

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 29, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:58

Bible studies

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

Presentation study—2:00 Reg Killingley
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Luke 24:13–27

Sermon Wynn Skelton

Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havar is giving a sermon in Omaha, Ark. (the congregation in northwest Arkansas where Ken Tate pastors). Tonight, he and some of the brethren are going to the Sight & Sound Theater in nearby Branson, Mo., to see the musical stage production of *Queen Esther*.

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

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| ■ Mickey Ashcraft | ■ Sonny Rosenberger |
| ■ Timberly Dunnan | ■ Ronny Shirley |
| ■ Annette Payne | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Ruth Roe | ■ Donna Weese |

3. Wednesday-night Bible study next week—May 3

4. Board nomination process to begin next week—The annual election for the board of the Church of God Big Sandy is scheduled to begin in May. (The nomination portion of the process will occur in May, and the election will take place in June.)

5. National Day of Prayer 2023—Here is the tentative schedule of the National Day of Prayer at the Big Sandy Heritage Center at noon on Thursday, May 4.

Origin/History	Jerome Ellard—Grace Communion
Big Sandy	Anthony Fail—president of Ministerial Alliance
Upshur County	Leslie Parish—chaplain
State of Texas	Dr. Bill Weaver—First Baptist Church
U.S.A.	Dr. Jack Hetzel—Faith Community Church
Our world	Dave Havir—Church of God Big Sandy
First responders	Nate Paine—ALERT Academy
Law enforcement	Rickey Caughron—Cowboy Church
Closing prayer	Dr. Tim Levendusky—ALERT Academy

6. Big Sandy FFA banquet in building on May 16—The Big Sandy High School FFA banquet is scheduled in our building on Tuesday evening, May 16.
7. Big Sandy Athletic Banquet in building on May 18—The Big Sandy Athletic Banquet is scheduled in our building on Thursday evening, May 18.
8. Tentative schedule for memorial services—Following is the tentative schedule for three members of our congregation who recently died.

■ Elaine Holloway	Saturday, June 3, at 1:00 p.m.
■ Ron Avey	Sunday, July 2
■ David Bonilla	Sunday, Aug. 20

9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Slavery, the Left and Truth" by Dennis Prager.
10. Among Friends—This week's article is "John 14" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—Due to the busy events earlier in the week and due to the travel schedule of Dave Havir, this week's "Eye on the World" is smaller than usual.
12. Ron Avey loved history and current events—Dave Havir wrote the following about Ron Avey: "While I will certainly miss my discussions with Ron Avey about the Bible and world history, I will also miss my discussions with him about current events. He supported my compiling a weekly 'Eye on the World' even though he knew that my selections were softened from much of the information that he saw happening in the world. (He supported my intention of not overwhelming people with too much negative information.) You might find it interesting that my last conversation with Ron was about world events. On Monday night, he reached out to me to tell me that Susan Rice had resigned as Joe Biden's top domestic adviser. At that point, we discussed our opinions about the significance on the Biden presidency and her future role in the Democratic Party. After we shared ideas, he ended the conversation (and his last words to me) with the statement: "May heaven help us."

Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Angela Dunnam** had a follow-up visit with her surgeon who performed the lumpectomy. (She is scheduled to see him again in about two weeks.) She is scheduled to see an oncologist this coming Wednesday.

Here are the latest plans for **Gary Wilson**. Since he moved to the facility in Garland (the address is 2301 Campbell Rd.), **Lisa Smith** has been helping make plans for stem-cell treatment near Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Smith described the plan this way: "The doctor is seeking to take stem cells from his bone marrow and inject them into his brain."

Shirley Spearman is scheduled for a heart catheterization on Monday, May 1.

John O'Brien (husband of **Carol**) is scheduled for a heart catheterization on Tuesday, May 2.

