

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 3, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:22

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Neil Mclver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	Dave Havir
Teen class—Library	Neil Mclver
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Jennifer Danapas
Second sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. No potluck meal today—There will not be a potluck meal today, but there will be a potluck meal tomorrow on Pentecost.
2. Honoring a high-school graduate today—The congregation is honoring the graduation of Kyle Alexander from high school.
 - Bullard High School
 - Planning to attend Tyler Junior College in Tyler
 - His projected major is health-and-exercise science
3. Desserts after church today—Because of the congregation honoring Kyle today, he will be sharing a variety of desserts with the congregation after the church service.
4. Combined church service on Day of Pentecost—The Tyler congregation of the Church of God International (CGI) will be meeting with our congregation on Pentecost (Sunday, June 4). The schedule for that day is:

2:00 p.m.	Bible study by Dave Havir and youth classes
3:00	Church service with Vance Stinson giving the sermon
4:00	Potluck meal
5. Election process begins today—The election process for three spots on the board begins today and will continue until Saturday, June 24, at 5:00 p.m.

6. Thank you—Thank you to two board members (Marcia Chambers and Nina Searer) who communicated to various people before the election that they were not wanting to be nominated at this time—preferring to give the opportunity of serving on the board to other people in the congregation. The congregation appreciates their service on the board.
7. Thank you—Thank you to the members of the congregation who participated in the nomination process last month. Since there are spots for three board members in this election cycle, the congregation was expected to nominate six people. Here are the six people who were nominated by the congregation.
 - Carol Bald
 - Jean Benedict
 - Ron Feaker
 - Reg Killingley
 - Neil McIver
 - Stan West
8. Camp Vine 2017—Camp Vine is scheduled for Monday, June 26, through Friday, June 30, at the same location as last year—at the Timberline Camp and Conference Center in Lindale.
9. Western Feast site—As was mentioned in the announcement bulletin last week, there will a Western Feast site in Prescott Valley, Ariz. We will be using a church building (owned by a Sunday-keeping church that rents to Saturday-keeping friends of ours). Our treasurer sent a check for full payment for the facility. Dennis and Karen Benson will be happy to help Feastgoers to find housing near the facility.
10. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “It Is Finished” by Lenny Cacchio.
11. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Acts 2” by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 18 pages.

Prayer updates

On Friday (May 26), **Kit Holloway** was moved from the East Texas Medical Center in Tyler to the Mother Frances Rehabilitation Hospital (also known as Health South). Kit has not been progressing as rapidly as the family had hoped, and it is unlikely that he will return home in the allotted time (15 more days) that he can be at the present facility. The three children are searching to determine the best option for him. (The most-common options are assisted living or a nursing home.) Of course, this decision also affects the future care of **Elaine**. The family appreciates your prayers for Kit’s continued recovery and for clarity of the housing needs.

Sonny Rosenberger appreciates your ongoing prayers as he continues to deal with breathing challenges.

Betty Foster, who was recently diagnosed with diverticulitis, made it to the church service last week after missing a week. She reports that she made further improvement this week and is planning to return to her responsibility of being one of the first arrivals at the church service to make coffee for the congregation.

Ron and Gracie Feaker report that they had a good week.

Laura Moran, who was dealing with bronchitis early in the week and sounded better on Thursday, had a slight relapse yesterday.

Annette Payne reports that she is doing well, but she has a catch-22 with her leg. Her leg swells somewhat during the day, but it recovers at night. When asked about the idea of staying off the leg more during the day, she mentioned that the doctor wants her to walk in an effort to discourage blood clots. (There is a new prayer request for **Boyd** below.)

Joyce Coleman is looking forward to her appointment for an echocardiogram on June 16.

Jerry Thompson's return visit to the eye doctor was postponed from last Tuesday to last Wednesday.

Following the surgery of **Ken Swiger** of Knoxville, Tenn., on Wednesday, he is expecting to be in the hospital for another four to seven days.

New prayer requests

Early in the week, **Boyd Payne** fell. He bruised his hip, but he apparently did not break any bones.

Ramon Coleman of Kansas City, Mo., who had two brain surgeries a number of years ago, has been dealing with extreme pain from migraine headaches. When **Dave Havir** visited our sister congregation in Kansas City in March, he stayed with the Colemans. At that time, Mr. Coleman was not having this amount of pain and Mr. Havir had invited him to come to our congregation to speak. (Mr. Coleman has spoken here before and has spoken a number of times at our Feast site in Destin.) Mr. Coleman called Mr. Havir yesterday to explain why he hasn't been able to schedule a trip to our congregation. Please pray for Mr. Coleman's daily comfort and for him to feel well enough to come and serve our congregation. The family appreciates your prayers.

Michael Martinez of Knoxville, Tenn., was burned in an accident at work while he was working on an engine. He was engulfed in flames and was diagnosed with second-degree burns in his airway and on his upper body.

Paul and Darla Moody and their family of Spokane, Wash., are dealing with multiple trials. First, a mudslide yesterday endangered their house. Second, their 22-year-old son, **Austen**, is dealing with many neurological problems (that even included a mild seizure). Their 15-year-old daughter, **Tabitha**, broke her ankle. The family appreciates your prayers.

Mark Rorem of Oakland, Calif., died on May 31. Please remember his wife, **Linda**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

“Comments About Acts 2”

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 June 3, 2017.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Last week, I began a series of brief articles to discuss chapters in the book of Acts. This week, we will talk about chapter 2.

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

Day of Pentecost

The Son of God had promised to His disciples about the arrival of the Holy Spirit (in Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4-5).

Bible students learned that the Holy Spirit was given on the Day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:1-2—“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.”

Baptism of fire

One of the manifestations of receiving the Holy Spirit on this Day of Pentecost was to speak with tongues of fire.

Acts 2:3—“Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.”

Some religious people use this scripture to support the notion that all newly baptized individuals are expected to manifest tongues of fire.

However, that idea seems to contradict what John the Baptist said about the baptism of fire.

In Matthew 3:11, John the Baptist mentioned the difference between a baptism he did and baptisms that would be done by the Son of God.

Matthew 3:11—“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Some people then conclude that all three baptisms were a good thing. But notice verse 12.

Matthew 3:12—“His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Many Bible students conclude that the Son of God had the authority to baptize with the desirable (the Holy Spirit) and to baptize with the undesirable (fire).

Manifestation of tongues

Acts 2:1-4 is not the only place in the Bible where the manifestation of tongues at baptism is mentioned. Notice Acts 10:44-46 and Acts 19:1-6.

It is my perspective that God used the manifestation of tongues at baptism on these special occasions to show His involvement at these events, because they were occurring away from the temple. God was no longer working predominantly in the temple system (Matthew 27:51).

Other themes

Notice some other themes that are mentioned in chapter 2.

■ Acts 2:6—The people heard in their own languages.

■ Acts 2:14-36—The apostle Peter gave a powerful message.

■ Acts 2:16-21—Peter paraphrased from Joel 2:28-32.

■ Acts 2:22-24—Peter emphasized the resurrection.

■ Acts 2:25-28—Peter paraphrased from Psalm 16:8-11.

■ Acts 2:29-33—Peter emphasized the resurrection.

■ Acts 2:34-35—Peter paraphrased from Psalm 110:1.

■ Acts 2:36—Peter concluded by emphasizing the resurrection.

■ Acts 2:37—The people asked what they should do.

■ Acts 2:38-40—Peter answered.

■ Acts 2:41-47—The people praised God.