

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 9, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:35

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	Dave Havir
Teen class	Jeanine Case
Kids' class	Carol Bald

Order of service

Song leader	Ron Avey
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Exodus 20:1-17 by Bruce Graham
Sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Combined for Feast of Trumpets—The congregation will observe the Feast of Trumpets on Thursday, Sept. 21. The Church of God International will be joining us on that day. The schedule is Bible study by Dave Havir at noon, church service with John Reedy giving the sermon at 1:00 p.m., and potluck meal at 2:00.
2. Day of Atonement—The congregation will observe the Day of Atonement on Saturday, Sept. 30. The schedule is Bible study at 2:00 and church service at 3:00.
3. Financial assistance for those staying in Big Sandy for the Feast—Anyone in the congregation who is staying at our site here in Big Sandy for the Feast of Tabernacles and who needs financial assistance may contact Dave Havir.
4. Feast DVDs for people who cannot attend a Feast site this year—Individuals in our extended audience who cannot attend a Feast of Tabernacles site due to health or other reasons are invited to receive DVDs with sermons for them to play during the Feast.

5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Consider These 'Four Faces' of Prophecy" by Dave Havir.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments About Acts 16" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 14 pages.

Prayer Updates

Bea Gusner (who had surgery to repair a leaking heart valve at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota on Friday, Aug. 18) continues to deal with the aftereffects of surgery. She is happy to report that the "pounding has gone down." She went to her regular cardiologist in Tyler (who has treated her effectively for years) on Monday, Aug. 28. She is scheduled to return to the Mayo Clinic on Sept. 25. for them to evaluate how to treat the other leaking heart valve.

On Monday, **Sonny Rosenberger** went an ER in Longview and ended up going to the Good Shepherd Hospital to spend the night.

On Tuesday, **Annette Payne** visited the doctor and got her brace (for her broken left wrist) removed. However, the doctor also gave her permission to put the brace on her wrist anytime she wanted extra protection.

On Monday, **Martha McIver** is scheduled to return to the doctor for new X-rays of her broken left ankle.

Lance Holloway and **Cheryl Cain** (children of **Kit** and **Elaine Holloway**) thank members of the congregation for their continued prayers and support for their parents.

New prayer requests

Stan Roberts reported that he has been diagnosed with cancer in his lungs and stomach. While there has been no discussion about surgery for the lungs, the doctor has discussed the possibility of surgery for the stomach. Mr. Roberts also reported that his care will be associated with East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, rather than the VA hospital in Shreveport.

On Wednesday, **Carol Killingley** is scheduled for an outpatient procedure to fix a longstanding problem of persistent pain in her right shoulder.

Ron Feaker was scheduled to go to the doctor yesterday for an evaluation of his painful right foot.

Abigail Hinds (age 15) of middle Tennessee suffered a concussion in a soccer match.

Fran Marcouillier of Tonganoxie, Kan., suffered blood clots in her left leg that resulted in an amputation below the knee. Meanwhile, her husband, **Roland**, has been in the hospital to monitor heart issues.

On Tuesday, **Jimmy Bryant** of Holliday was bitten on both hands by a rattlesnake.

Charlie Elliott of Richmond, Va., who was diagnosed with a brain mass in May, died on Aug. 3. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Lois Chapman of Tyler died on Sept. 7. Please remember her husband, **Ben**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Feast speaking schedule

Feast speaking in Big Sandy

Thursday, 10/5	Daniel Botha
Friday, 10/6	Ron Avey
Saturday, 10/7	Reg Killingley
Sunday, 10/8	Reg Killingley
Monday, 10/9	Bert Moers
Tuesday, 10/10	TBA
Wednesday, 10/11	Ron Avey
Thursday, 10/12	Daniel Botha

Feast speaking in Myrtle Beach

Thursday, 10/5	Lyle Kerby
Friday, 10/6	Ray Stapp
Saturday, 10/7	John Bair and Arnold Stamey
Sunday, 10/8	John Havir
Monday, 10/9	Brandon Schroder and Dave Havir
Tuesday, 10/10	Ryan Andrews and Dave Havir
Wednesday, 10/11	Steve Andrews
Thursday, 10/12	Jim Johns

Feast speaking in Prescott Valley

Thursday, 10/5	Stan West
Friday, 10/6	Dennis Benson
Saturday, 10/7	Stan West
Sunday, 10/8	Family Day
Monday, 10/9	TBA
Tuesday, 10/10	Stan West
Wednesday, 10/11	Dave Havir
Thursday, 10/12	Dave Havir

Feast speaking in Destin

Thursday, 10/5	Dave Havir and Ken Tate
Friday, 10/6	Dave Havir and Ben Mauldin
Saturday, 10/7	Bernie Monsalvo and Neal Parker
Sunday, 10/8	Rick Frazee and Ramon Coleman
Monday, 10/9	Chad Tate and Matt Chalmers
Tuesday, 10/10	Ben Franklin and Ken Tate
Wednesday, 10/11	Neil McIver and Neal Parker
Thursday, 10/12	Ramon Coleman

“Comments About Acts 16”

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 Sept. 9, 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 16.

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

Overview of Paul’s travels

As we entered into Acts 13, we began reading about Paul’s missionary journeys. According to some Bible commentaries, the trips can be categorized in the following manner.

- First missionary journey—Acts 13:1 until Acts 14:28

- Second missionary journey—Acts 15:36 until Acts 18:22

- Third missionary journey—Acts 18:23 until Acts 21:16

- Trip to Rome—Acts 21:17 until Acts 28:31

Timothy was circumcised

In Acts 15, we saw that the contention between Barnabas and Paul was so sharp that they parted from one another—Barnabas taking John Mark and Paul taking Silas (Acts 15:39-41).

From this point forward, the book of Acts focuses more on the trips of Paul over the trips of Barnabas.

- Paul and Silas traveled to Derbe and Lystra and met a disciple named Timothy—whose father was Greek and his mother was Jewish (Acts 16:1).

- When Timothy agreed to travel with Paul, he was circumcised to better serve the brethren (verses 2-5).

Macedonian call

The story continues with the Holy Spirit leading their travel—with a writing style called the personification of the Holy Spirit.

- They were “forbidden” by the Holy Spirit to preach the Word in Asia (verse 6).

- The Spirit did not “permit” them to go into Bithynia (verse 7).

- Paul had a vision to travel to Macedonia (verses 9-10).

Lydia was baptized

A successful woman named Lydia was baptized at Philippi.

- She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira (verse 14).

- She opened her home for Paul’s traveling party to stay (verse 15).

Imprisoned and released

Shortly thereafter, Paul and Silas were imprisoned and released.

- God healed a possessed girl by the word of Paul (verses 16-18).

- The masters of the girl were angry because they lost profit from her divination (verse 19) and they influenced the torture and imprisonment of Paul and Silas (verses 20-24).

- When a massive earthquake allowed Paul and Silas to escape (verses 25-26), the jailer was going to kill himself because it happened on his watch (verse 27).

- After Paul stopped the jailer from harming himself, the jailer was baptized (verses 28-34).

Acts 16:31—“So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Roman citizenship

- After the magistrates sent officers to arrest Paul (verses 35-36), Paul asserted the rights of his Roman citizenship to be released (verses 37-40).

It is interesting to note that Paul used his Roman citizenship on three occasions—twice to escape a bad situation (Acts 16:37 and Acts 22:25-30) and once to preach the gospel (Acts 25:10-11).