

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 14, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:34

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Reg Killingley
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	Daniel Botha
Teen class—Library	Jeanine Case
Kids class—Classroom #2	Mindy Forrestier
Second sermon	Daniel Botha

Quick takes

1. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Whitehouse.
2. Thank you—Thanks to the ladies who coordinated the baby shower in the building last Sunday.
3. Guest speaker on Jan. 21—George Crow is scheduled as a guest speaker on Saturday, Jan. 21.
4. Fellowship Club on Jan. 21—There is a Fellowship Club scheduled shortly after the church service on Jan. 21. David and Melodee Eishen are planning to give a presentation about “bug-out bags.”
5. Budget Committee meeting on Jan. 21—There is a Budget Committee meeting in the building on Jan. 21 at 6:00 p.m.
6. Private function in the building on Jan. 26—There is a private function (local Chamber of Commerce dinner) in the building on Thursday, Jan. 26.
7. Very rare to cancel church service—It is the custom of our congregation to avoid canceling our church service due to inclement weather. Even with a potential of lower attendance in the building due to weather in our area, we still hope to serve the audience on the website.
8. Main reason for canceling church service—Our main reason for canceling a church service is the loss of electricity.

9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Archaeology Discoveries Confirm Biblical History" by Eric Metaxes.
10. Among Friends—This week's article is "Opinions of Hollywood Celebrities" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 20 pages.

Prayer updates

Since this bulletin was prepared on Thursday evening, we have no report about the doctor appointment yesterday of **Jerry Thompson**, who was recently diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration.

On Thursday, **Willie Choate** went to the Good Shepherd Medical Center due to a rash. He expects to return to his doctor this coming week.

Betty Foster reports that she is feeling stronger this week.

Gracie Feaker reports that she had days this week that included strong pain in her stomach.

Please remember **Sonny Rosenberger**, who is dealing with some breathing challenges.

Mike Roth of Rio Rico, Ariz., learned that the stomach cancer was evaluated at stage 2.5.

In the Oct. 8 bulletin, we mentioned that **Max Bartholomew** of Miles City, Mont. (we erroneously listed him as from Wyoming), was diagnosed with cancer. He died on Jan. 9. Please remember his wife, **Ruth**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Early in the week, **Laura Moran** was dealing with strong congestion. On Thursday, she went for a chest X ray to identify the problem—possibly congestive heart failure or pneumonia.

On Thursday, **Phyllis Price** of Oklahoma City, Okla. (sister of **Shirley West**), had double-bypass surgery.

On Thursday, **Dean Koeneke** of the local community had brain surgery due to an aneurysm. After the surgery, there were some problems. The doctor quickly ruled out a stroke, but the personnel kept a close eye on him.

Ross Chitwood of Helenwood, Tenn., had a heart catheterization and is anticipating bypass surgery.

Bill Allen of Nashville, Tenn., fell off a ladder and suffered a broken leg, which was repaired. He also has soreness in his left hip, back and shoulder.

Scriptures to consider

Exodus 25:8-9—“And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.”

Exodus 25:22—“And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.”

Exodus 29:42-45—“This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet you to speak with you. And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory. So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests. I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God.”

Leviticus 26:11-12—I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

2 Samuel 7:1-3—Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, that 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.” Then Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

John 2:18-22—So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17—Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Ephesians 2:19-22—Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:5—You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:3—And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”

“Opinions of Hollywood Celebrities”

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 Jan. 14, 2017.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Since we live in the Internet age, there is an abundance of information at our fingertips. There is the written word in articles, blogs, E-mail, Twitter, Facebook and the like. There is the spoken word on YouTube, podcasts and more.

Recently, several of my friends sent me a composition titled “Dear Hollywood Celebrities.” The E-mail did not specify who wrote the words. If I knew who the author was, I would be happy to give him credit. Quite frankly, it may have been the work of several people.

At this time, I want to write a few words to two groups of people—Hollywood celebrities and people who put those celebrities on a pedestal.

Dear Hollywood celebrities

It is time for you Hollywood celebrities to understand some basic facts. Your main job description is to entertain people.

Some of you are beautiful.

Some of you can deliver a line with such conviction that you can ignite emotional responses in your audience. Some of you are so convincing that you can create the following responses in us.

- You can bring tears to our eyes.
- You can create suspense.
- You can scare us.
- You can make us chuckle.
- You can make us laugh uncontrollably.

But you have one thing in common—your job in this world is to entertain us. That’s it. Nothing else.

You make your living pretending to be someone else. You play dress-up like a 5-year-old. Your world is make-believe. It is not real. It doesn’t exist.

You live for the camera, while the rest of us live in the real world.

Therefore, I don’t care where you stand on political or moral issues. Honestly, your

opinion means nothing to me.

I don’t care which political candidate you endorse. I don’t care that you threaten to leave this country if your chosen candidate does not win. Do you really think that your threat to leave the country influences me in any way? Actually, I found those statements to be entertaining. Do you realize how foolish you sound when you make such proclamations?

I realize that you hear the applause of your producers, coworkers and many fans. But do you realize what happens when I turn off my television, shut down my computer or avoid a movie theater? You cease to exist.

Make me laugh. Make me cry. Even scare me. But realize this—in my world, you exist solely for my entertainment.

Dear Hollywood fans

When you Hollywood fans are looking for role models, I hope you can find some people who have invested time and love into your life.

Many people are blessed with caring parents. However, if your parents were not able to be your role models, there are other people who have been there for you.

Please don’t be fooled into thinking that Hollywood stars are your role models. Most of them are not even saying their own words in the movies or television shows. They have memorized the words of professional writers.

In the movies or on their television shows, the actors may have been able to create an entertaining illusion. But you are not seeing who they really are.

In public interviews, the actors may appear a certain way. But they are taught how to deal with the media and with the public. They are creating a public image.

Remember, you have the freedom to choose your entertainment in this life. Please do not confuse artificial entertainment with reality.