

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 24, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:31

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00) Ken Tate
Teen class Roxanna West

Order of service

Song leader Neil McIver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading 1 Cor. 11:17-29 by Ron Avey
Sermon Ken Tate

Quick takes

1. Baptism last Sunday—We are pleased to announce that Timberly Dunnam was baptized in the building last Sunday morning.
2. Thank you—Thank you to all the individuals in the congregation who served at the memorial service for Al Donahue last Sunday (including setup, sound and food). Thanks to the following people from the congregation who gave recollections at the service: Ron Avey, Betty Foster, Neil McIver, Vonda Ouellette and Stan West.
3. Welcome to our guest speaker today—The congregation welcomes Ken and Janice Tate from Harrison, Ark. The Tates, their family and the congregation have been serving at the Feast site in Destin. Mr. Tate is scheduled to give the 2:00 p.m. Bible study and the sermon in the church service.
4. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce that some friends have agreed to visit our congregation as guest speakers.
 - Today Ken Tate
 - March 31 Jim Johns
 - April 6-7 Ramon Coleman

5. Setup tomorrow at 10:00—Ron and Linda Avey invite any interested people to participate in helping to set up the hall for the service commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord, which will be in the building on Thursday, March 29.
6. Meal in the building—Dave Havir, Lisa Smith, Neil McIver and Martha McIver invite anyone in the congregation to attend a meal in the building on the eve of the first day of Unleavened Bread (Friday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m.).
7. Spring feast days—Here are some reminders about calendar events concerning the spring feast days.
 - Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m.—Commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord with New Testament symbols (picturing the night He was betrayed)
 - Friday, March 30, at 3:00 p.m.—Individually remembering the time of Christ's death
 - Friday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m.—Church of God tradition of individually remembering the children of Israel coming out of Egypt
 - Saturday, March 31—First day of Unleavened Bread with a Bible study at 2:00 p.m., a church service at 3:00 and a potluck meal at 4:00.
 - Monday, April 2, in evening—Individually remembering events about Christ's resurrection
 - Friday, April 6—Seventh day of Unleavened Bread with a Bible study at 2:00 p.m., a church service at 3:00 and a potluck meal at 4:00.
8. Last week's Edifying the Body—If you did not get a copy of last week's Edifying the Body ("Comments About the Spring Feasts"), Dave Havir requests that you pick up a copy. Mr. Havir believes that the article may be helpful in showing you how he explains the spring feast days to people.
9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Did They Find the Prophet Isaiah's Signature?" by Eric Metaxas.
10. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Romans 11" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 18 pages.

Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Eli Benedict** was scheduled to go home from the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview on Friday, March 16 (which did occur). He and **Jean** are happy that the rash is almost gone and the swelling has reduced. (They are still keeping an eye on the left leg, which was worse). Last week, we also mentioned that the doctor was expecting things to clear up in two weeks (from March 16).

On Wednesday, **Marilyn Boston** was moved to a new room (111-A) at the Clairmont rehab facility in Tyler (900 S. Baxter Ave).

Sonny Rosenberger thanks you for your ongoing prayers for his challenges.

Betty Foster reports that she had a good week.

Elaine Holloway reports that the swelling of her legs is about the same. (She is unsure at this time if she will observe the commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord at home or if she will need a ride to the church building.)

This week, **Laura Moran** was dealing with back pain and bronchitis.

On Monday, **Willie Choate** had a colonoscopy and heard a good report.

In the March 3 bulletin, we mentioned that **Annette Payne** had surgery to remove a knot on her tongue. She is happy to report that the knot was considered benign.

On Monday, **Vonda Ouellette** went to see her cardiologist. The appointment went well, but he did recommend she see an eye, nose and throat doctor (to help avoid any future problems with a bleeding nose). She has an appointment for April 11.

The doctors are discussing the possibility of **Sharon Edelbach** of Kellogg, Minn. (mother of **Jeanine Case**), having valve-replacement surgery due to an increasing calcification of the heart valve in the last few months.

