

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Dec. 8, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:13

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00) Daniel Botha
Teen class Jeanine Case

Order of service

Song leader Daniel Botha
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Acts 14:11-18
Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Foster Barn Dance and Chili Supper—The annual Foster Barn Dance and Chili Supper is scheduled in Gladewater on Saturday evening, Dec. 29.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 29
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Antique Capital RV Park
Address: 500 S. Loop 485, Gladewater
Building: Activity barn
Meal: Chili supper
May bring: Here is some food you may bring—chili, hot dogs, shredded cheese, Fritos, veggie trays, desserts, canned drinks, bottled water.
Music: Live dance band
Activities: Square dancing

2. Winter coats—Shirley West invites members of the congregation to donate winter coats (for all ages) to the Agape House in Big Sandy for distribution among the needy.

3. Family activities in Lexington, Ky.—The Church of God Cincinnati will be hosting its Winter Family Weekend in Lexington from Friday, Dec. 21, through Tuesday, Dec. 25.
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Grandparents Cannot Retire From Kingdom Work" by Eric Metaxas.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "Wisdom From Above—Peaceable" by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 16 pages.

Prayer updates

Elaine Holloway continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Glade-water. She is in Room 109. On Thursday, Mrs. Holloway had to deal with the news of the death of her son, **Lance**. (In the Jan. 13 bulletin, we announced that Elaine's son had cancer in his right lung and bronchial tubes. He had been battling the disease throughout the year. When the family knew his death was imminent, they arranged for **Dave Havir** to give the news to Mrs. Holloway when they reported the death to him.)

Lance Holloway of Lindale (son of **Elaine Holloway**) died on Dec. 6. Please remember his wife, **Cheryl**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Betty Foster** had an MRI and was diagnosed with two additional compression fractures and two vertebrae that are pinching a nerve. She reports that she has had great difficulty finding an opening for a doctor's appointment. On Monday, she is scheduled for a doctor's visit to get the ball rolling to see an orthopedic doctor.

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Glade-water. Caregiving daughter **Karen** reports that Mr. Feaker enjoys visitors. He is in Room 111.

Gracie Feaker continues to rehab at the home of caregiving daughter **Karen**.

Marilyn Boston continues to deal with the pneumonia and the infection called C-dif.

Laura Moran reports that her pneumonia is gone. On Dec. 12, she is scheduled for an initial visit with a doctor who will be administering a sleep study for her.

Eli Benedict continues to have pain in his right leg.

Sonny Rosenberger appreciates the prayers for his ongoing health challenges.

On Tuesday, **Larry Foster** of Avinger (son of **Betty Foster**) went to the ER at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview due to shortness of breath. (The doctor in the ER was the same woman who diagnosed him with leukemia in June.) He was admitted, and doctors checked for a blood clot or heart attack. Neither was found. He was scheduled to go home yesterday.

Following are excerpts about the condition of **Trey Holcomb** of Longview (4-year-old nephew of **Angela Dunnam**). Here are excerpts from an update on Sunday: “He is doing really well on BiPap. They are already lowering the setting to wean him off of that and onto heated-flow nasal cannula. Trey did start running a fever. The doctor is thinking he may have an infection growing from the tube being in for so long. Trey has also been battling issues with his eyes for weeks now. The ophthalmologist came in and said that he has some scar tissue from his eyes being so dry (when he was paralyzed for so long). We are needing tons of prayers that his vision will be 100 percent once we leave here.”

Bill Grams of San Marcos, Calif., died on Dec. 1. Please remember his wife, **Nancy**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

On Tuesday (Nov. 27), **Mickey Voyce** had surgery in Dallas to correct an abdominal condition. The original diagnosis occurred in Tyler in August, but the surgery was scheduled for November in Dallas. There were no openings until Nov. 27. In November, Mrs. Voyce considered postponing the surgery for two reasons—(1) her mother developed pneumonia and (2) her sister in New Jersey died on Friday (Nov. 23). However, she decided to keep the appointment for two reasons—(1) the next opening for the surgery was in January and (2) she knew **Dave Havir** would help her son, **Joshua**, to deal with her mother’s needs. She requests prayers that she has speedy recovery from the surgery.

Last Saturday, **Kamesha Willingham** of Marshall (30-year-old granddaughter of **Sadie Copeland**) was kidnapped from a friend’s home in Longview. The police were notified and the kidnapping was foiled later that afternoon in Shreveport, La. Miss Willingham visited an ER, where she was treated for a concussion and other physical wounds. Besides praying for her physical recovery, please pray for her emotional recovery as well.

On Thursday, **Marcia Hathcook** of Tulsa, Okla., had a heart catheterization and learned that she did not need stents at this time.

Michael Mirkin of Tulsa, Okla., has been diagnosed with a “ruptured gall bladder.”

Sharon Swanson of Mooresville, N.C., died on Dec. 3. Please remember her husband, **Will**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Judges 8:22-23—“Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, ‘Rule over us, both you and your son, and your grandson also; for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian.’ But Gideon said to them, ‘I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the LORD shall rule over you.’”

Acts 14:15—“Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them.”

“Wisdom From Above—Peaceable”

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 Dec. 8, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—There are many sections in the Bible that describe characteristics that disciples seek to inculcate into their lives. One such section is found in James 3:17.

James 3:17—“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”

Today, we will discuss the subject of being peaceable.

Greek word in James 3:17

At this time, let’s focus upon the Greek word in James 3:17 translated as “peaceable.”

■ *Eirenikos* (No. 1516 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek adjective translated as “peaceable” in James 3:17. It is used in one other verse.

Hebrews 12:11—“Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

Variations of Greek word

Here are variations of the Greek word *eirenikos* in the New Testament.

■ *Eirenopoieo* (No. 1517 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a verb used one time. That verse is Colossians 1:20.

Colossians 1:20—“Having made peace with the blood of His cross . . .”

■ *Eirenopoios* (No. 1518 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is an adjective used one time. That verse is Matthew 5:9.

Matthew 5:9—Blessed are the peacemakers.

■ *Eireneuo* (No. 1514 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a verb used four times. Those verses are Mark 9:50; Romans 12:18; 2 Corinthians 13:11; and 1 Thessalonians 5:13.

Mark 9:50—“Have peace with one another.”

Romans 12:18—“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

2 Corinthians 13:11—“Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace [No. 1514]; and the God of love and peace [No. 1515] will be with you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:13—“Be at peace among yourselves.”

■ *Eirene* (No. 1515 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a noun used 89 times.

Following are a few of the verses.

Romans 5:1—“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 8:6—“For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

Romans 14:17—“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14:19—“Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”

Romans 15:13—“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Philippians 4:7—“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:9—“The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

2 Thessalonians 3:16—“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.”

James 3:18—“Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”