

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 12, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:08

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00) Ramon Coleman
Teen class Jeanine Case
Kids' class Jennifer Danapas

Order of service

Song leader Reg Killingley
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.. Philipians 4:10-14 by David Coleman
Sermon Ramon Coleman

Quick takes

1. Guest speaker today—The congregation welcomes Ramon Coleman from the Kansas City congregation. Mr. Coleman is scheduled to give a Bible study and the sermon today.
2. Potluck meal next week—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service on Aug. 19.
3. Fellowship Club on Aug. 26—There is a Fellowship Club scheduled for Aug. 26. David and Melodee Eishen are planning to give “Solar Oven Cooking.”
4. Thank you—The congregation thanks Dwight Holcomb for cutting down a tree on our property on Thursday, Aug. 3, that can be used for firewood.
5. Combined for Feast of Trumpets—Dave Havir talked with Charles Groce and Jeff Reed from the Church of God International to invite them to join us on Sept. 21 for the Feast of Trumpets. They accepted. (Many people from both congregations enjoyed the combined meeting on Pentecost in June.) Because they have considered bringing folks from Texarkana and Shreveport, Mr. Havir asked them to let him know the best starting time for those traveling to the area.

6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Behold the Servant of the Lord" by Lenny Cacchio.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments About Acts 12" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 18 pages.

Prayer updates

Sonny Rosenberger appreciates the prayers for the variety of health challenges he faces—which include a lack of energy, digestive challenges and pain in his neck.

Kit and **Elaine Holloway** thank you for all the kindness that you provide for them. Elaine appreciates the cards and Kit appreciates the visits (in room No. 108 at the Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater). They both appreciate the prayers.

As was announced orally last Saturday, **Shirley West** has been dealing with leg pain and went for an X-ray and other tests on Tuesday (Aug. 1). The tests revealed a "degenerative bone disease." She went for an MRI on Thursday of this week. She anticipates hearing results from the MRI in the near future.

In the July 29 bulletin, we mentioned that **Annette Payne** fell in her home and broke her left wrist. On Monday, the doctor took off her cast and placed a temporary brace on her. She is scheduled to have the brace removed on Sept. 5. (One of Annette's daughters talked to **Dave Havir** about bringing Annette and **Boyd** to church once a month. Mr. Havir mentioned that, with proper communication about his travel schedule, he could take them home on those days.)

On Wednesday, **Laura Moran** returned to the doctor to discuss what to do about the damage in her back. At present, he is going to deal with her back condition with physical therapy.

On Monday, **Ron Feaker** went to visit the doctor to have more wax removed from his ear.

Allie Dart of Whitehouse died on Wednesday. The funeral is on Monday at the Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler at 10:00 a.m. Please remember her family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Jordan Cox (age 16) of Kellogg, Minn., who has been dealing with Lyme disease for many months, recently had a new challenge. For some time now, the disease causes him to have seizures. Recently, he had a seizure that caused him to break the ball in his shoulder.

Ruthmarie Mitchell of Dumfries, Va. (friend of **Marilyn Boston**), had an MRI that revealed spots on her bones. The doctors suspect non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and have arranged for testing.

Last Saturday, **Wayne Woodring** went to the ER of Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler due to discoloration in his urine. A CT scan and ultrasound revealed a large gallstone in his bile duct. On Monday, the doctors performed a procedure to remove a small gallstone that was blocking his bile duct. However, there was still a large stone in the neck of the gallbladder that was pressing on the bile duct. On Tuesday, the doctors performed surgery to remove the gallbladder. The surgery took longer than expected as the doctor had to take time to remove the large gallstone (2½ inches). He and **Joanne** appreciate your prayers.

On Monday, **Geri Saha** of Ashland City, Tenn., had “shoulder-replacement” surgery.

Jim Reyer of Shepherd, Mont., died on Aug. 3. Please remember his wife, **Sondra**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Synopsis of board meeting

Here is a synopsis of a board meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

- The board meeting had four board members. The other three board members supported the scheduling of the meeting, but they had prior commitments. They were aware of the two agenda items to be discussed. (Dave Havir, who is not a board member, did not attend because he was at the memorial service for Joy Hughes at The Woodlands.)
- The board discussed the creation of a policy for the use of alcohol at activities taking place in the building. After a thorough discussion, the board agreed to table the item, pending feedback from a lawyer as to the church’s liability in each situation and his recommendation as to the wording.
- The board also discussed Mr. Havir’s recommendation from the previous board meeting to name three building managers. Ron Avey proposed that, if the board wanted three managers, they could be given specific areas of duty—kitchen, building and grounds.

Pastor’s Feast traveling schedule

Recently, Dave Havir booked his airline tickets for the upcoming 2017 Feast of Tabernacles. As you might recall, last year he went to only two Feast sites instead of his normal traveling schedule to three sites. This year, he will return to the schedule of visiting three sites.

- First four days in Destin
- Two days in Myrtle Beach
- Two days in Prescott Valley
- He is scheduled to remain in Arizona two days after the Feast to speak there on Saturday (Oct. 14)

“Comments About Acts 12”

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 Aug. 12, 2017.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss chapters in the book of Acts. This week, we will talk about chapter 12.

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

Good things in Antioch

As you recall in Acts 11, good things were happening among the disciples.

■ The hand of the Lord was with the preaching of the Lord Jesus in Antioch, and many believed (Acts 11:21).

■ The disciples in Antioch decided to send help to the disciples in Judea, who were suffering from a drought (verses 29-30).

Herod killed James

Chapter 12 begins by showing some negative events happening among the disciples. The record shows that Herod killed James.

■ King Herod stretched forth his hand to harass some from the church (verse 1).

■ King Herod killed James (the brother of John) with the sword (verse 2).

References to James

This is the James who is mentioned throughout the Gospel accounts. Notice a few places.

■ James and John were the sons of Zebedee, who followed the Son of God (Matthew 4:21-22).

■ James and John were called the sons of thunder (Mark 3:17).

■ Christ took Peter, James and John up the mountain to witness a vision (Luke 9:28-36).

■ Christ corrected James and John for their desire to call down fire from heaven (Luke 9:51-56).

■ When Luke wrote the book of Acts, he listed James and John among the disciples in Jerusalem awaiting the receiving of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:13).

Days of Unleavened Bread

Back to the story, we see that Herod did much of his evil to please people.

■ King Herod seized Peter to please the Jews (verses 3-4).

■ This occurred during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Do a little research

Acts 12:4 is one of the places in the Bible that demonstrates how Bible students cannot trust all the English words found in the King James Version of the Bible.

The King James Version in Acts 12:4 mentions the English word *Easter*. The New King James correctly uses the English word *Passover*.

Bible students should have two goals.

■ First—Even without being an expert in Hebrew or Greek, Bible students can check the English words with a concordance or lexicon.

■ Second—Bible students should compare passages in various translations.

Peter escaped

After Peter was captured, he escaped.

■ An angel helped Peter to escape (verses 5-11).

■ Peter went to the house of Mary (the mother of John) to tell the other disciples about his escape (verses 12-17).

■ Peter suggested that the disciples pass along the news of his escape to another James (verse 17). The new James is also mentioned in Acts 15:13-21.

■ Herod commanded that the soldiers who allowed Peter to escape should be put to death (verses 18-19).

Herod was killed

Shortly thereafter, King Herod died.

■ An angel of the Lord struck King Herod (verses 20-23).

■ The Word of God grew and multiplied (verse 24).