

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 3, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:36

Welcome to our guests

Members of the Church of God Big Sandy welcome all guests as we worship on the Seventh day of Unleavened Bread. Here is the schedule for today.

- 1:00 p.m. Interactive study by Dave Havir
- 2:00 Presentation study by Dave Havir
(Also transmitted live)
- 3:00 Church service with sermon by Reg Killingley
- 4:00 Potluck meal

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

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| Song leader | Neil McIver |
| Pianist | Dixon Cartwright |
| Offertory | Piano solo |
| Scripture reading | Exodus 14:21–30 1 Corinthians 10:1–11 |
| Sermon | Reg Killingley |

Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study on April 10 at 7:00—People are welcome to attend in the building or via a live transmission.
2. Guest speaker on April 17—We are pleased to announce that Ken Tate is scheduled as a guest speaker on April 17.
3. Feast of Tabernacles housing will be posted on the church website this week.
 - Destin, Fla. Pelican Beach Resort
 - Myrtle Beach, S.C. Avista Resort
4. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Thomas Sowell: Common Sense in a Senseless World” by Art Carden.
5. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Lusting, Murmuring and Tempting Christ” by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 44 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, David Bonilla, 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, Elaine Holloway** and **Donna Weese**.

Donna Weese has been anticipating moving from the nursing home into an assisted-living facility. While her physical condition had improved for the move to occur, she and the family encountered some red tape.

In the March 6 bulletin, we mentioned that **David Bonilla** had no movement in his right arm and he could walk only with assistance. **Becky** reported that those two conditions remain. She also mentioned that her right shoulder (following rotator-cuff surgery) is slowly improving. She is scheduled for physical therapy in the near future.

New prayer requests

Domonique Johnson of Lindale (daughter of **Veronica Miles**), who recently gave birth to a nine-pound son (**Dominic**) via cesarean delivery, had surgery on Monday because her incision was infected. As of yesterday, she was still in the hospital—due to her blood pressure remaining high.

Ramon Coleman of Smithville, Mo., has been dealing with migraine headaches.

On Monday, **Danny Dean** of Hawkins (son-in-law of **Ron Feaker**) had a heart attack and had surgery to have two stents inserted.

There were several injuries at a Church of God Passover service in Missouri on March 26. Following are excerpts: “There was a bad accident involving several members. A deck collapsed with a crowd of people on it as the sun was setting. There are six people with broken-bone injuries. There are several with sprains, bumps and bruises. Two people have required surgery and may require more.”

On Wednesday, **Mark Elliott** of Fort Worth fell and tore his rotator cuff. He is scheduled to see an orthopedic surgeon on Wednesday.

Caroline Schumaker of Scott City, Mo., has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Jacqueline Liversedge of San Jose, Calif., has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Elizabeth Mason of St. Louis, Mo., is scheduled for surgery on April 16 for severe lateral epicondylitis (tennis elbow) and tearing of tendons in her left arm.

David Presley of Arlington died on March 27. Please remember his wife, **Annette**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures for the season

Exodus 14:13-14—“And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.’”

Exodus 14:30—“So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.”

Exodus 20:2-3—“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.” [The other nine Commandments are listed in verses 4-17.]

1 Corinthians 10:1-5—“Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.”

Hebrews 3:12-19—“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: ‘Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.’ For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”

“Lusting, Murmuring and Tempting Christ”

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 April 3, 2021.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—I hope that you had an edifying and uplifting week as you observed the Days of Unleavened Bread. I hope that you were able to strengthen your relationship with God and to renew your commitment to love your neighbors as you love yourself.

Before the Memorial of the Suffering and Death of the Son of God, we focused upon God’s grace. After the Memorial of the Suffering and Death of the Son of God (as we observed the Days of Unleavened

Bread), we focused upon our Father’s expectations of us.

In 1 Corinthians 10:6-10, the apostle Paul listed five negative characteristics that were displayed by the children of Israel in the wilderness after they were delivered from Egypt.

- Lusting after evil things—Numbers 11:1-33
- Idolatry—Exodus 32:1-6
- Sexual immorality—Numbers 25:1-9
- Tempting Christ—Numbers 21:5-6
- Murmuring—Numbers 14:2-37

For this article, I am going to combine the subjects of lusting, murmuring and tempting Christ. While the three subjects have some differences, they also have noticeable overlap.

Old Testament history

Exodus 16:2-3—“Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, ‘Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’”

Exodus 17:2-3—“Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, ‘Give us water, that we may drink.’ And Moses said to them, ‘Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?’ And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, ‘Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’”

Numbers 11:4-6—“Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: ‘Who will give us meat to eat? We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!’”

Numbers 14:2-4—“And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, ‘If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?’ So they said to one another, ‘Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.’”

Numbers 14:24—“But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.”

Numbers 14:30—“Except for Caleb the

son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.”

Numbers 16:3—“They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, ‘You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?’”

Numbers 16:7—Moses said: “You take too much upon yourselves, you sons of Levi!”

Numbers 16:10—Moses asked: “Are you seeking the priesthood also?”

Numbers 21:5-6—“And the people spoke against God and against Moses: Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread. So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.”

New Testament example

Notice the tempter (the devil) sought to derail the Son of God.

Matthew 4:3-4—“Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’ But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”’”

Matthew 4:5-7—“Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: “He shall give His angels charge over you,” and, “In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”’ Jesus said to him, ‘It is written again, “You shall not tempt the LORD your God.”’”

Matthew 4:8-10—“Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.”’”