

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 18, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:11

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	Jon Coffee
Teen class	Neil McIver

Order of service

Song leader	Neil McIver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Acts 22:1-21
Sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Nomination phase—May is the time for the congregation to nominate people to be included in the election phase (in June) for our church board. The nomination phase concludes on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m.
2. Thank you—Deric Forrestier and family (of the Living Church of God) thank the congregation for our providing the building last Saturday evening for the memorial service for Lori Forrestier.
3. Successful school banquet last Thursday night—The congregation thanks Linda Avey, Carol Bald, Andrew McIver and Neil McIver for serving at the High School Athletic Banquet in the building on Thursday night. (The school hired a caterer to serve 250 meals.)
4. Reminder of hall setup—We want to remind the congregation that we allow the hall to be set up in advance for a future function—as long as it does not interfere with our schedule on Saturday. Last Saturday, the hall was set up in advance for the memorial service that occurred last Saturday evening. This Saturday, the hall remains set up for the school function in the building on Monday evening. (The setup was slightly reduced, since the function on Monday is scheduled to feed 150 people instead of the 250 people on Thursday night.)

5. School function in the building on Monday—The High School Music Department has a banquet in the building on Monday night.
6. Weekend conference in our building—The Bible Sabbath Association (BSA) is conducting a conference in our building next weekend.
 - Sponsors Bible Sabbath Association
 - When? May 24-26
 - Where? Church of God Big Sandy
 - Title BSA Fellowship Meeting 2019
 - Theme Sabbath History: “Our Past, Present and Future”
 - Friday, May 24
7:00-8:30 p.m.—Introductions and fellowship
 - Saturday, May 25

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Bill Watson
12:15-1:15	Bryan Burrell
1:30-2:30	Kelly McDonald
3:00-4:00	Church service—Phil Arnold
4:00-6:00	Fellowship meal
6:00-7:00	Tim Kelley
7:15-8:30	Roundtable discussion
 - Sunday, May 26

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Bill Watson
10:15–11:15	Royce Mitchell
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Kelly McDonald
12:30-2:00	Fellowship meal
2:00-3:00	John Merritt
3:15-4:15	Phil Arnold
4:30-5:30	TBD
5:45-7:45	Roundtable discussion
8:00-8:30	Closing remarks
7. Day of Pentecost—The congregation will be observing the Day of Pentecost (combined with the Church of God International) with the following schedule.
 - Sunday, June 9
 - 1:00—Bible study
 - 2:00—Church service
 - 3:00—Potluck meal
8. Feast coordinators—Here are the Feast coordinators at the four Feast sites.

■ Big Sandy	Ron and Linda Avey
■ Destin	Neil and Martha McIver
■ Myrtle Beach	Lyle and Kathy Kerby
■ Grand Junction	Dennis and Karen Benson
9. Return to Grand Junction, Colo.—In 2015, we were able to host a Feast site in Grand Junction. We return this year because of its access to various natural wonders. This year, we will be planning a special feature at this Feast

site—there will not be a church service on the fourth day (Thursday) or the seventh day (Sunday) to give families the opportunity to spend a day visiting some of the natural wonders about 90 miles away. (Of course, people who want a church service on those days have the opportunity to watch a church service on the Internet.) Two of the popular destinations are:

- Arches National Park—Moab, Utah
- Dinosaur National Monument—Jensen, Utah

10. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "A Personal View of Psalm 23" by Shirley West.
11. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments about Romans 12:2" by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 18 pages.

Prayer updates

Emma Lou Bacher, who had been diagnosed with a stroke, continues to be hospitalized in Plano. Following are excerpts from her daughter: "Emma has done well this week. Her pneumonia has cleared up, and she is off the nectar (and small-bite) menu. Her face droop is also going away. We'll have to keep monitoring the blood sugar closely. She is continuing three hours of therapy each day. The doctor would like for her to move into an assisted-living facility when she is discharged."

Donna Weese reports that she improved through the week.

Helen Botha reports that her week continued with no significant pain. The recommended MRI was scheduled for yesterday afternoon.

New prayer requests

On Monday, **Laura Moran** went to a doctor and was diagnosed with water in her ears and a sinus infection. She is scheduled to return to the doctor on Tuesday morning.

Barbara Hogberg of Sachse is dealing with mobility challenges and a progressively worsening condition of Alzheimer's disease. (Her husband, **Gene**, wrote: "A fall in the bathroom over seven months ago accelerated a cognitive decline already underway.")

Miguel Gutierrez of Los Angeles, Calif., underwent open-heart surgery on May 10.

Sandy Hirst of Spokane, Wash., was scheduled this past week to have surgery "to remove cancer from her lung."

Jessie Still of Tahlequah, Okla. was diagnosed with a gallstone stuck in a connecting duct.

Lola Wright of Tahlequah, Okla., was diagnosed with a kidney infection and a kink in her ureter.

“Comments About Romans 12:3”

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 May 18, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a discussion about the words of the apostle Paul found in Romans 12. It is my perspective that Paul’s writings in chapters 1-11 could be classified more as comments about doctrine and spiritual concepts, whereas the words in chapter 12 can be viewed more as Christian-living topics.

This article will discuss Romans 12:3.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:3.

Romans 12:3—“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

Not too highly of self

Notice some verses in the Bible that discuss the importance of not thinking too highly of self.

1 Samuel 9:21—“And Saul answered and said, ‘Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak like this to me?’”

1 Samuel 15:17—“So Samuel said, ‘When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel?’”

Isaiah 66:1-2—“Thus says the LORD: ‘Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,’ says the LORD. ‘But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.’”

Luke 22:24-27—“Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He

said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called “benefactors.” But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.’”

Philippians 2:3-4—“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:19-22—“But I trust in the LORD Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.”

Recognizing God’s gifts

Notice some verses in the Bible that discuss the importance of recognizing the gifts God has given to His children.

Ephesians 4:7—“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”

Ephesians 4:15-16—“But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

2 Timothy 2:21—“Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.”