

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 5, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:14

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Neil McIver
Bible study (2:00)	Neil McIver
Teen class	Martha McIver
Kids' class	Jennifer Danapas

Order of service

Song leader	Neil McIver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Luke 18:9–14 by Ron Feaker
Sermon	Reg Killingley

Quick takes

1. No potluck today—Since the potluck for August will be moved to another Saturday, there will be no potluck meal today.
2. Potluck meal on Aug. 19—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service on Aug. 19.
3. Funeral for Joy Hughes—The funeral for Joy Hughes is scheduled for Tuesday. Here are the details.
 - The graveside service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at Forest Park Lawndale in Houston.
 - The memorial service is scheduled for 12:45 at The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church in The Woodlands (4881 W. Panther Creek Dr.).
 - A barbecue luncheon will follow.

4. Guest speaker next week—The congregation is pleased to announce that Ramon Coleman of Kansas City will be a guest speaker on Aug. 12.
5. Fellowship Club on Aug. 26—There is a Fellowship Club scheduled for Aug. 26. David and Melodee Eishen are planning to give “Solar Oven Cooking.”
6. A change on the church board—President Ron Avey reported that Clay Forrestier has resigned from the board and that Stan West (the next person in line following the election in June) is the new board member. Mr. West will assume the remaining two years of Mr. Forrestier’s term. The congregation thanks Mr. Forrestier for his time of service on the board.
7. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havar is giving a Bible study and a sermon in Harrison, Ark. The pastor (Ken Tate) and most of the brethren attend our Feast site in Destin. (While Mr. Havar is in that area, he will be joining the Tates at a presentation of *Moses in the Sight and Sound Theater* in Branson.)
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Some Don’t Want People to Kowtow to Them” by Dave Havar.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Acts 11” by Dave Havar.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 24 pages.

Prayer updates

Sonny Rosenberger deals with a variety of health challenges at different times. They include—a lack of energy, digestive challenges and pain in his neck. He appreciates your prayers.

Kit Holloway (who is in room No. 108 at the Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater) appreciates visitors. Because his communication is limited, the visits do not need to be long—but they are encouraging to him. Kit and **Elaine** appreciate your prayers.

On Thursday, **Gracie Feaker** had a regular checkup with her doctor and received a good report. Next Monday, **Ron** is scheduled to visit the doctor to have more wax removed from his ear.

On Wednesday, **Laura Moran** is scheduled for an appointment with the doctor who evaluated her pain in her back.

Allie Dart of Whitehouse entered into hospice earlier this week. The latest report mentioned that her “cancer has aggressively spread” to many organs in her body. (This latest report is in stark contrast with the erroneous reports given by some people who were advertising themselves as being in the know. The **Havar** family, the **Mclvers** and others have been aware for some time of the severity of her condition and thought that the erroneous reports may have had other personal purposes but were not in Mrs. Dart’s best interest.)

As was announced orally last Saturday, **Joy Hughes** died on Friday, July 28. (Here are excerpts from a text by **Paula** discussing the final details: "Momma passed away yesterday morning [Friday, July 28] just after 8:00. She was in the hospital getting another angiogram on her right leg on Tuesday [July 25]. I am glad she went in. They were going to have to cut off at least the right leg, because the gangrene started growing. She was terrified about that. We did not talk about it specifically, but I told her that the doctor was not able to restore circulation in her right foot, and she knew what that meant. Following the procedure, they may have caused a clot in her left leg. I am happy that she died peacefully." The funeral, memorial service and barbecue luncheon are scheduled for Tuesday.

New prayer requests

On Tuesday, **Gary Neff** of Texarkana had successful hernia-repair surgery.

Bob Persky of Weatherford died on July 23. Please remember his wife, **Kay**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Although the Mokarow family has been reluctant to confirm the news, **Dave Havar** believes that **Art Mokarow** of Montgomery died on July 27. Please remember his wife, **Claudia**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Goals for new church format

In an effort to give the congregation a view of the goals for the new church format, Dave Havar lists three guidelines that he sent to presenters:

1. The interactive Bible study at 1:00 (30–35 minutes) is designed to promote participation and to accept polite disagreement among the participants.
2. The Bible study at 2:00 can go to 2:40 (meaning a maximum of 40 minutes). It can end earlier.
3. The sermon should be concluded at 3:55. This should allow 35 minutes (and possibly 40 minutes).

Pastor's Feast traveling schedule

On Thursday, Dave Havar booked his airline tickets for the upcoming 2017 Feast of Tabernacles. As you might recall, last year he went to only two Feast sites instead of his normal traveling schedule to three sites. This year, he will return to the schedule of visiting three sites.

- First four days in Destin
- Two days in Myrtle Beach
- Two days in Prescott Valley
- He is scheduled to remain in Arizona two days after the Feast to speak there on Saturday (Oct. 14)

“Comments About Acts 11”

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 Aug. 5, 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 11.

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

Upon the gentiles

As you recall in Acts 10 (verses 44-48), the Holy Spirit was given to gentile believers.

■ As Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon the audience (verse 44).

■ People were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured upon the gentiles (verse 45) also—as it earlier had been poured upon the Jewish believers (Acts 2).

■ These recipients of the Holy Spirit in this spectacular moment in history spoke with tongues (verse 46)—reminiscent of Acts 2:3-4.

■ These recipients of the Holy Spirit in this spectacular moment in history received the power before water baptism (verses 47-48)—reminiscent of Acts 2.

Peter defended

How do you think the apostles and brethren in Judea reacted when they heard that the gentiles had received the Holy Spirit?

■ Some of the “circumcision” contended with Peter (Acts 11:2) by saying: “You went among uncircumcised men and ate with them” (verse 3).

■ (In Galatians 2:11-12, Paul revealed a time when Peter was inconsistent with his practice of eating with the gentiles.)

■ Peter explained to them about the events of his vision (Acts 11:4-15).

■ In verse 16, Peter mentioned that he remembered the words of the Lord

(in Acts 1:5): “John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

■ Peter said some powerful words in verse 17.

Acts 11:17—“If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?”

■ The disciples recognized the beautiful reality: “God has also granted to the gentiles repentance to life” (verse 18).

Church at Antioch

Because of the limited communication and transportation of those days, the word about the gentiles spread slowly.

■ After Stephen was martyred (Acts 7:54-60), the disciples scattered as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch (Acts 11:19).

■ News about the gentiles finally reached Antioch (verse 20).

■ As news of the Lord’s power in Antioch reached Jerusalem, the apostles sent Barnabas to Antioch (verses 21-22).

■ Barnabas served in Antioch (verses 23-24).

■ Barnabas went to Tarsus to take Saul back to Antioch, where they stayed for a year (verses 25-26).

Sent food

When the congregation at Antioch heard about a drought in Judea, they sent food to their brethren there.

■ The prophet Agabus foretold a worldwide drought—which occurred when Claudius was emperor (verses 27-28).

■ The disciples in Antioch decided to send help to the disciples in Judea (verse 29).

■ Barnabas and Saul took their gifts to the church leaders in Jerusalem.