

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 23, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:54

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havir
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Matthew 7:1–5

Sermon Stan West

Quick takes

1. Guest speaker postponed—Daniel Hammons, who was scheduled to be our traveling speaker today, returned to Tennessee on Thursday when he learned that his father (Larry Hammons) had died that morning. We look forward to Daniel and Stephanie visiting the area in the future.
2. Traveling speakers—We are pleased to announce the following traveling speakers coming to our congregation.
 - April 30 Ken Tate
 - May 7 Terry McAdams
 - May 14 Jim Johns
3. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.
 - Mickey Ashcraft
 - David and Becky Bonilla
 - Timberly Dunnam
 - Elaine Holloway
 - Annette Payne
 - Ruth Roe
 - Sonny Rosenberger
 - Ronnie Shirley
 - Elaine Townsend
 - Donna Weese
4. Wednesday-night Bible study on April 27—Everyone is invited.

5. Steam-cleaning the building carpet—Ron and Linda Avey want to inform the congregation that we plan to steam-clean the church carpet in July. Although there will be times (at church functions or community functions) where we will have food throughout the church building, we want to develop the habit of generally eating food in the real of the hall. (Tables have been set up in the back to help accommodate enjoying our regular Saturday treats.)
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "How Did Russian Oligarchs Get Their Wealth" by Shlomo Maital.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Children of Israel in Egypt" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 34 pages. (This edition has six articles and 247 headlines.)

Eye on the World

- An article by Tuly Weisz titled "When Blood Spills on Passover and Easter, It's Time to Build the Temple" was posted at jpost.com on April 18, 2022.
- An article by Gloria Romero titled "There's Nothing Democrats Can Do to Stop Latinos From Abandoning Biden in Doves; When He and His Party Chose Socialism and Wokeism Over the American Dream, They Lost Us" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on April 18, 2022.

Feast of Tabernacles

1. Feast sites—Here are the locations of our three Feast sites.

■ Big Sandy	28th consecutive year
■ Destin	25th consecutive year
■ North Myrtle Beach	20th consecutive year
2. Feast coordinators—Here are the coordinators for our three Feast sites.

■ Big Sandy	Ron and Linda Avey
■ Destin	Neil and Martha Mclver
■ North Myrtle Beach	Lyle and Kathy Kerby
3. Housing at the Pelican—If you want to stay at the Pelican Beach Resort, please fill out a housing form. (Booking through the church provides the benefit of being tax exempt.) Please book early.
4. Other housing in Destin—Since the Pelican finally (after all these years) raised the cost of its rooms, some people may want to consider other venues for housing. Ami Ison of the congregation in Decaturville, Tenn., offered to help. She recommends Emerald Coast by Owner (emeraldcoastbyowner.com). If you want advice, feel free to call her at 731-614-2635.
5. Housing in North Myrtle Beach—A block of rooms will be held for us until Sept. 8, 2022. However, we recommend you book early. (Information is on our website and on our Information Table.)

Three biblical definitions of sin

■ Based on the law

1 John 3:4—“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”

Romans 3:20—“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”

Romans 4:15—“For where there is no law there is no transgression.”

Romans 5:13—“Sin is not imputed when there is no law.”

Romans 7:7-8—“What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet”. . . For apart from the law sin was dead.”

Romans 7:13—“Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.”

Romans 7:14—“For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.”

■ Based on what we know

James 4:17—“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

Luke 12:47-48—“And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.”

John 12:47-48—“And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”

■ Based on faith

Romans 14:23—“But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.”

Thought for the week

Dave Havir likes to crow about eating the bread of affliction during the Days of Unleavened Bread, but he doesn’t talk about how much of Pam’s tasty unleavened treats he gobbles down.—*Wynn Skelton*

Children of Israel in Egypt

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 23, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Children of Israel in Egypt.” I want to share some of my comments in this article.

Who was Israel?

Genesis 32:28—“And He said, ‘Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.’”

How did Israel end up in Egypt?

When Stephen (in the book of Acts) was accused of speaking blasphemy against the holy place and the law (Acts 6:13-14), he defended himself by reciting some highlights of the Old Testament history—from Abraham to Solomon (Acts 7:1-50).

Stephen first mentioned Jacob (Israel) in verse 8, first mentioned Joseph in verse 9 and first mentioned Moses in verse 20.

- Joseph was sold into Egypt (verse 9).
- Jacob (Israel) and his relatives (75 of them) went to Egypt (verse 14).
- When Jacob (Israel) died, he was buried back in Shechem (verses 15-16).

Israelites multiplied in Egypt

■ The children of Israel multiplied in Egypt (verse 17).

■ A new Pharaoh dealt treacherously with the children of Israel (verses 18-19).

Moses was born

In the course of time, Stephen got to the history of Moses (verses 20-44). I found it interesting that Stephen’s account (although much shorter than the Exodus account) followed the chronological path—with a notable exception.

To me, Acts 7:25 seemed out of place. However, that verse opens the door to a great discussion.

Moses didn’t readily accept

Acts 7:25—“For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand.”

It is true that the children of Israel did not always accept that God would deliver them by the hand of Moses. But did you notice that Moses did not always accept that God was going to deliver them by the hand of Moses?

(I am not criticizing Moses about his moments of doubt. In fact, I find it helpful to realize that children of God have moments of uncertainty—and God still loves us.)

■ Exodus 3:7-10—God told Moses that He was going to deliver the people by sending Moses to Pharaoh.

■ Exodus 3:11—Initially, Moses expressed some reservations.

■ Exodus 3:12-15—God reassured him.

■ Exodus 4:1—Moses again expressed reservations.

■ Exodus 4:10—Moses again expressed reservations.

■ Exodus 4:11-12—God again reassured him.

■ Exodus 4:13—Moses asked for someone else to be sent.

■ Exodus 4:14-16—Although God was irritated (the Bible says His “anger” was “kindled”), He agreed to send Aaron to help Moses.

God foretold their deliverance

■ Exodus 3:19-20—God foretold Pharaoh’s reaction and God performing miracles.

■ Exodus 4:21-23—God foretold Pharaoh’s reaction and God giving the 10th plague.

The children of Israel would know that He was their God (Exodus 6:7).

The Egyptians would know that God was the Lord (Exodus 7:5, Exodus 14:4 and Exodus 14:18).