

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 16, 2010 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:36

Service next Sabbath: 1:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Ron Avey
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	David Fisher
Teen class—Classroom #1	Clay Forrestier
Bridges class—Library	Penny Harris
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Mindy Forrestier
Interactive Bible study—Foyer	Bernie Monsalvo
Second sermon	Reg Killingley

Quick takes

1. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havar is giving a sermon in Kansas City. (This weekend in that area, he is also attending a youth retreat, where he is conducting some Bible studies for the young adults and teenagers.)
2. Thank you—The Frontier Girls thank the congregation for the use of the building for their activity last Saturday evening and Sunday morning.
3. Scouts' camp-in tonight—Please give the scouts privacy for their event in the building tonight.
4. Budget Committee meeting tonight—There is a Budget Committee meeting scheduled tonight at 6:00 at the home of Don and Michele Mischnick. This committee discusses budget items and recommends a budget to the board for the board's approval. Anyone from the congregation is welcome to attend this meeting. (If you can't attend but want to give input for the new budget, feel free to see treasurer Don Mischnick or anyone who is planning to attend the meeting.)
5. Movie night—There is a movie night scheduled next Saturday evening at 6:00.
6. Chili potluck—There is a chili potluck scheduled immediately after the church service on Feb. 6.

7. Football party—There is a football party scheduled in the building on Sunday, Feb. 7.
8. Community variety show—There is a community variety show in the building during the evening of Saturday, Feb. 20. Although the event has an admission price, members of the congregation can gain admittance by contacting Dave Havir.
9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Learning About Yourself" by Judith Biggs.
10. Among Friends—This week's article is "The Power of the Future" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week's collection is by Jeanine Case.

Prayer updates

James Moran was making progress earlier in the week, but stomach problems arose later in the week. Things improved because **Laura** was feeding him a soft diet.

Ron Feaker learned this week that the surgery to remove a cataract in his left eye is scheduled for Feb. 2.

Bardet Lucas of Los Angeles learned that he was scheduled for an MRI on his brain on Jan. 15 and for surgery on Jan. 19. The anticipated purpose of the surgery is to drain the cyst found on his brain and to reduce the size of a tumor that had developed on his brain within the past few months.

Eva Thompson of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., died last Saturday. Please remember her family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Dorothy Thomas (daughter of **Dorothy Jones**) became paralyzed last Sunday. She was rushed to the UT Health Center. The initial diagnosis was a slight stroke. (Later, the doctor discussed other possibilities for the paralysis.) Movement in her right side came back rather quickly, but there was no movement in her left side until Monday. She went home on Wednesday.

Ken Omick of Madison, Wis. (who with his wife, **Alette**, spends the winters in Texas), is in Room 26 of Pine Tree Lodge Nursing Center in Longview (2711 Pine Tree Rd.). Unbeknownst to members of our congregation, Ken recently spent over six weeks in the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. He was moved to the nursing home on Friday, Jan. 8. When **Dave Havir** learned last Sabbath of Ken's placement in the nursing home, he visited him but was unable to fully understand the nature of Ken's health challenges. Ken is expected to be there for 20 days.

Bible study on Jan. 13

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, Dave Havir gave a Bible study titled “2nd Angel—Revelation 14:8.”

Revelation 14:8—“And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

Isaiah 21:9—“And look, here comes a chariot of men with a pair of horsemen!” Then he answered and said, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground.”

Jeremiah 51:53—“Though Babylon were to mount up to heaven, and though she were to fortify the height of her strength, yet from Me plunderers would come to her,” says the LORD.

Revelation 18:11—“And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore.”

Revelation 18:24—“And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.”

“Learning About Yourself”

This article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s Web site, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of January 16–17, 2010.

By Judith Biggs

BIG SANDY, Texas—You may have read books that describe the personality types of people. These books use various descriptive words to define people’s characteristics. Some of these books use the names of animals to make their point. Others use colors.

