

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 14, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:05

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havar
Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havar
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Psalm 36:1–12
Sermon Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Change in guest speaker next week—We are sorry to announce that the scheduled guest speaker for next week (Ben Mauldin III) will need to postpone his trip to our congregation at this time. However, we are pleased to announce that Wynn Skelton has agreed to be our speaker next Saturday.
2. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Opening the Surveillance Flood-gates" by Julian Sanchez.
3. Among Friends—This week's article is "Armor of God—Gospel of Peace" by Dave Havar.
4. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 38 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**.

On Monday, **Karen Dean** (a daughter of **Ron Feaker**) reported that Mr. Feaker had been put on (end-of-life) hospice care. Although the facility was locked down again, the administrators allow for family to visit. This week, a brother from Iowa came to Texas to see him. Although Mr. Feaker has not been opening his eyes and not been talking, family members have been talking to him. The family appreciates your prayers.

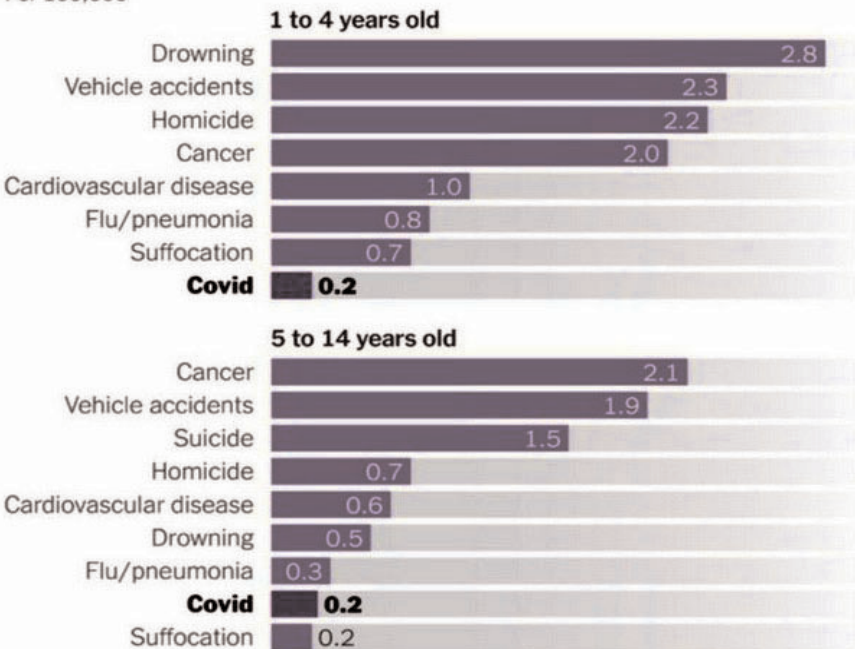
In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Laura Moran** went to a rehab facility in Tyler on Thursday (Aug. 5) but returned to the hospital on Friday (Aug. 6). What we didn't mention in that bulletin was that she was diagnosed on Aug. 5 with pneumonia and a small blockage in her small intestine. On Aug. 5, she had surgery to deal with the blockage in her small intestine. By Monday, she was recovering nicely. In fact, she has been talking with more strength. The family thanks you for your ongoing prayers.

This week, **Herman Stevenson** (husband of **Dorothy Stevenson**), who is recovering from a stroke, was discharged from the hospital.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned many of the challenges that **Jimmy Rogers** of Denton is dealing with. This week, he and his wife, **Jean**, focused on the faulty heart valve. On Friday, he went to a hospital in Plano to have the TEE (transesophageal echocardiogram) procedure—which involved sending an instrument down the throat to assess the function of the heart (in this case specifically a heart valve).

Annual Deaths Among Children in the United States

Per 100,000



Covid data are for the 52 weeks ending April 10, 2021. Other data are for 2018.

New prayer requests

Please pray for people who have been diagnosed with covid. They include **Scott Hammer** of Gladewater, **Dwight Harrison** of Davie, Fla., **Ben Mauldin III** of Academy and **Jeff Reed** of Georgia.

Vicki Moulard of Durango, Colo., went to a hospital to address issues with her heart. She reported that she has been placed on a list to await a potential heart transplant.

Oliver Barron of Springdale, Ark., suffered a stroke that caused him to lose his speech.

Dan Suydam of Roseville, Calif., has been diagnosed with stage-4 cancer of the colon and stomach.

Nadine Van Laeken of Big Sandy recently fell and was being treated in a rehab facility.

Feast speaking schedules—updated

Big Sandy, Texas

Tuesday, Sept. 21	Reg Killingley and Ed Costanza
Wednesday, Sept. 22	Ed Costanza
Thursday, Sept. 23	Ed Costanza
Friday, Sept. 24	Bert Moers
Saturday, Sept. 25	Reg Killingley
Sunday, Sept. 26	Ron Avey
Monday, Sept. 27	Stan West
Tuesday, Sept. 28	Reg Killingley

North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Tuesday, Sept. 21	Lyle Kerby
Wednesday, Sept. 22	Stan West
Thursday, Sept. 23	Jim Johns
Friday, Sept. 24	Dave Havir
Saturday, Sept. 25	Dave Havir
Sunday, Sept. 26	Ed Costanza and John Havir
Monday, Sept. 27	Ed Costanza and Arnold Stamey
Tuesday, Sept. 28	Neil McIver and John Havir

Destin, Fla.

Tuesday, Sept. 21	Dave Havir and Chad Tate
Wednesday, Sept. 22	Bill Crow and Ramon Coleman
Thursday, Sept. 23	Steven Gibson and Steve Andrews
Friday, Sept. 24	Ben Franklin and Ken Tate
Saturday, Sept. 25	Chad Tate and Bill Crow
Sunday, Sept. 26	Terry Post and Steven Gibson
Monday, Sept. 27	Danny Miller and Ken Tate
Tuesday, Sept. 28	Dave Havir

“Armor of God—Gospel of Peace”

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 Aug. 14, 2021.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—One of the most encouraging sections of Scripture is found in the book of Ephesians. In that letter, the apostle Paul described a spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:10-13) and the spiritual weapons (verses 14-17) available for the children of God to use.

In this article, we will discuss the third weapon—called the gospel of peace (verse 15).

Good news and glad tidings

The Greek word *euangelion* is a noun that is quoted in the Bible as “gospel.” But the Greek word is regularly defined also as “good news.”

Therefore, the verb variation (*euangelizo*) is also defined as to preach good news.

Luke 1:19—“And the angel answered and said to him, ‘I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.’”

Luke 2:10—“Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.’”

Luke 8:1—“Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God.”

Do you share good news?

Another noun variation (*euangelistes*) is defined as evangelist or preacher of good news. It is used only three times in the Bible—Acts 21:8, Ephesians 4:11 and 2 Timothy 4:5.

Some people sincerely believe that evangelist is a rank in a religious hierarchy. But it means someone who has the gift of preaching good news.

Time to warn

Before we discuss the importance of talking about peace, we should probably

mention that there are times for strong discussions and warnings.

Matthew 10:34—“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.”

1 Thessalonians 5:14—“Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.”

Having read those verses, please remember that there are many verses that discuss the importance of preaching peace.

Sown in peace

The Greek word (*eirene*) is a noun that means peace, harmony and tranquility. The verb variation (*eireneuo*) means to live in peace.

Luke 1:68, 79—“Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people . . . to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

John 14:27—“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

John 16:33—“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Romans 12:18—“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

Romans 14:19—“Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”

Philippians 4:7—“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

James 3:18—“Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”