

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 5, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:39

Bible study and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Jerry Thompson
Bible study (2:00) Neil McIver

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Revelation 2:12–16
Sermon Ron Avey

Quick takes

1. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is moderating an interactive Bible study in Arkansas—at the congregation pastored by Ken Tate.
2. More maintenance on church parking lot—The rain this week delayed the completion of the job. Workers are scheduled to return to the project on Tuesday.
3. Interactive topic today—Jerry Thompson is scheduled to moderate an interactive discussion.
4. Feast of Trumpets—The congregation will observe the Feast of Trumpets on Saturday, Sept. 19. Following is the schedule.
 - 1:00 Interactive Bible study
 - 2:00 Bible study
 - 3:00 Church service
5. Day of Atonement—The congregation will observe the Day of Atonement on Monday, Sept. 28. Following is the schedule.
 - 1:00 Interactive Bible study
 - 2:00 Bible study
 - 3:00 Church service
6. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are maturely and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.

7. Prayers for the victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
8. 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 opinions of your family.
9. 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.
10. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Excellence Instead of Diversity, Equity or Inclusion" by Walter Williams.
11. Among Friends—This week's article is "Bruce Arians Chooses Competent People" by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 38 pages. (Since "Eye on the World" was completed on Wednesday, it does not have the latest news.)

Prayer updates

Since this bulk of this bulletin was completed on Wednesday, it does not have the latest 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, Emma Lou Bacher** 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 was scheduled to have his right cataract removed on Sept. 3.

Please remember that **Jean Benedict** was dealing with an infection in her leg. The stinging and burning have made her uncomfortable.

Correction: In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that last February **Linda Foster** had been diagnosed with a rapidly progressing dementia and had been placed under hospice care in her home. The part that was not accurate was the report that the hospice care "was not end-of-life" hospice care. When Linda was placed in home hospice, she was diagnosed with "end-stage dementia." **Morris** gave the following clarification: "The expectation was that she had six months or less to live, due to cognitive and physical decline. Linda's cognitive decline continues. Due to stability of her vital signs at this time, hospice has been temporarily suspended, leaving a void in care." Morris and Linda appreciate your intercessory prayers.

Please remember **Donna Searer** (mother of **Mark Searer**), who is recovering from hip surgery and is losing weight (down to 86 pounds).

Please remember **Thayne Slater** of Canyon, who recently had a brain tumor removed and was recently diagnosed with cancer of the spine.

New prayer requests

Gail Roberts of Winchester, Calif., died on Aug. 17. Please remember his wife, **Sharde**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Jacky Opichka of Pasadena, Calif., died on Aug. 18. Please remember her husband, **Ward**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Elsie Hooser of McKinney died on Aug. 21. Please remember her husband, **Don**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Feast speaking schedules

Big Sandy, Texas

Saturday, Oct. 3	Wynn Skelton and John Reedy
Sunday, Oct. 4	Reg Killingley
Monday, Oct. 5	Daniel Botha
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Dean Roberts
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Morris Foster
Thursday, Oct. 8	Max Davis
Friday, Oct. 9	Ron Avey
Saturday, Oct. 10	Wynn Skelton and John Reedy

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Saturday, Oct. 3	Lyle Kerby
Sunday, Oct. 4	Jim Johns
Monday, Oct. 5	Chris Kerby and Arnold Stamey
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Steve Andrews
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Ryan Andrews and John Bair
Thursday, Oct. 8	Ralph Hanahan and Jim Johns
Friday, Oct. 9	Dave Havir
Saturday, Oct. 10	Dave Havir

Destin, Fla.

Saturday, Oct. 3	Dave Havir and Neal Parker
Sunday, Oct. 4	Dave Havir and Ken Tate
Monday, Oct. 5	Neil McIver and Bill Crow
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Chad Tate and John Havir
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Family day—no church service Evening Bible study—TBA
Thursday, Oct. 8	Luke Przeslawski and Neal Parker
Friday, Oct. 9	Steven Gibson and Mike Wiesman
Saturday, Oct. 10	Ken Tate

Bruce Arians Chooses Competent People

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 Sept. 5, 2020.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—A lot of you have probably never heard of Bruce Arians. He presently happens to be the coach of the NFL team called the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

For the record, I don’t know much about Mr. Arians’ life. I have basically heard of him through the years merely in the context of his ability as a football coach.

Recently, I heard about him making comments about protesting. After I heard the comments, I found out some other information about him.

I want to share some of that information with you.

Criticized protesting

Mr. Arians made news when he had the audacity to make a negative comment about players on his football team being involved in protesting.

An article by Michael David Smith titled “Bruce Arians Tells Players to Take Action, ‘Protesting Doesn’t Do Crap’” was posted at profootballtalk.com on Aug. 27, 2020.

Some of the corporate media seemed to lose their minds.

■ Was this football coach merely trying to influence his players from boycotting games during the season?

■ Or were his words reflecting his pattern of life?

March 2019 article

■ Looking back to 2019, an article by Kimberley A. Martin titled “Female? Minority? Bucs’ Bruce Arians Doesn’t Care Who You Are As Long As You Can Coach” was posted at yahoosports.com on March 26, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Last week, the Bucs became the first team in NFL history to employ two women as full-time assistant coaches, hiring Lori Locust (assistant defensive line coach) and Maral Javadifar (assistant strength and con-

ditioning coach). But, while their gender is an important detail, Arians insisted their credentials were the ultimate criteria.

“They’re good fits for what we need,” he said Tuesday during the NFL coaches’ breakfast at the annual league meeting. “The fact that their gender is different, who gives a s—?”

It was quintessential Arians. Blunt and unbothered. Understated yet impactful. Heartfelt and hyperbole-free.

The groundbreaking additions of Locust and Javadifar come on the heels of Arians becoming the first NFL head coach to hire three African-American coordinators—Byron Leftwich (offensive), Todd Bowles (defensive) and Keith Armstrong (special teams).

All that matters to Arians is talent and whether his coaches can help him win games.

September 2019 article

■ Looking back to 2019, an article by Kimberley A. Martin titled “Here’s How Bucs’ Bruce Arians Assembled Historic Coaching Staff; ‘They Just Happened to Be Black’” was posted at yahoosports.com on Sept. 3, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Arians is drawn to people like him: Talented, but oftentimes overlooked. Underdogs with something to prove. Driven individuals eager for an opportunity.

No matter their race.

No matter their gender.

No matter what others think.

“I don’t see color, I just see quality,” Arians told Yahoo Sports during a separate sit-down interview at the Bucs’ facility.

“And opportunity doesn’t always come. I thought I should have had a head-coaching opportunity a long time ago. Called plays in the Super Bowl. Won the game. No phone calls. I guess that’s part of it too—to give people of quality opportunity. Regardless of gender or race.”

His method is simple: Surround yourself with the best people.