

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 19, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:00

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00) Daniel Botha
Teen class Carol Bald
Kids' class Jeanine Case

Order of service

Song leader Ron Avey
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	... 1 Kings 12:1-19 by Daniel Botha
Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Input about potluck meals—Following is some input given by various people who serve at the potluck meals.
 - Many people preferred keeping our larger potluck meals throughout the year, rather than having smaller potluck meals more often.
 - Many people preferred having potluck meals scheduled around special events (Feast days, guest speakers, etc.), rather than a set time once a month.
2. Potluck meal today—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service today.
3. Fellowship Club next week—There is a Fellowship Club scheduled immediately after the church service next week. David and Melodee Eishen are planning to give “Solar Oven Cooking.” Although the monthly calendar listed the starting time as 4:15, we plan to start at 4:00 to give some people the opportunity to attend the Fellowship Club and a community meal at 5:30. (See next announcement.)

4. Community meal next week—There is a community meal (a fund-raiser for the Agape House to build a new building) to be held next Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Big Sandy. (Dave Havir wanted to offer our building for the meal, but their desired date and time did not complement the schedule of our church service very well.) The starting time is listed at 5:00 p.m., but those wanting to attend the Fellowship Club (see previous announcement) and the meal can choose to arrive at 5:30. If any members of our congregation would like to attend the meal, see Mr. Havir. He would like to pay for your meal as part of a donation to the Agape House.
5. Combined for Feast of Trumpets—Dave Havir talked with Charles Groce and Jeff Reed from the Church of God International to invite them to join us on Sept. 21 for the Feast of Trumpets. They accepted. (Many people from both congregations enjoyed the combined meeting on Pentecost in June.) Because they have considered bringing folks from Texarkana and Shreveport, Mr. Havir asked them to let him know the best starting time for those traveling to the area.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Perfectionism" by Helene Lerner.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments About Acts 13" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 16 pages.

Offering DVDs to our friends

Because of some of the technical challenges that we have with the live streaming of our church service (including the annoying buffering), our congregation is making a concerted effort to produce DVDs for people who want to hear our messages. Please contact us via mail or E-mail.

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Prayer updates

It is important to **Sonny Rosenberger** that you understand how much he appreciates the prayers of the congregation.

As was announced orally last Saturday, the results of an MRI for **Shirley West** on Thursday, Aug. 10, revealed a deterioration of her spine. This past Wednesday, she went to a spine specialist who mentioned that surgery is too invasive and too risky. Therefore, he recommended an injection every three months to control the pain.

Lance Holloway and **Cheryl Cain** (children of **Kit** and **Elaine Holloway**) thank members of the congregation for their continued prayers and support for their parents. Lance, who lives locally, visits his father daily and tends to the needs of his mother. Cheryl, who lives in the Fort Worth area, travels regularly to the area. (Cheryl passed through on Friday, Aug. 11, on the way to her son's graduation in Nacogdoches and returned to the area from this past Monday until this past Thursday.) Cheryl was able to solidify home health care for Elaine (two days a week for three hours a day). Here are excerpts from a report given by Cheryl about Kit: "Dad is showing signs of declining. He can't feed himself and has lost a lot of weight. He is no longer doing physical therapy. While he may recognize people when they visit, he often quickly forgets that they came. Although he is not physically comfortable, he is not hurting." They appreciate your prayers.

Please continue to pray for **Stan Roberts**, who is dealing with a variety of health challenges that influence him to miss coming to the church service. He mentioned that he has nine doctor appointments scheduled in the coming weeks.

As was announced orally last Saturday, **Bea Gusner** was on her way to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for some additional testing (that began on Monday). **Dave Havir** unsuccessfully attempted to contact Bea for an update on Thursday and Friday.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Geri Saha** of Ashland City, Tenn., had shoulder-replacement surgery. She is receiving home therapy and is expecting three months of rehabilitation.

Wanda Ward of the local UCG congregation continues to gain strength five weeks since her surgery. On Tuesday, she had a sonogram to rule out blood clots.

Mike Roth of Rio Rico, Ariz., who has been going through chemo treatment for 10 months, is anticipating a move back to Wisconsin.

New prayer requests

On Thursday while visiting family in Colorado, **Martha McIver** fell, breaking her left ankle and the big toe on her right foot. (She is also sore all over, especially her hips and hands.) The early regimen was to place a cast on her broken ankle and to avoid surgery. She is scheduled to be home and to see a doctor in Longview on Monday.

On Monday, **Prasad Deering Gampala** of India was involved in a motorcycle accident. Although he apparently did not suffer any extensive injuries, it is still unknown the extent of his injuries.

Michael Martinez of Knoxville, Tenn. (who was recently in our bulletin after being involved in an automobile accident), had surgery for a kidney stone. The doctor chose to go through his back to break up a sizable stone.

Ed Martell of Ohio had vascular surgery (two angioplasties). He and the family hope that the surgery will assist in healing wounds on his feet that have been there since Father's Day weekend.

“Comments About Acts 13”

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 Aug. 19, 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 chapters 13.

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

Overview of Paul’s travels

As we enter into Acts 13, we begin reading about Paul’s missionary journeys. According to some Bible commentaries, the trips can be categorized in the following manner.

- First missionary journey—Acts 13:1 until Acts 14:28

- Second missionary journey—Acts 15:36 until Acts 18:22

- Third missionary journey—Acts 18:23 until Acts 21:16

- Trip to Rome—Acts 21:17 until Acts 28:31

Barnabas and Paul were sent

Acts 13 begins with the account of Barnabas and Paul being chosen to serve and being sent to preach.

- There were five people considered to be sent (Acts 13:1).

- The Holy Spirit led the church at Antioch to identify Barnabas and Saul (verse 2).

- After the brethren fasted and prayed about the matter, they laid hands upon the two men and sent them away (verse 3).

Preached at Cyprus

- The two men sailed to Cyprus (verse 4).

- They had an assistant named John (verse 5). More information is mentioned about John in Acts 13:13 and Acts 15:37-39.

- They dealt with a sorcerer (Acts 13:6-12).

Preached at Antioch

- When they came to Perga, John left

the traveling group (verse 13).

- When they arrived at Antioch, they went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day (verse 14).

- After the reading of the Law and the Prophets in the synagogue, the rulers of the synagogue asked if anyone had a “word of exhortation” to share with the congregation (verse 15).

- Paul delivered an inspiring message in the synagogue (verses 16-41). Notice an excerpt.

Acts 13:38-39—“Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.”

- When the Jews left the synagogue, the gentiles begged Paul to share similar words on the following Sabbath (verse 42).

- Many of the Jews and devout proselytes encouraged Paul and Barnabas to continue preaching (verse 43).

- On the next Sabbath, almost the whole city arrived to hear the Word of God preached (verse 44).

- Many of the Jews were filled with envy (verse 45).

- But Paul and Barnabas grew bold and declared how salvation had come to the gentiles (verses 46-47).

- When the gentiles heard this, they were glad (verse 48).

- The Word of the Lord was being spread throughout the region (verse 49).

- Some Jews stirred up prominent women and religious leaders within the city to raise up persecution against Paul and Barnabas—even expelling them from their region (verse 50).

- Paul and Barnabas shook the dust from their feet and went to Iconium (verse 51), and the disciples were filled with joy (verse 52).