Ruth Roe reports that she still sometimes has pain in her left leg.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Shirley West** was diagnosed with afib. Last Saturday, she woke up with weakness and went to the hospital. After being diagnosed with a UTI/bladder infection, she was treated and returned home.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Brandi West** (daughter of **Stan** and **Roxanna West**) had successful surgery to remove a large kidney stone. A few days later, she returned to the hospital with a fever and possible infection. When she received good news that the infection was not in the blood, she was able to return home.

New prayer requests

Early in the week, **Lisa Smith** requested prayers for three health matters. First, her mother (**Margaret Pitre**) of Ville Platte La., was admitted to a hospital for C. diff and diverticulitis. Second, her pawpaw (**Nolan Pitre**) was diagnosed with significant blockage around his heart. Third, her granddaughter (**Nova-Leigh**) was still dealing with pneumonia.

Carlos and **Ruth Gutierrez** of Big Sandy are recovering from some health issues. He has been dealing with prostate challenges, and she has been dealing with diverticulitis.

Ron Avey died on April 25. Please remember **Linda** and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Thought for the week

"But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope."—1 Thessalonians 4:13

Thought with a twist

If you're not supposed to eat at night,
why is there a lightbulb in the refrigerator?

"John 14"

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of April 29, 2023.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I discussed John 14. Following are some of the scriptures that were discussed.

Preparing a place and coming again

■ John 14:1—If you believe in the Father, believe in the Son of God.

■ John 14:2-3—The Son of God informed the disciples that He would prepare a place (using the wording of "mansions" from the Greek word that means "dwellings").

■ 2 Peter 3:10-13—The heavens will pass away, the earth will be burned up, and the elements will dissolve—as disciples look for a new heaven and a new earth.

■ Revelation 21:1-3—In a vision, John saw a new heaven and a new earth.

Son reflects the Father

■ John 14:5—Thomas asked: "How can we know the way?"

■ John 14:6-7—The Son of God said no one comes to the Father except through Him.

■ John 14:8—Philip said: "Lord, show us the Father."

■ John 14:9-11—The Son of God asked Philip: "Have you not known Me?"

Earlier episode

■ John 5:8-9—The Son of God said: "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

■ John 5:10—The Jews said it was unlawful to carry a bed on the Sabbath.

■ John 5:16—The Jews sought to kill the Son of God for healing on the Sabbath.

■ John 5:17—The Son of God said: "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

■ John 5:18—The Jews sought all the more to kill the Son of God—because He claimed that God was His Father, making Himself "equal with God."

■ John 5:30—Seeking the Father's will.

■ John 6:38-40—Doing will of Father.

■ John 8:28—Spoke what Father taught.

Whatever you ask?

■ John 14:12-13—The Son of God said: "Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do."

■ John 14:14—The Son of God said: "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

■ James 4:2-3—Some people don't receive because they don't ask, and other people don't receive because they "ask amiss."

Comforter pronoun

■ John 14:16—The Son of God mentioned the "Comforter" with the pronoun "He." (Personal pronouns are also used in John 14:26, John 15:26 and John 16:7.)

■ There are many examples of the "personification" of the Spirit. My favorite examples are found when the Son of God said that the Spirit "speaks" to the seven congregations in Revelation 2 and 3.

Power from God

Notice verses about power from God.

■ Acts 2:33—The Father promised the Holy Spirit, and He poured it out.

■ 2 Corinthians 1:21-22—God sealed disciples by giving the Spirit in their hearts.

■ Ephesians 1:13-14—God sealed disciples with the Holy Spirit of promise.

■ 1 Thessalonians 4:8—People reject God, who has given His Holy Spirit.

■ 2 Timothy 1:6-7—God has given a spirit of power, love and a sound mind.

Going to the Father and coming back

■ John 14:18-21—The Son of God said that, because He would live, they would also live.

■ John 14:22-29—The Son of God reminded them to keep His word and to not be afraid.

■ John 14:30-31—The Son of God reminded them that the ruler of this world was coming, but He (the Son) was going to follow the Father's instructions.