

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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June 24, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:29

### Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study	Dave Havir
Teen class	Roxanna West
Kids' class	Jennifer Danapas

### Order of service

Song leader	Neil McIver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Ken Danapas
Sermon	Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Election process concludes today—The election process for three seats on the board concludes today at 5:00 p.m.
2. 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 and Stan West.
3. 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.
4. Potluck meal next week—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service next Saturday.
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The Early Church Was Not Communist" by Jay Richards.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments About Acts 5" by Dave Havir.
7. 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 2017

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

In many bulletins, we have reminded the congregation how **Sonny Rosenberger** requests regular prayers to deal with his breathing challenges. In the past several weeks, he has also been dealing with stomach discomfort. Since he appreciates your prayers, we wanted to mention this other challenge with which he deals. He appreciates your kindness.

**Kit Holloway** is in room No. 108 at the Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. Daughter **Cheryl** (who could not initially be in the area to help her brother **Lance** care for **Elaine** because her husband had surgery in the Fort Worth area) came to spend time before returning home on Wednesday. Lance is planning to take Elaine to see Kit as his schedule allows. **Dave Havir** has offered to take Elaine to see Kit once a week.

**Betty Foster** reports that, although she had a rough week two weeks ago, she felt better this week.

**Laura Moran**, who had previously hurt her left shoulder while lifting a box, went to a doctor on Wednesday for an examination. It checked out okay. On July 6, she is scheduled to visit a doctor to examine her back.

As was announced orally last Saturday, **Jeanine Case** requested prayers for her parents, who live in Kellogg, Minn. **Mel Edelbach** is dealing with extreme weakness, and **Sharon Edelbach** has been diagnosed with a bad heart valve. The family appreciates your prayers.

As was announced orally last Saturday, **Roland Amedee** of Vacherie, La. (86-year-old grandfather of **Mindy Forrestier**), fell in his garden and suffered a fracture in his neck. On Monday, he had surgery and seems to be recovering well. When he leaves the hospital, he is scheduled to spend 10 days in a rehab facility. The family appreciates your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Nick Taylor** of Knoxville, Tenn., went to a hospital due to a seizure. The doctors of Nick (who is 15 years old) believe that he has Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Although he was able to return home, he has some lingering headaches.

In the March 25 bulletin, we mentioned that **Linda Szalankiewicz** of Pittsburgh, Pa., was diagnosed with bone cancer (metastasized cancer in her lumbar spine). Her husband, **Ed**, mentioned that she is dealing with intense pain.

As was announced orally last Saturday, **Manuel Quijano** of Peru died on June 16. Please remember the family in your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Jimmy Treadway** of Cleveland, Tenn., was considering hospice care. He died on June 20. Please remember his wife, **Lisa**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

On Feb. 2, **Emily Gerhardt** (24-year-old from Goondiwindi, Australia) lost her leg "all the way to her hip" in a farm accident. She was trapped under a horse trailer for five hours. Since then, she has had many surgeries and rehab treatments. She is anticipating going home in the near future.

**Kathleen McCann** of Milton Keynes, England, had hip-replacement surgery on Friday, June 16. Please pray that her recovery goes smoothly.

In the Jan. 28 bulletin, we mentioned that **Bill Allen** of Nashville, Tenn., fell from a ladder and suffered a broken leg. In the March 4 bulletin, we mentioned that Mr. Allen had screws inserted to refasten his leg. On Tuesday, he is scheduled for hip-replacement surgery.

**Mark Duff** of Birmingham, Ala., was diagnosed with a knot or lump in his lung.

**Yvonne Walters** of Belize died on June 20. Please remember her husband, **David**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## “Comments About Acts 5”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, [churchofgodbig sandy.com](http://churchofgodbig sandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of June 24, 2017.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG 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 5.

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

### Severe consequence

If you recall, Acts 4:32 and verses 34-35 mentioned how the energized disciples shared some possessions to serve the needs of other disciples.

At the end of Acts 4 (verses 36-37), Luke mentioned Barnabas as a good example—because he was known for using his possessions to encourage the brethren.

In the beginning of chapter 5 (verses 1-11), Luke mentioned Ananias and Sapphira as bad examples—because they lied about how much they were giving.

The story provides an example of a severe consequence.

### Astonishing miracles

Many miracles were done among the people by the hands of the apostles (verse 12).

None of the religious leaders dared to join the disciples, even though the people esteemed the disciples highly (verses 13-14).

The people flocked to the disciples, even desiring the shadow of Peter to fall on some of them (verses 15-16).

### Irritated Sadducees

Acts 5:17 confirmed what we said last time about the Sadducees—who were heavily involved with the priests, the temple and the Sanhedrin.

**Acts 5:17**—“Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation.”

These religious leaders cast the disciples into prison (verse 18). An angel freed the di-

sciples from prison (verse 19) and instructed them to teach in the temple (verse 20).

The religious leaders called a meeting and sent people to bring the disciples to them (verse 21). But the representatives found the disciples teaching in the temple (verses 22-26).

The religious leaders brought the disciples to the council to question them (verses 27-28).

Notice Peter’s answer.

**Acts 5:29-32**—“But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: ‘We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit [which] God has given to those who obey Him.’”

### Gamaliel’s advice

The religious leaders were furious and wanted to kill the disciples (verse 33).

However, a Pharisee on the council named Gamaliel advised the council to refrain from a knee-jerk reaction (verses 34-39).

The famous section of Gamaliel’s advice is found in verses 38-39.

**Acts 5:38-39**—“And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.”

Based upon Gamaliel’s wise advice, the council put its emotions aside. Instead of killing the disciples, the religious leaders merely beat them (verse 40).

What was the reaction of the disciples?

■ They rejoiced because they followed the example of Christ (verse 41).

■ On a daily basis, they went to the temple and homes continuing to teach and preach about Jesus as the Christ (verse 42).