

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 17, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:28

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	.....	Dave Havir
Bible study	.....	Dave Havir
Teen class	.....	Martha McIver
Kids' class	.....	Mindy Forrestier

Order of service

Song leader	.....	Reg Killingley
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Al Donahue
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—Andrew and Anna McIver (and the Peterson, McIver and Ellard families) expressed their appreciation for the use of the building for the wedding last Sunday. Here are excerpts from Jerome Ellard: “Our families thank the congregation for the wonderful opportunity to have Andrew’s and Anna’s wedding at your building. You and your congregation are a blessing to us and our community.”
2. Camp Vine 2017—Camp Vine is scheduled for Monday, June 26, through Friday, June 30, at the same location as last year—at the Timberline Camp and Conference Center in Lindale, Texas.
3. Feast of Tabernacles information—Information for the four Feast of Tabernacles sites sponsored by the congregation is available on the website.
4. Election process continues until June 24—The election process for three seats on the board will continue until Saturday, June 24, at 5:00 p.m.

5. Here are the six people who were nominated by the congregation for consideration to fill the three board seats this year.
 - Carol Bald
 - Jean Benedict
 - Ron Feaker
 - Reg Killingley
 - Neil McIver
 - Stan West
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "John 8:6—What Did Jesus Write?" by Reg Killingley.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments About Acts 4" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 20 pages.

Invitation to the 2017 Feast of Tabernacles

The Church of God Big Sandy will sponsor four festival sites for the observance of the 2017 Feast of Tabernacles. Our congregation will have daily church services from Thursday, Oct. 5, through Thursday, Oct. 12.

- Big Sandy, Texas, for the 23rd consecutive year. We meet in our church building.
- Destin, Fla., for the 20th consecutive year. We meet at the Pelican Beach Resort. Book housing by calling David Havir III at (903) 714-3007.
- Myrtle Beach, S.C., for the 15th consecutive year. We meet at the Avista Resort. The rates are higher this year, because the calendar dates this year are considered in the busy season.
- Prescott Valley, Ariz., is our rotating Western site in 2017. (We were in nearby Prescott last year.) We meet at the Faith United Community Church.

If you are looking for a small, friendly site that has inspiring messages and excellent fellowship, we invite you to come join us.

Feast coordinators for 2016

The following four couples will be serving as the Feast coordinators for our four Feast sites.

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| ■ Big Sandy | Ron and Linda Avey |
| ■ Destin | Neil and Martha McIver |
| ■ Myrtle Beach | Lyle and Kathy Kerby |
| ■ Prescott Valley | Dennis and Karen Benson |

Prayer updates

Sonny Rosenberger continues to need regular prayers to deal with his breathing challenges. He appreciates your kindness.

On Friday, **Kit Holloway** was moved from the Mother Frances Rehabilitation Hospital (also known as Health South) to the Legends Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. **Elaine** influenced the three children to choose this facility for two reasons—(1) She had a positive experience when she recently spent some rehabilitation time there, and (2) it is closer to her in the hope that family and friends can provide transportation for her to see Kit while he is in the facility.

Joyce Coleman had her echocardiogram on Thursday (instead of Friday as previously announced) and learned that she does not have a serious problem at this time. (She has been dealing with an irregular beat.) Based upon the doctor's advice, she is going to wait another three months to see if her condition changes. She appreciates your prayers.

In the May 20 supplemental announcement bulletin, we mentioned that **Stormi Roberts** (a 5-year-old girl who ran behind a moving lawn mower) had surgery to place skin grafts on both feet. The family reports that the grafts seem to have been successful and that Stormi has started walking again. (One of the challenges is to walk with some missing toes.) The family appreciates your prayers.

On Monday, **Pam Havir** returned to Lamesa to be with her parents (**Virgil** and **Opal Page**), who are dealing with some health challenges.

New prayer requests

Jimmy Treadway of Chattanooga, Tenn., is discussing hospice care as he continues to deal with asthma and stage-4 emphysema.

Connie Jenkins of Knoxville, Tenn., was scheduled for surgery yesterday to remove two large abscesses and the large cancerous tumor in her abdomen.

Phyllis Sizelove of St. Petersburg, Fla., who has been dealing with stage-4 cancer for some time, had a recent severe reaction to a new chemo treatment. This development and a urinary-tract infection have influenced the doctors to delay further treatment at this time.

Nick Tayler of Knoxville, Tenn., went to a hospital due to a seizure.

Scriptures to consider

2 Samuel 7:2—The king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains.”

2 Samuel 7:5-6—“Thus says the LORD: ‘Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle.’”

“Comments About Acts 4”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of June 17, 2017.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss chapters in the book of Acts. This week, we will talk about chapter 4.

May this project encourage you to review the valuable history found in the book of Acts.

Power of Sadducees

If you recall, Acts 3:12-26 described words that the apostle Peter was delivering to the people after he and John healed a lame man in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Chapter 4 begins by showing the actions of the Sadducees.

Acts 4:1—“Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them.”

Here is a brief comparison between the Sadducees and Pharisees.

- The Sadducees were more associated with the priests, while the Pharisees were more associated with the scribes and lawyers.

- The Sadducees were more associated with the aristocracy (rich descendants), while the Pharisees were more associated with the middle class and merchants.

- The Sadducees were more associated with the temple, while the Pharisees were more associated with the synagogue.

- The Sadducees had greater influence in the Sanhedrin, while the Pharisees had greater influence among the masses.

Disturbed by their message

The Sadducees were disturbed by the message of the disciples—about Christ and the resurrection of the dead (verse 2).

The Sadducees placed the disciples into custody (verse 3).

The religious leaders asked the disciples how they had healed the lame man (verse 7).

Peter answered clearly by invoking the

name and power of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (verses 8-12).

The religious leaders marveled at the answers of these untrained men (verses 13-14).

Threatened the disciples

The Sanhedrin conferred among themselves and decided to threaten the disciples (verses 15-17). The Sanhedrin called the disciples back into the chambers and commanded them to avoid speaking or teaching in the name of Jesus (verse 18).

Notice Peter’s answer.

Acts 4:19-20—“But Peter and John answered and said to them, ‘Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.’”

Although the Sanhedrin threatened the disciples again, the Sanhedrin could not punish them because of their popularity with the people (verse 21).

Reaction of disciples

The rest of the chapter deals with the reaction of the other disciples who were watching the events. Notice three reactions at that time.

- They prayed for boldness (verses 26-31).

- With great power, the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (verse 33).

- They shared some possessions to serve the needs of other disciples (verse 32, 34-35).

Son of encouragement

At the end of this chapter (verses 36-37), Bible students are introduced to a man called Barnabas (which is translated “Son of Encouragement”).

Barnabas is later identified in the book of Acts as an apostle (Acts 13:1-3 and Acts 14:14).