In the March 3 bulletin, we mentioned that **Billy Allums** (husband of **Linda Allums**) went to Dallas for some tests due to neurological problems. He is scheduled for surgery in Dallas on March 28.

New prayer requests

On Wednesday, **Boyd Payne** had a wart on his nose removed. In two weeks, the doctor will inform him if the diagnosis is cancer.

On Thursday, the swelling in **Gracie Feaker's** legs had enlarged to the point that the visiting nurse was saying that if the legs did not get better by the next day Mrs. Feaker should visit the hospital. She was anointed by **Dave Havir** that evening and did not need to visit a hospital at this time.

Karen Dean (daughter of **Ron** and **Gracie Feaker**) went to a doctor because of problems with her left eye. The doctor was baffled at what was causing her vision problems. She was anointed on Thursday.

Scriptures to consider

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| ■ Exodus 12:34, 39 | ■ Acts 2:22-36 |
| ■ Deuteronomy 16:3 | ■ 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 |
| ■ Matthew 26:6-13 | ■ 1 Corinthians 11:17-29 |
| ■ Matthew 27:46 | ■ Romans 8:11 |
| ■ Matthew 27:50-51 | ■ Hebrews 8:1 |

“Comments About Romans 11”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of March 17, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss chapters in the book of Romans. This week, we will talk about chapter 11.

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

Israel’s rejection not total

As I mentioned in the article about chapter 3, the apostle Paul at various junctures in the book of Romans asked questions that could be considered ridiculous. In each case, he answered “God forbid” in the King James Version (“certainly not” in the New King James Version).

He asked such questions 10 times in the book of Romans. (Here is a list of all 10 times: Romans 3:3-4; 3:5-6; 3:31; 6:1-2; 6:14-15; 7:7; 7:13; 9:14; 11:1; and 11:11.) As you can see, two of the times are listed in this chapter.

■ In verse 1, Paul asked: Has God cast away His people? His answer: Certainly not. Notice what else he said.

Romans 11:1—“I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.”

■ Paul mentioned Elijah by paraphrasing 1 Kings 19:10, 14 (Romans 11:2-3).

■ Paul mentioned the Lord’s response to Elijah in 1 Kings 19:4 (verse 4).

■ Paul stated that at the time of his life there was a “remnant according to the election of grace” (verse 5).

■ Paul reminded the audience that salvation by grace was superior to works (verse 6).

■ Paul paraphrased Deuteronomy 29:4 (verse 7).

■ Paul paraphrased Psalm 69:22-23 (verses 8-9).

Israel’s rejection not final

■ In verse 11, Paul asked: Have they

stumbled that they should fall? He answered: Certainly not. Notice what else he said.

Romans 11:11—“I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.”

■ The fall of Israel was riches for the world and for the gentiles (verse 12).

■ Paul reminded the audience that he was an apostle to the gentiles (verses 13-14). See also Acts 9:15.

■ Paul used the metaphor that Israel’s return to God will be like bringing the dead back to life (verse 15).

■ Paul used the metaphor that, if the root is holy, then so are the branches (verse 16).

■ Paul continued with the metaphor describing how some branches were broken off and other branches were grafted into the tree (verses 17-24).

■ Paul said that the hardening of Israel happened in part until the fullness of the gentiles had come in (verse 25).

■ Paul paraphrased Isaiah 59:20-21 (verses 26-27).

■ Paul mentioned that, even though Israel is considered by many to be “enemies,” they were still beloved by God (verse 28).

■ The calling of God is irrevocable (verse 29).

■ Just as gentiles have been disobedient to God, Israel became disobedient to God—and this helped the gentiles to receive mercy (verses 30-31).

■ God will have mercy upon all (verse 32). Notice Romans 11:33.

Romans 11:33—“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!”

■ Paul paraphrased Isaiah 40:13 and Jeremiah 23:18 (verse 34).

■ Paul paraphrased Job 41:11 (verse 35).

Romans 11:36—“For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.”