I was introduced to my first color-code book when we moved to Northern California. The book, *The Color Code*, was written by Dr. Taylor Hartman in 1987. It was the rage in the western states at that time. Other color-coding books have been written, but this was the one that introduced the subject to me.

God loves variety

Before I mention items in the book, let me make a few comments about my view of God.

As a child I was somewhat angry with God for making us all so different. There would be so much more peace in the world if we had more in common.

But God is who He is. We cannot make Him in our image.

Guess what. God loves variety. He loves different colors, shapes and sizes.

God gives us tremendous latitude within His law to be an individual. No yellow pencils for Him.

Doing our job

I definitely believe that eternal life is a gift from God. I also believe God has a job for me now and in the future.

I believe that there are three basic job requirements.

- We are to love God with all our heart and being.

- We are to love our neighbor as ourself.

- We are to love ourself.

God helps us to fulfill these requirements by giving us gifts.

Having a better understanding about how God, neighbor and myself tick has really helped me deal with the many people I come in contact with.

Using our talents

In Matthew 25:14 we find a man who was given five talents and was expected to do something with them. He doubled the talents.

I don't think he went to Las Vegas to gamble, hoping Lady Luck was with him.

I doubt that he sat in his recliner dreaming about the talents he had received.

I don't think he tried several get-rich-quick schemes.

I believe that he knew himself well enough to know where and how he could use his talents to gain another five.

I imagine it took a lifetime of planning, work, prayer and sweat and a lot of perseverance. It had to center on the big three principles mentioned above.

Four basic colors

When I read the color book I was in home health care. My job was to feed, bathe and be a companion to people who were approaching death. Many of the people were anticipating death within a year.

Honestly, it was not a job that I really liked. But I could do it well, and it paid the bills. Having a better understanding of these elderly people sure helped me to be more sensitive to their needs.

The book contained four basic colors that represented four basic approaches. The four were:

- Red: power.
- Blue: people.
- White: peace.
- Yellow: fun.

We have to remember that within each category are functional and dysfunctional people. There are also introverts and extroverts. And, of course, there are strengths and weaknesses in each category.

Although it is common for people to have a combination of the characteristics, it is helpful to find your primary color.

Four housewives

Let's consider how four housewives from the four different personality types approach cleaning their houses.

■ Red will clean the house because it needs to be cleaned.

■ Blue will clean the house more for other people than for herself. People are her life-line.

■ White will clean the house for one of two reasons, but both have to do with peace. Either the clutter is not giving her peace or the clutter is bothering someone else who is not giving her peace.

■ Yellow will clean the house so the house can be used to play games.

Four soldiers

Let's have a little fun with Revelation 19:14. Let's notice the four personality types who return with Jesus Christ.

■ Red is thinking about the philosophy and strategy behind the destruction of the evil government and the establishment of right leadership.

■ Blue is thinking about destroying wickedness so God's way can be taught to the people who survive.

■ White is thinking about all the peace there will be when wickedness is destroyed.

■ Yellow is thinking about the fun and joy in the lives of the people who survive.

The secret's out

Okay, so what color am I? Peace is my first, middle and last name. Therefore white is my primary color.

I love projects. I take care of my health, finances, relationships, etc., not because I am so righteous. I certainly don't view myself that way.

I understand that my actions bring me peace.

Do you know what I worry about the most? I don't want to do that which is wrong just to have peace. That challenge certainly gives me something to talk to God about.

I want to do that which is right, not for peace. I want to do what is right because I love God, neighbor and myself.

In fact, it is my goal to be willing to stand up for God and His way, even if there is no peace at the moment.

Various shades

I will mention one last concept before I stop: There are various shades of each color.

When I was young I was a soft white.

When I was headed for college I was a bright white ready to take on the world.

After a life of trials and heartache I became off-white.

Now that I have turned 68, you guessed it, I am antique white.