

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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July 25, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:22

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 Ron Avey
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Psalm 35:1–28
Sermon Reg Killingley

Quick takes

1. Guest speaker next week—We are happy to announce that Neal Parker is scheduled to be a guest speaker next Saturday.
2. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are maturely and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
3. Prayers for the victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
4. Supporting your freedom of choice—We understand that some of you may hesitate to come 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 these are important to you, please bring your own.
 - We expect attendees to make good use of our spacious hall by spreading out.

6. Pastor's expectation for the Feast—Dave Havir wrote: "Although there may be some size restrictions placed upon group meetings in October, I expect that the preferred smaller size of our Feast sites will fall within the anticipated limitations in Texas, Florida and South Carolina."
7. Feast housing in Destin and Myrtle Beach—If you are planning to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Destin or Myrtle Beach, we recommend that you make your housing reservations as soon as possible. Although there is a lot of talk in the mainstream media about lockdowns and restrictions, reports from both areas note that other conventions occurring at the same time as the Feast of Tabernacles are filling up sleeping accommodations in those areas.
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "If Unborn Lives Don't Matter, No Lives Matter" by Laura Hollis.
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "Marxists Want the Virus and Racial Chaos to Defeat Trump" by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 43 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, Annette Payne, 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** and **Elaine Holloway**.

Eli Benedict reports that his blood pressure is down and that his left ankle is less swollen. He is happy that his daughter **Sharon Stonesifer** from Maryland has come to visit him.

Please remember **Dave McLearn** (son-in-law of **Vonda Ouellette**, who was baptized here and attends here when he is not traveling with his wife, **Theresa**, to other parts of Texas), who recently had surgery to deal with sinusitis and nasal septum.

Please remember **Jerry Jones** of Ojai, Calif., who was diagnosed with lymphoma.

Please remember **Charlene Dickinson McCoy** of Gladewater (sister of **Roxanna West**), who has been dealing with low energy and low oxygen.

Please remember **Margaret Pitre** of Ville Platte, La. (mother of **Lisa Smith**), who has many health issues and gets dizzy for no apparent reason.

New prayer requests

About five years ago, we prayed for **Thayne Slater** of Canyon, who had an operation to have a brain tumor removed. He recently learned that the tumor has returned. He was scheduled for brain surgery at 11:00 a.m. yesterday. We will pass along an update when it is given to us.

Last Saturday, **Ed Andreas** (age 90, from Kansas City) was diagnosed with cancer of the spine.

On Sunday, **Emma Lou Bacher** of Plano went to an ER and was diagnosed with a “right thalamic and right internal-capsule stroke.” The results of an echocardiogram and a TEE (transesophageal echocardiography, which uses sound waves to make pictures of heart muscle and chambers) came back good so the doctor doesn’t believe that her heart is creating the blood clots. (Doctors often use TEE when they want more detail than a standard echocardiogram can give them.) On Wednesday, she was discharged and sent to rehab.

Barbara Thompson (daughter-in-law of **Vonda Ouellette**) has been experiencing back pain. There has been talk about surgery “to clip her nerves in her back to help her with the pain.”

Ben Whitfield of Rawlins, Wyo., died on July 19. Please remember his wife, **Mary-Pat**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Ruth Bailey of Center died on July 21. Please remember her husband, **Elbert**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Synopsis of board meeting on July 23

- In the treasurer’s report, board members learned that the income is slightly down when compared to 2019. Also, they used the time to review budget items and the investment portfolio.
- In old business, they discussed roof repair and streaming of the church service.
- In the pastor’s report, Dave Havir showed information about people giving Bible studies and sermons in the congregation.

Thought for the week

If you want to get an idea of a friend’s temperament, ethics and personal elegance, you need to look at him under the tests of severe circumstances, not under the regular rosy glow of daily life.—*Nassim Nicholas Taleb*

Afterthought for the week

Due to Covid-19 we are asking rioters to work from home and destroy their own property.—*As seen on the Internet by Linda Cartwright*

Word tickler

Some people would consider the following quote to be an oxymoron. But we like to call it a word tickler—“How come ‘abbreviated’ is such a long word?”

Marxists Want the Virus and Racial Chaos to Defeat Trump

This article is a version of the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of July 25, 2020.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—In every election year, it is expected that the opposing party seeks to remove the party in power. It is difficult for an opposing political party to defeat an incumbent presidential candidate—especially one who was presiding over a booming economy.

For the past three years, the normal course of action has occurred—the opposing politicians had sought to obstruct the President’s agenda with help from career bureaucrats, activist judges and a cooperative media.

And now, Marxists among the politicians and the complicit media have latched onto a plan with the intent to defeat President Trump—featuring the virus and racial chaos.

(For the record: Not all people who want to see President Trump defeated are Marxists. However, just as there has been in previous decades, there are a growing number of Marxists among the present-day politicians and media.)

Following are multiple headlines about the virus and the racial chaos.



Disappointed, trying to correct the error

■ Looking back to 2016, an article by Nicholas Confessore and Karen Yourish titled “\$2 Billion Worth of Free Media for Donald Trump” was posted at nytimes.com on March 15, 2016.

■ Looking back to 2016, an article by Emily Stewart titled “Donald Trump Rode \$5 Billion in Free Media to the White House” was posted at thestreet.com on Nov. 20, 2016.

■ Looking back to 2019, an article by Kimberley Strassel titled “Inside the Media’s Relentless Crusade to Destroy President Trump” was posted at nypost.com on Oct. 13, 2019.

■ Looking back to April, an article by Robert Freeman titled “Will the Media Help Elect Trump? Again?” was posted at com-

mondreams.org on April 5, 2020.

■ Looking back to May, an article by Van Gordon Sauter titled “The ‘Liberal Leaning’ Media Has Passed Its Tipping Point” was posted at wsj.com on May 25, 2020.

■ Looking back to May, an article by Michael W. Chapman titled “Former CBS News President [Van Gordon Sauter]: Most Media ‘Dedicated to Ousting the President’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on May 26, 2020.

■ Looking back to 2018, a video and an article by Allum Bokhari titled “Leaked Video: Google Leadership’s Dismayed Reaction to Trump Election” were posted at Breitbart.com on Sept. 12, 2018.

■ An article by Lucas Nolan titled “Dr. Robert Epstein [Senior Research Psychologist at the American Institute for Behavioral Research & Technology]: Google Will Shift 10% of Voters to Make Trump a ‘Blip in History’ ” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 10, 2020.



To make this article fit this allotted space, I will list the subheads for the remainder of the article as printed in “Among Friends.”

- Previous efforts to get Trump
- Virus and racial chaos are factors
- Virus, lockdown and candidate access
- Virus, lockdown and mail-in ballots (proposed in March)
- Virus, lockdown and crashing economy
- Virus, lockdown and blame Trump
- Racial unrest
- Media and protests
- Virus and more lockdown
- Racial unrest and blame Trump



Looking back to March, an article by Jiachuan Wu, Savannah Smith, Mansee Khurana, Corky Siemaszko and Brianna DeJesus-Banos titled “Stay-at-Home Orders Across the Country” was posted at nbcnews.com on March 25, 2020 (it was updated on April 29).