

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 2, 2020 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:00

Internet presentations

Here is the schedule of Internet presentations for today.

- 2:00 p.m. Bible study by Jon Coffee
- 3:00 Church service with Dave Havir speaking

Order of service

Song leader Reg Killingley
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Luke 24:28–50
Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Did not cancel—In the March 14 bulletin, we mentioned that our congregation would not be canceling our church service due to the coronavirus. We are happy to report that we were able to continuously provide church presentations throughout this time.
2. 10-person restriction—In the March 21 bulletin, we mentioned that our congregation would follow the 10-person restriction in the building recommended by the Texas governor. (That restriction was in effect for six weeks—from March 21 until April 25.) A weekly skeleton crew in the building was able to provide presentations on the Internet.
3. Removing the 10-person restriction—Based upon the recent guidelines given by the Texas governor, the congregation will be removing the 10-person restriction in our church building today.
4. Supporting your freedom of choice—We understand that some of you may choose to delay coming to the building for church at this time, and we certainly support your freedom of choice.
 - Consider if you are in the high-risk population
 - Consider how you are feeling

5. Reminders for attending—Here are some reminders for people who choose to attend the church service in the building.
 - We have hand sanitizers in the building.
 - We do not provide masks or gloves. If those are important to you, please bring your own.
 - We expect attendees to make good use of our spacious hall. Some recommend sitting with two empty chairs on either side and sitting in alternative rows.
6. Prayers for the sick—Members of the Church of God Big Sandy are praying for those with sickness. This includes heart disease, cancer, diabetes, lung problems and the variety of flu symptoms that are plaguing our world today.
7. Prayers for the elderly isolated in nursing homes—Members of the Church of God Big Sandy are praying for the elderly in nursing homes who are isolated from their family. This has been an extremely difficult time for many of them.
8. Prayers for first responders and health-care workers—Members of the Church of God Big Sandy are praying for the first responders and health-care workers who are spending much time seeking to help others who are sick.
9. Prayers for your financial challenges—Members of the Church of God Big Sandy are praying for you as you deal with the financial challenges that disciples and people in general are facing during these uncertain times. Please keep your eyes on the Father and Son.
10. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "A Dress Rehearsal for a Police State?" by Dennis Prager.
11. Among Friends—This week's article is "Father's Expectations—Proverbs 6:16-19" by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 20 pages.

Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who live at home but are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran, Boyd Payne, Annette Payne, David Bonilla** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Boyd Payne** (who has been dealing with increased dementia) recently moved to an assisted-living facility in Gladewater near his son and shortly thereafter was sent to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview due to high blood pressure. (While in the hospital, it was noticed that he couldn't move his right shoulder.) Last Sunday, the doctor diagnosed that Mr. Boyd had suffered a stroke. He spend much of this week in the rehab section of the hospital. He was scheduled to be released yesterday. However, instead of returning to the assisted-living facility in Gladewater, he was scheduled to go to the Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. At the printing deadline of this bulletin, we did not know his room number.

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 115.

On Thursday, **Laura Moran** went to a foot doctor and reports that her foot is doing much better.

On Wednesday, **Ronnie Shirley** traveled to the Dallas area to meet with a surgeon to discuss a potential surgery to deal with his cancer. At the meeting, the doctor recommended no surgery but radiation. He thanks you for your prayers.

On Wednesday, **Bruce Graham** had his scheduled prostate surgery. He was able to go home on Thursday. He is concentrating upon rest and drinking plenty of fluids. He thanks you for your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Shakyr Johnson** of Lindale (age 23) was in the hospital with heart problems—with her heart operating at 10 percent and with her being on a ventilator. Early this week, she was able to be taken off the ventilator. On Wednesday, **Veronica Miles** reported: "Shakyr went home and she is off the medication. Her heart doctor is monitoring her heart without the heart meds." Please remember Mrs. Johnson's husband, **Montrail**, and the children in your prayers.

Dixon and **Linda Cartwright** report that the insurance company has already given them their money for the claim of their "totaled" home and that they already have an agreement to sell the land (with the damaged house) to a family in the community. Although the Cartwrights are blessed with temporary housing, they have begun the search for their new home. They thank everyone for the prayers and the acts of kindness shown toward them.

New prayer requests

On Sunday, **Eli Benedict** was having difficulty urinating. After being anointed, some people go to an ER for some helpful treatment. However, at this time, people are being isolated in the ER, and Mr. Benedict did not want to be separated from his wife, **Jean**. Many people in the congregation prayed for them. Mrs. Benedict reports that the situation has improved.

On Tuesday, **Ben** and **Hannah Clawson** of Cisco asked for prayers for their newborn baby, who was having difficulty and was taken to the ER. At the hospital, the baby showed signs of improvement.

Jan Hygh of Cary, N.C., fell and broke her hip.

Lynn Meakin of England has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Mrs. Meakin also mentioned "shadows on my lung and suspicious lesions in my liver."

Rita Sampson of Pasadena, Calif., died on April 27. Please remember her husband, **Jim**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Father's Expectations—Proverbs 6:16–19

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 May 2, 2020.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I have been talking to my friends about our Heavenly Father’s expectations for us—because He is a God of mercy.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread (Thursday, April 9), I gave a Bible study titled “What Are the Father’s Expectations?” The purpose of the presentation was twofold.

■ I wanted to remind friends that a God of grace has expectations for His children.

■ I wanted to remind friends that the Bible contains many, many examples of the Father’s expectations.

Let’s notice a few of those expectations by looking at Proverbs 6:16-19.

Proverbs 6:16-19—“These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

Although the text describes seven characteristics that God hates, we can also recognize seven characteristics that God loves. Let’s look at both in this article.

Characteristics God hates

When a Bible student notices the seven characteristics that God hates in Proverbs 6:16-19, he is quick to see how the adversary known as Satan the devil reflects those negative characteristics.

■ Proud look

Matthew 4:8-9—The devil told the Son of God to fall down and worship him.

2 Corinthians 11:14—The devil transformed himself into an angel of light.

■ Lying tongue

John 8:44—The devil is the father of lies.

■ Hands that shed innocent blood

John 13:27—The devil entered into Judas to betray the Son of God.

■ Heart that devises wicked plans

Job 2:5—The devil devised the plans

that hurt Job (also Job 1:11).

■ Feet that are swift to run to evil

1 Peter 5:8—The devil seeks whom he may devour.

■ A false witness who speaks lies

Revelation 12:10—The devil is the accuser of the brethren.

■ Sowing discord

Genesis 3:1—The serpent was subtle.

Revelation 12:12—The devil has tremendous wrath.

Characteristics God loves

When a Bible student recognizes the seven characteristics that God loves from Proverbs 6:16-19, he is quick to see how the Son of God reflects those positive characteristics.

■ Humble outlook

Matthew 20:25-28—The Son of God came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Philippians 2:5-8—The Son of God humbled Himself and became obedient to the death of the cross.

■ Truthful tongue

John 8:45-46—The Son of God told the truth, even when it made people mad at Him.

■ Hands to help the guilty

Luke 23:34—The Son of God prayed for the guilty people who mistreated Him.

Romans 5:6-8—The Son of God died for the ungodly, while we were yet sinners.

■ Caring heart with righteous purposes

Luke 4:18—The Son of God came to heal the brokenhearted and to give liberty to captives.

■ Feet that are swift to edification

Luke 19:41-46—The Son of God displayed both tenderness and firmness.

■ A true witness

John 8:28—The Son of God taught the things the Father taught Him.

■ Sowing peace and unity

Ephesians 2:12-17—The Son of God brought peace and reconciliation toward God and toward mankind.