

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 11, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:00

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	Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thanks to all who brought the chili and other fixings for the potluck last Saturday. Leftovers were also consumed at the football party in the building last Sunday.
2. Thank you—Thanks to those who served at the football party in the building last Sunday. Special thanks to Andrew McIver (who handled the technical aspects) and Neil McIver (who coordinated the food).
3. For your information—On Wednesday, Feb. 1, the local power company (Swepeco) replaced the outdoor transformer to the building. The representative communicated with Dave Havir about cutting the power for the building from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on that day.
4. Magic show in Gilmer tonight—Jonathan Havir will be performing a magic show at the convention center in Gilmer tonight at 7:00, as a charity benefit for two young people with serious health challenges. If anyone from the congregation is wanting to attend, Dave Havir will help with the cost of the ticket—as a benefit to you and to the families of the children. If interested, please see Mr. Havir.
5. Guest speaker next week—We are pleased to announce that Neal Parker is scheduled to be a guest speaker next week.

6. Fellowship Club next week—The Fellowship Club that had been scheduled for Jan. 21 was postponed due to David Eishen feeling ill. It has been re-scheduled for shortly after the church service on Feb. 18. David and Melodee Eishen are planning to give a presentation about “bug-out bags.”
7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “What Is Gaslighting” by Stephanie Sarkis.
8. Among Friends—This week’s article is “You Are What You Do” by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 32 pages.

## Prayer updates

On Wednesday, **Jerry Thompson** has laser surgery on his right eye. (As was previously announced, he had a needle inserted into his right eye on Friday, Jan. 13, and into his left eye on Thursday, Jan. 19.) Although the surgery was considered successful, the doctor reported that there was more swelling than expected and that a needle will again be inserted in his right eye in the near future. Laser surgery for his left eye is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 20. He appreciates your prayers.

On Thursday, **Annette Payne** had surgery to further increase the blood flow in her legs. In the Jan. 28 bulletin, we mentioned that she had clogged arteries in both legs, that she had a procedure to unclog the arteries in her right leg and the doctor delayed unclogging the left leg at that time. Shortly thereafter, a doctor did the procedure to unclog the left leg. However, the doctor wanted to do another step to further increase the blood flow. On Thursday, she went to Longview Regional Hospital to have surgery to bypass the clogged arteries in her leg. (The bypass occurs in the lower abdomen.) Immediately after the surgery, the doctors reported increased blood flow to her feet. She appreciates your prayers.

**Gracie Feaker** reports that her breathing challenges have been rough for many days. She appreciates your prayers.

**Laura Moran** reports that she is recovered from the acute bronchitis. She appreciates your prayers.

**Betty Foster** reports that she continues to feel well. (She appreciates the prayers and the visits to a doctor in Jacksonville.) On Thursday, she went to an eye doctor and learned that she does not need cataract surgery on her left eye at this time—having had cataract surgery on her right eye in 2011.

In the Jan. 28 bulletin, we erroneously reported that **Joy Hughes** of The Woodlands (who had been diagnosed with an infection in her foot) was able to return home. However, we have since learned that she went into a rehab facility on Monday, Jan. 23. Here are excerpts from a report from her daughter **Paula**: “Last Friday, I made them test her blood and the infection is back, so they are giving her antibiotics again. She had been weak and not able to stand without help. This week, she has done better. Maybe she’ll continue to improve and come home next week. Thank you for your prayers.”

On Monday, **Vi Lehman** went to an eye-doctor appointment that went well. (This was her first time to visit the eye doctor that **Dave Havir** visited.)

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

In the Jan. 28 bulletin, we mentioned that **Rebecca Hollon** of Cincinnati, Ohio, was anticipating a hysterectomy. It was scheduled for last Monday, but the doctors were unable to complete the surgery because they found that the organs were surrounded by cancer. A few days later, the doctor reported that he found cancer cells in her uterus, cervix and appendix. She is scheduled for an EGD (a test to examine the lining of the esophagus and stomach) next Friday.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Carol Lenarwick** of San Jose, Calif., was dealing with stage-5 kidney failure. This week, the doctor identified her condition as stage 4.

**Mike Roth** of Rio Rico, Ariz., completed week five of his chemo treatment. After week nine, they are scheduled to insert a scope to assess the tumor and to consider removing it.

**Sandy Elbee** of Cincinnati, Ohio, who recently had a stroke, was released to a skill-care facility.

**Ross Chitwood** of Knoxville, Tenn., is recovering from his heart-bypass surgery on Feb. 2.

## New prayer requests

On Wednesday, **Jackie Ballew** of Dalhart (sister of **Donna Weese**) was airlifted to a hospital in Amarillo and diagnosed with pneumonia and congestive heart failure.

On Wednesday, **Bonnie Davis** of the local community was moved from East Texas Medical Center in Tyler to a rehab nursing home in Mount Pleasant.

**Frank Canepa** of Flagstaff, Ariz., has been diagnosed with pneumonia.

On Thursday, **Ken Swiger** of Knoxville, Tenn., had a heart catheterization. The good news was that his arteries are clear. The bad news is that his heart is weak and the left side is not functioning efficiently. He is anticipating to receive a pacemaker.

**Sharon Richardson** of Memphis, Tenn., was diagnosed with COPD. (She was previously diagnosed with diabetes and heart problems.)

**Laura Meade** of Fort Worth has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Doris Arnowitz** of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been dealing with intense pain in her right eye (even though she had surgery almost one year ago) and in her back. She appreciates your prayers.

**Billie Sue McNair** of San Antonio, died on Friday, Feb. 3. Please remember her husband, **Burk**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## “You Are What You Do”

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 Feb. 11, 2017.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—In my article on Jan. 28, I wrote a few thoughts about personal denial and how a person can recognize who he is. In that article, I shared five ways in which a person can examine himself.

At this time, I want to give each of the five concepts its own personal article. In this article, we will discuss the second concept—you are what you do.

### God notices deeds

Many Bible students are aware that the Greek word *ergon* (No. 2041 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is translated “works” approximately 150 times and “deeds” approximately 20 times in the New Testament.

They realize that this is different from the Greek word *dynamis* (No. 1411 in *Strong’s Concordance*), which is often associated with mighty works and miracles.

Notice a few examples of *ergon*.

■ 1 Peter 1:17—judged according to each one’s work

■ Revelation 2:2—I know your works

■ Revelation 2:9—I know your works

■ Revelation 2:13—I know your works

■ Revelation 2:19—I know your works

■ Revelation 3:1—I know your works

■ Revelation 3:8—I know your works

■ Revelation 3:15—I know your works

■ Revelation 20:12-13—according to their works

■ Revelation 22:12—according to his work

### More than a hearer

The apostle James wrote a section of Scripture that contrasted the difference between hearing and doing.

**James 1:22-25**—“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing

his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

### More than good intentions

James continued by mentioning that people deceive themselves.

**James 1:26**—“If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless.”

### Repent of bad deeds

All people make mistakes. Whenever we perform bad deeds, we can find forgiveness.

**Psalms 51:1-3**—“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.”

**Acts 13:22**—“And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’”

**Romans 7:14-15**—“For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.”

**Romans 8:3-4**—“For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”