ANNOUNCEMENTS

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June 11, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:25

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dixon Cartwright

Presentation study—2:00 Wynn Skelton

(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leaderReg KillingleyPianistDixon CartwrightScripture readingEcclesiastes 1:1–18SermonWynn Skelton

Quick takes

1. Traveling speakers—We are pleased to announce the following traveling speakers coming to our congregation.

■ Today■ June 25■ July 2Wynn SkeltonTerry McAdamsRichard Crow

- 2. Pastor's trip—Today Dave Havir is speaking in Little Rock, Ark.
- 3. Western Feast site—Because of the worsening economy in our country, Dennis and Karen Benson talked with Dave Havir about our congregation hosting a western Feast site—and Mr. Havir agreed that Prescott, Ariz., would be a good location (as we have done in the past).
 - The Bensons agreed to be Feast coordinators.
 - The Bensons found the hall.
 - Mr. Havir agreed to arrange the speaking.
 - Mr. Havir is planning to schedule as many live speakers as possible.
 - However, he will be prepared to provide online sermons and/or DVDs for the site.
- 4. Wednesday-night Bible study on June 15—Dave Havir is scheduled to continue his series about "Evil and Wickedness."

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5. Feast 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.

- 6 Feast 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.)
- 7. 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
- 8. Board election continues today—During the nomination phase in May, the congregation selected three individuals (Reg Killingley, Neil McIver and Kemmer Pfund) to be considered for two spots on the board.
- 9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Abortion Killed 628,898 Babies, Firearms Killed 3,080 Under 19" by Lucy Collins.
- 10. Among Friends—This week's article is "Evil and Wickedness in Paul's Writings" by Dave Havir.
- 11. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 40 pages. (This edition has 11 articles and 242 headlines.)
- 12. Bulletin produced early—Due to Dave Havir's trip, this bulletin was produced early and therefore does not have the latest health updates.

Scriptures to consider

■ Holy Spirit mentioned in the Gospels

Matthew 3:16—"When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him."

Luke 4:1—"Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness."

Luke 4:14—"Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region."

Luke 4:18-19—"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Luke 11:13—"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

John 3:5-8—"Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again." The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

■ Holy Spirit mentioned in Acts

Acts 2:4-6—"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language."

Acts 10:44-47—"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 'Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" "

■ Holy Spirit mentioned by Paul

Romans 8:11—"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit [that] dwells in you."

Romans 8:14—"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

Romans 8:23—"Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body."

2 Corinthians 1:21-22—"Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

Ephesians 1:13—"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."

1 Thessalonians 4:8—"Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit."

1 Thessalonians 5:19—"Do not quench the Spirit."

Thought for the week

"My heart says chocolate and wine, but my jeans say please please eat a salad."

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Evil and Wickedness in Paul's Writings

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website, churchofgodbigsandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of June 11, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled "Evil and Wickedness—Part 5." The focus of this study was about evil and wickedness in Paul's writings.

Various categories

Notice some of the various categories where the subjects of evil and wickedness could be placed.

- The evil one—Ephesians 6:16 and 2 Thessalonians 3:3.
- Mentioning evil workers—Philippians 3:2, 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 2 Timothy 3:13 and Titus 1:12.
- Mentioning that evil develops in people—Romans 9:10-12.
- Mentioning evil within believers—Romans 7:19, 21 and 1 Corinthians 5:13.
- Comments about civil leaders and evil —Romans 13:3-4.
- General comments about evil behavior—12 different sections of Scripture.
 - Do not repay evil—see six verses below.
 - Avoid evil—see seven verses below.

Do not repay evil

Romans 12:17—"Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men."

Romans 12:19—"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord."

Romans 12:21—"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

1 Thessalonians 5:15—"See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all."

2 Timothy 4:14—"Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works."

2 Timothy 4:18—"And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom."

Avoid evil

Romans 12:9—"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good."

1 Corinthians 10:6—"Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted."

2 Corinthians 13:7—"Now I pray to God that you do no evil, not that we should appear approved, but that you should do what is honorable."

Ephesians 4:31—"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice."

Ephesians 5:15-16—"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

1 Thessalonians 5:22—"Abstain from every form of evil."

Hebrews 5:14—"But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Compare translations

In conclusion, I want to spotlight the practice of comparing different translations as a valuable tool in enhancing the meaning of a verse in the Bible.

Romans 16:19—"For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil."

New American Standard Bible—"Wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil."

Revised Standard Version—"Wise as to what is good, and guileless as to what is evil."

James Moffatt Translation—"Experts in good and innocents in evil."