

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 24, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:55

Seminar

Seminar—1:00 to 2:30 p.m. . . David and Melodee Eishen
(Not transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Ezekiel 18:1–32
Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Interactive seminar on April 24 from 1:00 to 2:30—David and Melodee Eishen are scheduled to continue the lively discussion of the book *Take Cover: Finding Peace in God's Protection*. (The first seminar was on Feb. 27.)
 - New and returning participants are welcome.
 - Food will again be included.
 - Attendees can eat during the discussion.
 - A handout with the main discussion points will be provided.
 - Copies of the previous handout will be available for those who did not attend the first seminar.
 - This interactive seminar will not be recorded or be a live transmission.
2. Wednesday-night Bible study on April 28 at 7:00—People are welcome to attend in the building or via a live transmission.
3. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce that a few guest speakers will be visiting us in the coming weeks.
 - May 8 Wynn Skelton
 - May 29 Blake Silverstein
 - June 19 Jim Johns
 - June 26 Wynn Skelton

4. Day of Pentecost on May 16—The congregation will observe the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, May 16. The schedule will be posted in next week's bulletin.
5. Feast coordinators—Here are the Feast of Tabernacles coordinators for the three sites that are presently planned for this year.
 - Big Sandy Ron and Linda Avey
 - Destin Ken and Janice Tate
 - Myrtle Beach Lyle and Kathy Kerby
6. Feast of Tabernacles housing—Recently, we posted information about Feast housing for the Feast sites in Destin and Myrtle Beach.
 - Destin Pelican Beach Resort
 - Myrtle Beach Avista Resort
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "America's Soul Was Not On Trial" by Larry Elder.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "Surviving in an Angry World—Part 1" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 35 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** and **Elaine Holloway**.

In the Feb. 6 bulletin, we mentioned that **Donna Weese** was in the Legend Oaks Nursing Home for scheduled rehab. Although Mrs. Weese enjoyed various aspects of her stay (often calling it her "cruise"), she began to deal with weeks of delay due to bureaucratic paperwork. When the paperwork was finally approved, the move occurred rapidly. On Wednesday, Mrs. Weese moved from the nursing home to an assisted-living facility in Gladewater. Thanks to **Dwight Holcomb** and members of the **Tim Dunnam** family for spontaneously helping Mrs. Weese. Members of Mr. Dunnam's family included—son **Logan**, brother **Paul Dunnam** and (**Angela's** cousin) **Jason Holcomb**. The address for Mrs. Weese is Sentinel Gardens, 300 Money St., Apt. 7, Gladewater, Texas 75647.

On Tuesday, **Ronnie Shirley** had a CT scan. While the results did not show any worsening of his cancer, the doctor did not see the improvement that he had hoped for. Mr. Shirley is anticipating a PET scan in the coming weeks.

In the April 10 bulletin, we mentioned that **Shirley Spearman's** son **Kelvin** was hospitalized with a diagnosis of pneumonia in both lungs. Mrs. Spearman reports that the pneumonia has cleared up, but he has now been diagnosed with diabetes. She thanks you for your previous prayers and asks for your continued prayers.

On Thursday, **Laura Moran** was scheduled to visit a doctor to examine suspected problems with a carotid artery. When she learned of her sister dying earlier that morning (see next announcement), she postponed the appointment.

Grace Kouniadis of Tyler (sister of **Laura Moran**) died on April 22. Please remember the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Alvis and **Sadie Copeland** of Marshall (uncle and aunt of **Shirley Spearman**) are not feeling well. Although Mr. Copeland has been diagnosed with covid, Mrs. Copeland has not.

Dennis Benson of Prescott Valley, Ariz., has been struggling with fatigue. Early in the week, his wife, **Karen**, wrote: "He found out that he is having issues because of working in machine shops and having petrochemical exposure. He got sick after the spring feasts and hasn't been able to get his energy back." On Friday, she wrote: "Dennis is about the same. He had blood labs done yesterday. We will see what that reveals."

On Thursday evening, **Sue Johns** of Harrisburg, Pa., went to an ER. She was diagnosed with "rapid afib." Since doctors could not bring it under control, she was admitted. A cardiologist believes that this condition is related to her recent knee-replacement surgery.

Fredd Mewborn of Corpus Christi died on April 17. Please remember his wife, **Betty**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Judy Langford of Big Sandy (sister of **Garland Harroff** who was only one year older than he is) died on April 17. Please remember her husband, **Heath**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Deuteronomy 28:1-2—"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God."

Deuteronomy 28:3-6—"Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out."

Deuteronomy 28:7—"The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways."

“Surviving in an Angry World—Part 1”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s Web site, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of April 24, 2021. (The article was previously posted on Feb. 8, 2014.)

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—This week, I am going to begin a series to mention concepts from a book titled *Surviving in an Angry World*.

The book was written in 2010 by Charles Stanley.

Our angry world

In the introduction of the book, Dr. Stanley wrote: “People are so angry today. They’re mad at what happened yesterday and bitter about things that occurred years ago. Perhaps you are angry with your spouse, a coworker, or a friend. The truth is, we all get mad at one time or another.

“The question we need to ask ourselves is, *How should we deal with anger in ourselves and respond to it in others?*”

“Many people are angry and don’t even realize it. They just know something’s not right on the inside. What they need is to be set free from the bondage of bitterness and resentment.

“Then there are those who know they’re angry and just don’t care. These people nurture their anger. They cultivate and feed it, keeping hostility and hatred simmering for years.”

Anger defined

On page 4, Dr. Stanley wrote: “I define anger as a strong, intense feeling of displeasure, hostility, or indignation resulting from a real or imagined threat, insult, injustice, or frustration to you or others who are important to you.”

Dr. Stanley summarized that definition with the following points.

- Anger Is Intense
- Anger Is a Feeling

- Anger Encompasses Other Feelings
- Anger Comes in Response to a Threat—Real or Imagined
- Anger Can Follow a Threat of Loss

Three core truths

On page 11, Dr. Stanley wrote: “In addition to a solid definition, we need to understand three core truths about anger and how it is manifested in our angry world.”

■ The Universality of Anger

Dr. Stanley wrote: “Anger is a universal emotion. It affects every person, regardless of race, sex, nationality, or age . . . Regardless of how peaceful or passive a person might seem or desire to be, everyone gets angry at some time in his or her life.”

■ The Persistence of Anger

Dr. Stanley wrote: “Anger will not go away on its own. It doesn’t die out. It must be rooted out. Dealing with anger, especially deep-seated anger, requires intentionality.”

■ Episodic Anger Versus Pervasive Anger

Dr. Stanley wrote: “We are wise to differentiate between angry episodes and a pervasively angry nature.”

Is anger a sin?

Dr. Stanley quoted Ephesians 4:26 and correctly taught that a person can be angry without sinning.

He also mentioned three pieces of good advice.

■ Principle 1: Avoid Associating With Angry People

■ Principle 2: Anger Is Linked to Foolishness

■ Principle 3: An Unruly Spirit Rules Poorly

From church bulletins

“Don’t let worry kill you off. Let the church help.”