

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 20, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:13

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 Neil McIver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Luke 24:44–53
Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—The Big Sandy school district thanks the congregation for the school's use of our building for two banquets this week (the FFA banquet on Tuesday night and the athletic banquet on Thursday night). Each banquet had over 270 people for the meal and awards.
2. Thank you—The congregation thanks all members in the congregation who helped serve in preparation for the banquets and at the banquets. Special thanks to the following people from the congregation who served on both nights (Linda Avey, Thomas Bald, Bernice Burson, Melodee Eishen and Neil McIver).
3. Wednesday-night Bible study this week—May 24
4. Day of Pentecost—Sunday, May 28
 - 1:00—Interactive Bible study by Dave Havir
 - 2:00—Presentation study by Dave Havir
 - 3:00—Church service with sermon by Reg Killingley

5. Board-nomination process continues today—The annual election for the for the board of the Church of God Big Sandy is scheduled to begin in May. (The nomination portion of the process occurs in May, and the election occurs in June.)
6. 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 |
7. Tentative schedule for memorial services—Following is the tentative schedule for three members of our congregation who recently died.

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| ■ Elaine Holloway | Saturday, June 3, at noon |
| ■ Ron Avey | Sunday, July 2, at 10:00 a.m. |
| ■ David Bonilla | Sunday, Aug. 20, at 1:00 p.m. |
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Do Not Hate an Egyptian” by Dennis Prager.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “John 17” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—The version of this week’s “Eye on the World” that is distributed in the hall is 39 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different layout program.) This edition has 319 headlines and six articles.

Prayer reminders

Angela Dunnam has been diagnosed with stage-one cancer.

Timberly Dunnam has a variety of long-term health challenges.

Gary Wilson is scheduled for stem-cell treatment in Chicago on June 27.

Lisa Smith has been exhausted spending a lot of time helping **Gary Wilson** in his steps of recovery from his stroke.

Margaret Pitre of Ville Platte, La., has been diagnosed with diverticulitis.

Nolan Pitre of Ville Platte, La., has been diagnosed with blockage around his heart.

Martha McIver has been slowly recovering from pneumonia.

Dave McLearn is dealing with extreme back pain.

Mickey Voyce recently had an unspecified surgery.

Nancy Diraison hurt her upper-right side (her shoulder, rib cage and arm).

Sara Dunne (daughter of the **Colemans**) has an injured arm.

Vaughn Duke of Hawkins is dealing with a diagnosis of cancer on his back.

Cindy Martin of Lindale is dealing with treatment after a diagnosis of lymphoma.

“Eye on the World”

An article by Timothy Nash titled “25 Reasons Biden’s EV Goals Are Economically and Environmentally Harmful” was posted at townhall.com on May 13, 2023.

1. America’s electric grid already “faces a capacity shortfall.”
2. During electric-capacity shortfalls or blackouts, EVs can’t be charged.
3. Rural areas lack charging infrastructure (called “charging deserts”).
4. The large battery packs are 33 percent heavier.
5. “Thermal runaway’ can cause intense and unpredictable battery fires.
6. When EV batteries burn (or combust), they are extremely difficult to extinguish.
7. Charging stations can represent an increased fire risk (due to older wiring).
8. Battery packs may not be repairable if they are damaged during an accident.
9. EV battery ranges vary but are generally inconveniently short.
10. Travel ranges drop significantly in winter—possible stranded in cold.
11. Travel ranges are shorter in summer (when temperatures climb above 86 degrees).
12. Travel ranges drop fast when using accessories (like air conditioning, heat or radio).
13. EV batteries are expected to last 10-20 years in a perfect climate.
14. Travel ranges drop as much as 70 percent to tow a trailer.
15. It takes 7 to 10 hours to fully charge many EVs—and shortage of charging stations).
16. 75 percent of Americans are hesitant—and 18 percent have already switched back.
17. 78 percent of EV owners have a second gas-powered vehicle.
18. China dominates the supply chains of many critical minerals.
19. Worldwide supplies of critical minerals are currently insufficient.
20. Child labor and hazardous working conditions plague countries that mine.
21. Production of lithium for EV batteries has substantial environmental impact.
22. Recycling options are still limited and expensive for EV batteries.
23. Purchasing a carbon trading system is more economical.
24. Even with lavish subsidies, EVs are not cost-effective.
25. Will they reduce CO₂ emissions?—China builds two new coal plants per week.

Thought for the week

Isn’t it amazing that some of the same officials in the United States government who announce that chocolate milk is dangerous for kids are happy to proclaim that puberty blockers are fine for impressionable children?

Thought with a twist

Don’t let your worries get the best of you.
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

“John 17”

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 May 20, 2023.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I discussed John 17. The contents of John 17 involve us overhearing a prayer by the Son of God to His Father.

This is eternal life

■ John 17:1—The Son of God knew that the time was close for the Father to glorify the Son.

■ John 17:2—The Son of God acknowledged that the Father had given Him authority to give eternal life to those whom the Father had given to the Son.

John 17:3—“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

Father and Son

At that point, I demonstrated how the connection of the Father and the Son is mentioned throughout the New Testament.

Here is a breakdown of the 27 books of the New Testament that mention the connected importance of the Father and Son. (Bible students are keenly aware of the power of the Holy Spirit, but they notice that the overwhelming references are to the Father and the Son.)

■ In the New Testament books, 24 mention God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ almost immediately in the epistle.

■ In the New Testament, two books (Matthew and Luke) mention in the first chapter the birth of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. (People who theorize that an entity called the Holy Spirit impregnated Mary would have some serious complications to explain.)

■ One New Testament book (3 John) does not mention the Father and the Son in the short book.

Before the world was

■ John 17:4-5—The Son of God finished the work that the Father gave Him and was

looking forward to having the glory He had before the world was.

Father gave them to Son

■ John 17:6-7—The Father gave the disciples to the Son.

■ John 17:8—It was important for the disciples to know that the Father sent the Son.

■ John 17:9-10—The Son prayed for those whom the Father gave to Him.

Importance of being one

■ John 17:11—The Son asked that the disciples could be one, as the Father and Son are one.

■ John 5:16-18—The people wanted to kill the Son of God because He claimed that God was His Father.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:24-28—The Son is subject to the Father, that God may be all in all.

Among the world

■ John 17:11—The disciples were still among the world.

■ John 17:12—The Son kept the disciples in the Father’s name, and didn’t lose any (except Judas as ordained).

■ John 17:14-15—The world might hate disciples (because disciples are not to be of the world), but the Son prayed that the Father keep them from the evil one.

■ John 17:16-19—Disciples should not be of the world, but sent into the world being sanctified by the Father’s truth.

Prayer for those to come

■ John 17:20-23—The Son prayed for future disciples to be one.

■ John 17:24—The Son looked forward to the time when disciples would join Him in glory.

■ John 17:25-26—The Son reiterated the importance of people realizing that the Father sent the Son—and that the love between the Father and the Son can reach disciples.