

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 21, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:14

Bible studies

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

Presentation study—2:00 John Harris
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Matthew 8:1–13

Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you for Thursday night—The Big Sandy Booster Club thanks the congregation for making our building available for its program last Thursday evening.
2. Thank you for Thursday night—The Big Sandy Booster Club thanks members of our congregation (Linda Avey, Ron Avey, Michael Bald, Bernice Burson and Dave Havir) for serving at the event last Thursday evening.
3. Thank you for food every Saturday—The congregation thanks the individuals for organizing the weekly Sabbath treats. The individuals who spend most of the time serving the congregation in this manner are Joyce Coleman, Linda Avey, Linda Cartwright and Lisa Smith.
4. Opportunity to serve—Since we don't want to wear out the individuals who organize the weekly Sabbath treats, Dave Havir is asking other members of the congregation to help with this important project. If you are available to help, please see Joyce Coleman.
5. Wednesday-night Bible study on May 25—Dave Havir is scheduled to give "Evil and Wickedness—Part 3." (Last week, he covered evil and wickedness mentioned in Psalms. This week, he plans to cover evil and wickedness mentioned in Ecclesiastes.)

6. Day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 5—The congregation will be observing the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 5. Here is the schedule for the day.
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| ■ 1:00 p.m. | Interactive Bible study |
| ■ 2:00 | Bible-study presentation |
| ■ 3:00 | Church service |
| ■ 4:00 | Enhanced finger foods |
7. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.
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| ■ Mickey Ashcraft | ■ Ruth Roe |
| ■ David and Becky Bonilla | ■ Sonny Rosenberger |
| ■ Timberly Dunnam | ■ Ronnie Shirley |
| ■ Elaine Holloway | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Annette Payne | ■ Donna Weese |
8. Board nominations continue today—The process for board nominations continues today. (This is a reminder that the yearly nominations occur in May, and the election occurs in June.)
9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Black Conservatives Convene: 'New Birth of Freedom'" by Star Parker.
10. Among Friends—This week's article is "Evil and Wickedness in the Psalms" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 40 pages. (This edition has nine articles and 279 headlines.)

Prayer updates

Timberly Dunnam reports that she got the results back from the KUB (kidney, ureter, bladder) X ray. The ureter is the duct by which urine passes from the kidney to the bladder or cloaca. She reported: "While I'm still having kidney stones, they also found something called a phlebolith in my pelvic area. It is sometimes referred to as a vein stone." (Phleboliths are small blood clots in a vein that harden over time due to calcification. They are often called vein stones. They tend to be oval-shaped and less than 5 millimeters in diameter.) Timberly continued: "My doctor said it is nothing life-threatening. She said they can sometimes cause pain. She is going to refer me to a clinic in Dallas."

New prayer requests

Two weeks ago, **Linda Avey** fell. She reports that the impact from the fall did not cause any significant long-term damage, but she asks your prayer-help that she can maintain steadiness as she completes her responsibilities. (Many of us realize that she is a busy person who can sometimes schedule too many projects.) She and **Ron** thank you.

Weeks ago, **David Fenney** of Warrington, England, was diagnosed with an impaired aortic valve. However, tests also showed a blood clot in his heart. Because of the blood clot, the aortic surgery was postponed. Now that the clot has dissolved, the aortic surgery is planned for May 23.

Wanda Ward of Big Sandy went to a hospital, where she was diagnosed with blood clots in her lungs. After treatment, she was scheduled to return home yesterday.

Gary Giles of Gladewater (who has been on dialysis for a year) is currently undergoing dialysis for 10 hours a day with a home dialysis unit.

On Tuesday, **Shawn Witt** of Tulsa, Okla., went for an ultrasound to see if he had a blood clot in his leg.

Cindy Stewart of Tulsa, Okla., was diagnosed with a mass in her abdomen—apparently wrapped around two arteries and near her kidneys.

Gary Johnson of Rochester, Wash. (who recently had a month-long battle with covid), went to a hospital because he was experiencing afib symptoms.

Laura Sergio of Bethpage, N.Y., has been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor of her pancreas, gallbladder and duodenum.

Galen Morrison of Rockford, Ill., reports that his chemotherapy protocol has created several adverse effects.

Tom McKeown of Big Sandy died on May 16. Please remember his wife, **Sue**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Genesis 50:15—“When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, ‘Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him.’ ”

Genesis 50:16-17—“So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, ‘Before your father died he commanded, saying, “Thus you shall say to Joseph: ‘I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.’ Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.” And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.’”

Genesis 50:18—“Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, ‘Behold, we are your servants.’ ”

Genesis 50:20—“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”

Thought for the week

“I don’t have gray hair; I have wisdom highlights.”

Evil and Wickedness in the Psalms

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 May 21, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Evil and Wickedness—Part 2.” The focus of this study was about evil and wickedness in the Psalms—primarily some of David’s psalms.

Of the 150 psalms, David is credited by many as writing 75 of them—with 73 attributed to him in the superscriptions and another two ascribed to him in the New Testament.

God hates iniquity

Psalm 5:4-6—“For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; the LORD abhors the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.”

Catch them in own plots

Psalm 10:1-2—“Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble? The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.”

Psalm 23:4—“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”

Catch them in own nets

Psalm 35:4-8—“Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor who seek after my life; let those be turned back and brought to confusion who plot my hurt. Let them be like chaff before the wind, and let the angel of the LORD chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery, and let the angel of the LORD pursue them. For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit, which they have dug without cause for my life. Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly,

and let his net that he has hidden catch himself; into that very destruction let him fall.”

David did not take revenge

Psalm 35:13-14—“But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; and my prayer would return to my own heart. I paced about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother.”

Asking God for vindication

Psalm 35:22-24—“This You have seen, O LORD; Do not keep silence. O LORD, do not be far from me. Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, to my cause, my God and my Lord. Vindicate me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.”

Trust in the Lord

Psalm 37:7-8—“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret—it only causes harm.”

Psalm 37:12-13—“The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth. The Lord laughs at him, for He sees that his day is coming.”

Psalm 37:23-24—“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholds him with His hand.”

Psalm 37:32-33—“The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him. The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.”

Psalm 37:40—“And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.”