

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 4, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:27

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	.....	Neil Mclver
Teen class	.....	Martha Mclver

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader	.....	Ron Avey
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Hebrews 12:18–24
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Upcoming guest speaker—The congregation is pleased to announce that a guest speaker is scheduled to visit our congregation in the near future.
■ Jan. 11 Wynn Skelton
2. Budget Committee meeting on Jan. 11—Treasurer Neil Mclver invites members of the congregation to participate on the Budget Committee—that prepares a budget to submit to the board for approval. The meeting is scheduled for Jan. 11.
3. Board meeting on Jan. 18—The next board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 18.
4. Chamber of Commerce dinner in our building—The annual Chamber of Commerce dinner in our building is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 16.
5. Interactive this week—The interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be “Matthew 25” moderated by Dave Havir.
6. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Our Real Existential Crisis—Extinction” by Pat Buchanan.
7. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Birth of the Son” by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—Since the bulletin was laid out before Eye on the World was finished, we are not referring to the number of pages here.

Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **David Bonilla** might be released from the hospital to another facility on Friday (Dec. 27). Here are excerpts from a report last Friday by his wife, **Becky**: "He is going home tonight with home health. His heart is operating/pumping at about 20 percent. This is influencing weak kidneys." Here is an excerpt from a report from this Friday by Mrs. Bonilla: "He is doing better. He has follow-up visits with various doctors on Jan. 7, 14, 20 and 28. Physical therapy and occupational therapy are starting next week. Thank you for your prayers."

Elaine Holloway continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. She is in Room 109.

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. He is in Room 412.

Willie Fortier (husband of **Bea Gusner Fortier**) died around 8:30 a.m. on Thursday (Jan. 2). A memorial service is being considered to be scheduled in Longview on Saturday, Jan. 18. Please remember Bea and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Charles McLendon of a local home fellowship was diagnosed with a lump on the upper area of his sternum.

Rex Jamerson of Kansas City, Kan. (who was listed in our bulletin because of health problems due to a bicycle accident five and one-half years ago), suffers from chronic insomnia and has experienced a bad reaction to medication.

Mary Fletcher of Ruston, La., has been diagnosed with two small tumors on her arm and back.

Scriptures to consider

Matthew 24:4—"Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?'"

Matthew 24:32-33—"Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!"

Matthew 24:42-44—"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour

the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Matthew 25:1—"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom."

Matthew 25:14—"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them."

Matthew 25:31—"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory."

Matthew 25:34—"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"

Matthew 25:40—"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

Sabbath presentations in the congregation

In last week's bulletin, we included a list of speakers from our congregation and the number of presentations they gave in 2019. The following list is a brief history since 2000. This does not include the Feast of Tabernacles.

2000	Dave Havir 29 Wayne Cole 12	2008	Dave Havir 41 Bernie Monsalvo 12 James Moran 9	2014	Dave Havir 37 Daniel Botha 11 Bernie Monsalvo 8
2001	Dave Havir 42 Wayne Cole 13 Wynn Skelton 10	2009	Dave Havir 35 Stan West 10 Neil Mclver 9 Bernie Monsalvo 7	2015	Dave Havir 46 Bernie Monsalvo 15 Reg Killingley 9
2002	Dave Havir 36 Wayne Cole 12	2010	Dave Havir 41 Stan West 12 Neil Mclver 11 Reg Killingley 9 Bernie Monsalvo 8	2016	Dave Havir 42 Daniel Botha 21 Reg Killingley 8
2003	Dave Havir 38 Wayne Cole 15 Wynn Skelton 8	2011	Dave Havir 36 Neil Mclver 13 Stan West 12 Reg Killingley 9 David Maas 8	2017	Dave Havir 45 Daniel Botha 17 Neil Mclver 14
2004	Dave Havir 33 Wayne Cole 13 Wynn Skelton 10	2012	Dave Havir 42 Bernie Monsalvo 11 Neil Mclver 10 Stan West 10	2018	Dave Havir 44 Neil Mclver 17 Daniel Botha 16
2005	Dave Havir 38 Wayne Cole 14 Wynn Skelton 10	2013	Dave Havir 33 Bernie Monsalvo 12 Neil Mclver 10 Stan West 10	2019	Dave Havir 42 Daniel Botha 18 Neil Mclver 16
2006	Dave Havir 37 Wayne Cole 12 Wynn Skelton 9				
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Birth of the Son

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 Oct. 10, 2015.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Years ago, I gave a sermon titled “That God May Be All in All.” I chose the title of the sermon from the concluding phrase in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

1 Corinthians 15:24, 28—“Then comes the end, when He [the Son] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [the Son] puts an end to all rule and all authority and power . . . Now when all things are made subject to Him [the Son], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [the Father] who put all things under Him [the Son], that God may be all in all.”

I also quoted John 5:22-23.

John 5:22-23—“For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

I proceeded to give 10 ways we can show honor to the Son. This week we will look at the first concept—the birth of the Son.

Old Testament prophecies

It is interesting to see how many prophecies in the Old Testament are attributed to the birth of the Messiah. Here are just a few.

■ Born of the seed of the woman—Genesis 3:15 and Luke 1:31.

■ Born of a virgin—Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:18-23.

■ To be named Immanuel (“God with us”)—Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23.

■ To be born in Bethlehem—Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:1-6.

■ To be presented with gifts—Psalm 72:10 and Matthew 2:11.

■ Innocent children to be slaughtered—Jeremiah 31:15 and Matthew 2:16-18.

■ Messiah to return from Egypt—Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:13-15, 19-20.

Review the birth

While it is true that many believers seek to avoid acknowledging the birth of Jesus Christ at the wrong time of the year or with the wrong traditions of society, I believe that it is a mistake for believers to ignore one of the greatest events in the plan of God.

■ Bethlehem in a manger—Luke 2:1-7.

■ Shepherds went to Bethlehem—Luke 2:8-20.

■ Circumcised on eighth day—Luke 2:21.

■ Presented at the temple—Luke 2:22-24.

■ Herod sent people to find the Child—Matthew 2:1-10.

■ The delegates came to the house and offered gifts to the Child—Matthew 2:11.

■ The delegates did not return to Herod—Matthew 2:12.

■ Joseph and Mary took the Child to Egypt—Matthew 2:13-15.

■ Herod slaughtered children—Matthew 2:16-18.

■ Joseph and Mary returned from Egypt and took the Child to Nazareth—Matthew 2:19-23.

Paraprosookian to enjoy

Paraprosookians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.