just once a year
As the calendars all will say.
But we must show God we are thankful
Each and and every day.

At this very special time of year
Our families gather around.
We smell and eat such tasty food.
Conversation is such a joyful sound.

But something is often missing this day.
People forget our God above.
He has provided all of this abundance
To show us His sincere love.

So let’s count all our blessings
And let Him hear us say.
“Thank you, God, for all your goodness”
Next time we kneel and pray.