

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 13, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:27

Bible study and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00) Dave Havir

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Psalm 18:1–19
Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are mature and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
2. Prayers for the victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
3. Upcoming guest speakers—The congregation is happy to announce that various guest speakers are scheduled to visit us. They include the following.
 - June 20 Scott Hoefker
 - June 27 Jim Johns
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.
 - Please be comfortable with your decision.
 - Please consider the protective opinion of your family.
5. Reminders for attending—Here are some reminders for people who choose to attend the church service 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 by spreading out.

6. Finally advertising our Feast sites—Although three Feast sites had been chosen (and negotiated) for months, we did not announce them until we could see if the coronavirus would allow travel to the sites in Florida and South Carolina.
7. Three Feast sites at this time—We have now posted information on our website about the following three Feast sites.

■ Big Sandy	Ron and Linda Avey
■ Destin	Neil and Martha McIver
■ Myrtle Beach	Lyle and Kathy Kerby
8. Possible western Feast site—Although the other three Feast sites are confirmed much earlier in the year, our western Feast site is a rotating site and is confirmed later. For your information, we are considering (not promising) a Feast site near Yellowstone National Park in 2021. Yet in 2020, we were waiting for the restrictions (travel and gathering rules) to clear up to consider if and where we might have a western site this year.
9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Mobs (Including Media) Decide Whose Lives Matter" by Allen West.
10. Among Friends—This week's article is "Beware of an Angry Mob—Part 2" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 50 pages. (Dixon Cartwright encouraged Dave Havir not to prune the collected material so that brethren would have more options to read.)

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, Annette Payne, David Bonilla, Ronnie Shirley** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

Please remember to pray for the following people who are rehabbing at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater—**Ron Feaker, Elaine Holloway** and **Boyd Payne**.

Sonny Rosenberger reports that his left ankle still poses challenges, but the left side of his chest is doing better.

The home hospice care (viewed as long-term care) arranged for **Eli Benedict** seems to be going well. He and **Jean** appreciate the equipment and health services provided by hospice. Please continue to pray that Mr. Benedict can gain more strength and sleep better at night.

Boyd Payne has been placed under hospice care (viewed as end-of-life care) at the Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. While **Annette** has had her own health challenges (see next announcement), son **Keith** has been looking after Mr. Payne. Since the elder Mr. Payne is under hospice care, the nursing home has allowed the younger Mr. Payne to visit his dad.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Annette Payne** went to a hospital after falling and was diagnosed with bleeding on her brain. She had hoped to go home last Thursday but was discharged last Saturday. Due to nausea at home, she went back to the hospital on Sunday. Although she went home on Monday, she experienced nausea through much of the week. Her children are doing a good job of taking care of her. (Please do not call Mrs. Payne at this time. Her family has not told her about **Boyd** being in hospice care. **Dave Havir** has been keeping in contact with the children, and he talks to Mrs. Payne when she is not sleeping.)

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Ronnie Shirley** was admitted to a hospital and was diagnosed with a mild heart attack and kidney challenges. (He has also been dealing with neuropathy in his feet that makes walking difficult.) He was hoping to go home on Friday but was discharged on Saturday.

Laura Moran reports that the mold removed from her bedroom is not posing a lingering problem.

Timberly Dunnam reports that the bad pain has started to ease up. She noted: "I am going to a pain-management doctor soon. They should be able to prescribe the pain meds that I need while we keep looking for answers about where the pain is coming from."

On Friday, **Jerry Jones** of Ojai, Calif. (who with his wife, **Bobbi**, attends our western Feast sites), went to the doctor. The bulletin was completed before the results of the visit were available.

New prayer requests

Lisa Smith fell earlier this week and attempted to ignore upper-hip pain on her right side. She went to an ER. She reported: "They suspect I have some abnormal findings on my left hip so they're going to send me to an oncologist in Dallas."

John Bair of Pennsboro, W.Va., recently tripped and banged up his head and face. He had it checked out at an ER and was told that there was no concussion or internal bleeding. But **Dave Havir** said: "It temporarily messed up his pretty face." (Just checking to see if he is reading the bulletin online this week.)

Invitation to the 2020 Feast of Tabernacles

The Church of God Big Sandy invites people to attend one of the festival sites sponsored by our congregation. Pastor Dave Havir writes: "If you are looking for a small, friendly site that has inspiring messages and excellent fellowship, we invite you to come join us."

Word tickler

Some people would consider the following quote to be an oxymoron. But we like to call it a word tickler—"Why is it called 'after dark' when it is really "after light"?"

Beware of an Angry Mob—Part 2

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 June 13, 2020.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Few things can infuriate you more than watching an angry mob seeking to bully a person or a neighborhood. Recently, I have watched a collection of angry mobs seeking to bully a nation.

■ Some of the mob members were individuals who displayed a lack of self-control due to overwhelming anger.

■ Others of the mob members were individuals who displayed hatred because of an accumulation of abuse (whether perceived or real).

■ And yet others were anarchists who looked for opportunities to commit actions of misery and destruction.

Remembered previous studies

The reports of the mob behavior reminded me of two previous Bible studies that I had done in 2017. At a particular church service on Nov. 4, 2017, I had the opportunity to give two presentations at our church service—“Beware of the Angry Mob—Part 1” and “Beware of the Angry Mob—Part 2.”

The first presentation dealt with the angry mobs against the Son of God, and the second presentation dealt with the angry mobs against Stephen and Paul.

Against Stephen

Acts 6:12-14—“And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council. They also set up false witnesses who said, ‘This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us.’”

Acts 7:54, 57-58—“When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth . . . Then

they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and stoned him.”

Against Paul

Acts 13:50—“But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.”

Acts 14:2—“But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren.”

Acts 16:19—“But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.”

Acts 16:22-24—“Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.”

Acts 17:5—“But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.”

Acts 19:29-30—“So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul’s travel companions. And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him.”

Acts 21:30-31—“And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.”