

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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July 7, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:29

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00) Neil Mclver
Teen class Postponed to hear Neil Mclver

Order of service

Song leader Neil Mclver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Acts 6:1-15
Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Elected board members—The following three people were chosen by the congregation to serve on the church board.
 - Ron Avey—a three-year term
 - David Coleman—a three-year term
 - Kemmer Pfund—to complete the term (one year) of Al Donahue
2. Church board—For your information, here is the current rotation of the seven-person board of the church.
 - 1 year—Kemmer Pfund and Stan West
 - 2 years—Carol Bald, Reg Killingley and Neil Mclver
 - 3 years—Ron Avey and David Coleman
3. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “59 United States National Parks” by Anthony Heflin.
4. Among Friends—The week’s article is “Comments About Job 40–41” by Dave Havir.
5. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 26 pages.

Prayer updates

Elaine Holloway reports that, in addition to her ongoing health challenges, she has also gotten a summer cold.

Marilyn Boston reports that it seems like a film is on her eyes, so she found an eye doctor in Tyler on Thursday. Also, here is an excerpt from a report on Thursday from **Kathleen** (daughter of Mrs. Boston): "Please ask the church to pray for my mother to regain her strength so that she can get out of the wheelchair and can actually walk with a walker. She is having difficulty with weakness in her legs. The assisted-living facility told me that if she can't get stronger they would need to improve her level of care [which would cost more money or necessitate a move to a cheaper facility]. Please pray for her to be as strong as she was before she broke her back. Thank you."

On Thursday, **Willie Choate** is scheduled for blood work for an anticipated prostate surgery on July 17 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview.

Please remember **Sonny Rosenberger**, who is dealing with various health challenges.

As we mentioned in last week's bulletin, **Gracie Feaker** was moved to Health-south rehab facility in Tyler. (The address is 3131 Troup Hwy.) The tentative plan at this time is for her to be released from the facility on Thursday. She is in Room 107.

When a doctor gave **Boyd Payne** a medication weeks ago, he hoped that the medication would help Mr. Payne and also provide a diagnosis for Mr. Payne's symptoms. The medication is helping in a number of areas (walking straight, not shuffling his feet), but Mr. Payne still has pain in his head. According to the doctor, this improvement in Mr. Payne's condition influences the doctor to confirm that Mr. Payne's diagnosis is Parkinson's disease.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Larry Foster** (son of **Betty Foster**) was sent to Medical City in Dallas and was diagnosed with extremely low blood platelets and leukemia. Throughout the week, the doctor has continued to give platelets to Mr. Foster. The doctor has instructed Mr. Foster not to shave (to avoid nicking himself and causing blood loss). He awoke one morning with a nose bleed.

Mike Roth of Rio Rico, Ariz., died on June 27. Please remember the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

George Crow of Katy has been diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer. The doctor has discussed hormone therapy for three months and the probability of 30 radiation treatments.

Lee Cole of Bethelhem, Pa., has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Phil Rishel of Fort Wayne, Ind., fell and broke his hip.

Scriptures to consider

Matthew 18:23-35—“Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

Matthew 20:1-16—“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’ So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

Matthew 22:14—“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

“Comments About Job 40–41”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of July 7, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss the book of Job. There will be times when we talk about (1) a group of chapters, (2) one chapter and (3) a portion of a chapter. Today, we will discuss Job 40-41.

I hope this project encourages you to review the valuable history and lessons found in the book of Job.

What was Job’s sin?

In last week’s article, I mentioned three verses that gave succinct statements about Job’s sin.

■ The servant Elihu said: “Therefore Job opens his mouth in vain; he multiplies words without knowledge” (Job 35:16).

■ God began his first confrontation by asking: “Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?” (Job 32:2).

■ God concluded his first confrontation by asking and saying: “Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it” (Job 40:2).

Confronting Job

Early in Elihu’s commentary to Job, we see him issue a challenge to Job.

Job 33:5—“If you can answer me, set your words in order before me; take your stand.”

When God finally talked to Job, He confronted Job twice.

Job 38:3—“Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.”

Job 40:7—“Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.”

Job’s response to first challenge

Here is Job’s response to God’s first challenge.

Job 40:4-5—“Behold, I am vile; what

shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; yes, twice, but I will proceed no further.”

Although that response may appear sufficient to many people, God proceeded to confront again (Job 40-41).

Asked more questions

When God confronted Job the second time, He asked additional questions.

Job 40:8—“Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?”

Job 40:9—“Have you an arm like God? Or can you thunder with a voice like His?”

God proceeded to give some advice (Job 40:10-14) and to remind Job of the mammoth animal (verses 15-25).

Can you catch a sea monster?

Next, God asked Job if he could catch a sea monster?

Job 41:1-7—“Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, or snare his tongue with a line which you lower? Can you put a reed through his nose, or pierce his jaw with a hook? Will he make many supplications to you? Will he speak softly to you? Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him as a servant forever? Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you leash him for your maidens? Will your companions make a banquet of him? Will they apportion him among the merchants? Can you fill his skin with harpoons, or his head with fishing spears?”

God concluded His challenge by discussing the magnificence of the large animal (verses 8-34).

Job’s response to the second challenge

Job’s response to the second challenge is recorded in the next chapter (Job 42:1-6).

We will look at Job’s words in next week’s article.