

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 19, 2016 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:17

**Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.**

### Order of service

<b>Song leader</b> .....	Ron Avey
<b>Pianist</b> .....	Dixon Cartwright
<b>First sermon</b> .....	Daniel Botha
<b>Teen class—Library</b> .....	Jeanine Case
<b>Kids class—Classroom #2</b> .....	Mindy Forrestier
<b>Second sermon</b> .....	Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Request for input—Dave Havir requests input from parents with children who are in the preteen category. The history of our congregation shows that the number of children's classes during the first sermon adjusts to the ages of the young people attending the congregation. For many years, we had only two classes—a kids' class and a teens' class. Then, as there were a number of children in the middle of those two classes, we added a class that we called Bridges. At the present time, we are considering to return to the two classes. Thank you for your parental input.
2. Foster barn dance—Morris and Linda Foster are planning their annual barn dance for the evening of Saturday, Nov. 26.
  - Starting time is 6:00 p.m.
  - Location is the Activity Barn at the Antique Capital RV Park in Gladewater (500 S. Loop 485)
  - Activities include a chili supper, a live dance band, square dancing and a hayride
  - People are invited to bring Crock-Pots of chili and desserts
3. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Things I Learned From This Election" by Lenny Cacchio.
4. Among Friends—This week's article is "Psalm 18:1-50" by Dave Havir.
5. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 18 pages.

## Prayer updates

**Boyd Payne** has been having some difficulty with his breathing. So, on Tuesday, he and **Annette** went to his doctor in New Boston. After having some blood work and an EKG, Mr. Payne learned his heart rhythm wasn't right and he might have a blood clot. So he went by ambulance to a hospital in Mount Pleasant. (The Paynes chose Mount Pleasant over Texarkana so that they could be closer to home.) After further evaluation, the doctors there believed that there were no blood clots involved, and the Paynes went home at 10:00 p.m.

**Vi Lehman** was happy to be at the church service last week and is hoping to be at the church service today.

**Kit** and **Elaine Holloway** were happy to be at the church service last week and are hoping to be at the church service today.

**Sonny Rosenberger** appreciates all the prayers and other kind gestures.

**Betty Foster** thanks your for your prayers concerning her broken rib.

On Wednesday, **Laura Moran** went to her regularly scheduled doctor's appointment. Her blood work and the doctor's evaluation went well. Mrs. Moran's only disappointment was losing one pound from her last appointment. (Although the weight loss was obviously minimal, Mrs. Moran was hoping to have gained weight.)

## New prayer requests

**Gracie Feaker** has been dealing with a repeat of swelling in her legs (especially her left leg). On Thursday, she went to the ER of the Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler and was admitted.

**Martha McIver** is dealing with a new bout of bronchitis.

**Cledice Decker** of Pasadena, Calif., was recently diagnosed with a nodule on the left side of her thyroid gland (which may be affecting her windpipe).

**Allen Johnson** of Fargo, N.D., has been on kidney dialysis last week since last spring, when he was hospitalized for heart failure and kidney failure. Last weekend he was admitted to a local hospital with a weakened condition and very low blood pressure. Lab tests showed that he has a urinary-tract infection and a staph infection that was probably introduced during a dialysis procedure.

**Leroy Schuster** of Marissa, Ill., has been diagnosed with bone-marrow cancer.

**Fred Patton** of a local Church of God congregation has recently dealt with sciatica and pain in his right shoulder.

**Marion McCullough** of a local Church of God congregation fell several weeks ago and has had to deal with lower back pain.

**Betty Shyne** of Monticello, Mo., died a few weeks ago. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## Scriptures to consider

**1 Timothy 2:1-6**—“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”

**Ezekiel 18:23**—“Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?” says the Lord God, “and not that he should turn from his ways and live?”

**Ezekiel 18:30-32**—“‘Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,’ says the Lord GOD. ‘Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,’ says the Lord GOD. ‘Therefore turn and live!’ ”

**Ezekiel 33:11**—“Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’ ”

## “Psalm 18:1–50”

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 Nov. 19, 2016.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—It saddens me to see so many people dealing with stress in this life. Bible students generally believe that an adversary seeks to disrupt the lives of Christians, just as he sought to disrupt the life of Jesus Christ (Matthew 4:1-11).

In an effort to help the readers of this article, I am going to do something a little different from my normal pattern. Instead of using the space in this article to make supplementary comments to accompany the scriptures that I quote, I want to simply quote the words in Psalm 18:1-50.

May these words bless you with peace and comfort.

**Psalm 18:1-3**—“I will love You, O

LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.”

**Psalm 18:4-6**—“The pangs of death surrounded me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears.”

**Psalm 18:7-12**—“Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, because He

was angry. Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet. And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire.”

**Psalm 18:13-15**—“The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire. He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them. Then the channels of the sea were seen, the foundations of the world were uncovered at Your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.”

**Psalm 18:16-19**—“He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.”

**Psalm 18:20-24**—“The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. For all His judgments were before me, and I did not put away His statutes from me. I was also blameless before Him, and I kept myself from my iniquity. Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.”

**Psalm 18:25-27**—“With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; with a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; with the pure You will show Yourself pure; and with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. For You will save the humble people, but will bring down haughty looks.”

**Psalm 18:28-30**—“For You will light my lamp; the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against

a troop, by my God I can leap over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.”

**Psalm 18:31-34**—“For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on my high places. He teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.”

**Psalm 18:35-36**—“You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great. You enlarged my path under me, so my feet did not slip.”

**Psalm 18:37-42**—“I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed. I have wounded them, so that they could not rise; they have fallen under my feet. For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. You have also given me the necks of my enemies, so that I destroyed those who hated me. They cried out, but there was none to save; even to the LORD, but He did not answer them. Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets.”

**Psalm 18:43-45**—“You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations; a people I have not known shall serve me. As soon as they hear of me they obey me; the foreigners submit to me. The foreigners fade away, and come frightened from their hideouts.”

**Psalm 18:46-49**—“The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted. It is God who avenges me, and subdues the peoples under me; He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man. Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name.”

**Psalm 18:50**—“Great deliverance He gives to His king, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his descendants forevermore.”