

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 8, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:48

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Clay Forrestier
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	Ron Avey
Teen class—Library	Dave Havar
Kids' class—Classroom #1	Jennifer Danapas
Second sermon	Bernie Monsalvo

Quick takes

1. Welcome to the Monsalvos—The congregation welcomes Bernie and Paula Monsalvo to visit us today. Mr. Monsalvo is scheduled to give the second sermon. (When the Monsalvos moved to Alabama to be closer to their daughter, he anticipated not speaking while attending in the afternoon at the congregation where their daughter attends. However, they also go to a small independent congregation on Saturday mornings—where he gives sermons on most weeks.)
2. Upcoming guest speakers—The congregation is pleased to announce a number of guest speakers in the coming weeks.

■ Today	Bernie Monsalvo
■ April 15	Terry McAdams
■ April 22	Bert Moers
■ May 6	Eldon Raines and Ben Mauldin
3. Commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ on Sunday, April 9—The congregation will conduct a traditional Church of God Passover service (with traditional New Testament symbols of foot-washing, unleavened bread and wine) on Sunday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. (As is customary, the partaking of the bread and wine will occur after sundown.) We will have a system in place to help people who need assistance during the foot-washing portion of the

evening. Foot-washing basins will be provided. Each individual should bring his own towel. Teenagers and children are welcome to attend.

4. No live streaming of commemoration—This is a note to our Internet audience that there will not be live streaming of the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ on Sunday, April 9.
5. Archive file of last year’s commemoration—This is a note to our Internet audience that there will be a archive file of last year’s commemoration for those who want to view a service on Sunday night.
6. Remember Christ’s death at Monday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m.—For those individuals partaking of the New Testament symbols on the evening of Sunday, April 9 (picturing the night that Christ was betrayed), remember that Monday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m. pictures the time of His death.
7. First day of Unleavened Bread on Tuesday, April 11—The congregation will worship on the first day of Unleavened Bread on Tuesday, April 11.
 - 1:00 p.m. Interactive Bible study—no transmission
 - 2:00 Church service—Daniel Botha and Dave Havir.
 - 4:00 Potluck meal
8. Remember Christ’s resurrection on Thursday, April 13—For those individuals partaking of the New Testament symbols on the evening of Sunday, April 9 (picturing the night that Christ was betrayed), remember that Thursday evening, April 13, pictures events of the resurrection.
9. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread on Monday, April 17—The congregation will worship on the seventh day of Unleavened Bread on Monday, April 17.
 - 1:00 p.m. Interactive Bible study—no transmission
 - 2:00 Church service—Reg Killingley and Dave Havir
 - 4:00 Potluck meal
10. Excused-absence form—Anyone desiring an excused-absence form for the spring feast days may see Dave Havir.
11. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Christ Instituted New Symbols” by Dave Havir.
12. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Small Portion of Wine” by Dave Havir.
13. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 28 pages.

Message from the pastor

Dave Havir wrote the following message to the congregation: “I thank the different men who have given sermons to the congregation as we approach the spring feast days. Since I did not schedule myself with sermons at this time to help in the preparation for the days, I wrote six articles to be included in the process of helping the congregation. Those article were:

■ Edifying the Body

March 25	Exodus Passover
April 1	Passovers of Hezekiah and Josiah
April 8	Christ Instituted New Symbols

■ Among Friends

March 25	Foot-Washing
April 1	Broken Bread
April 8	Small Portion of Wine

At this time, I want to remind you about my recommendation about how to approach the exciting events that await us.

- Before the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, I recommend that we focus upon God's grace.
- After the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ (as we observed the Days of Unleavened Bread), I recommend that we focus upon our Father's expectations of us—which includes loving Him and loving our neighbor.

Finally, I want to give my annual reminder to people who feel unworthy before partaking of the commemoration symbols. Please partake of the commemoration symbols.

When Hezekiah was concerned that the people had not sanctified themselves (2 Chronicles 30:17-20), he prayed for them. Notice his prayer: "May the good LORD provide atonement for everyone who prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he is not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary."

After you partake of the commemoration symbols of grace, then each of us can observe the Days of Unleavened Bread—to focus on our Father's expectations of us.

Scriptures to consider

Exodus 12:34—So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders.

Exodus 12:39—And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.

Luke 17:31-36—"In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

“Small Portion of Wine”

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 April 8, 2017.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—On April 9, 2017, many people will be commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior on a date representing the night that He was betrayed.

Many among the Church of God will be using symbols that Jesus instituted in the New Testament. Those symbols are:

- Foot-washing
- Broken bread
- Small portion of wine

In this article, we will discuss the third symbol—small portion of wine.

Paul quoted Christ

Notice an instruction that Christ taught to His disciples during His last meal with them.

Luke 22:20—“Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.’”

In 1 Corinthians 11:25, the apostle Paul repeated what Christ instituted at His last meal with His disciples. Let’s read about the symbol of wine.

1 Corinthians 11:25—“In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’”

Shed blood

Do you drink the small portion of wine in remembrance of Christ? About what does the small portion of wine remind you?

The symbol of the small portion of wine is intended to remind disciples about the shed blood of Christ. Notice some verses.

Exodus 12:22—“And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is

in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.”

Exodus 24:6, 8—“And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar . . . And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, ‘This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.’”

Romans 5:9—“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

1 Corinthians 5:7—“. . . For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”

Hebrews 9:11-14—“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

Hebrews 13:12—“Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.”

Hebrews 13:20-21—“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 1:19—“[You were redeemed] with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”