

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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July 4, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:30

### Bible study and classes

Interactive study (1:00) . . . . . Dave Havir  
Bible study (2:00) . . . . . Neil Mclver

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Neil Mclver  
Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
Scripture reading . . . . . Psalm 28:1–9  
Sermon . . . . . Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are mature and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
2. Prayers for the victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
3. Governor's exception—On Friday, the governor of Texas gave guidelines for citizens to wear masks because of his view of the coronavirus. One of his exceptions was that citizens are not required to wear masks while in church.
4. Supporting your freedom of choice—We understand that some of you may hesitate to come to the building for church at this time, and we certainly support your freedom of choice.
  - Please be comfortable with your decision.
  - Please consider the protective opinion of your family.
5. Reminders for attending—Here are some reminders for people who choose to attend the church service in the building.
  - We do not provide masks or gloves. If these are important to you, please bring your own.
  - We expect attendees to make good use of our spacious hall by spreading out.

6. Pastor's expectation for the Feast—Dave Havir wrote: "Although there may be some size restrictions placed upon group meetings in October, I expect that the preferred smaller size of our Feast sites will fall within the anticipated limitations in Texas, Florida and South Carolina."
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Dr. Thomas Sowell: An American Scholar Turns 90" by Walter Williams.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "International and National World-view" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 46 pages.

## Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who live at home but are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran, Annette Payne, Ronnie Shirley** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

Please remember to pray for the following people who are rehabbing at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater—**Ron Feaker** and **Elaine Holloway**.

**Jean Benedict** gave the following report about her husband, **Eli**: "The swelling in his legs has decreased a little. His legs itch. Please pray that he can have an increase of energy." **Dave Havir** asked her if they needed brethren to bring them food. She said, "No, thank you."

This week, **Ronnie Shirley** completed five days of radiation and chemo treatment (his 24th treatment). He is anticipating this phase to end on Thursday (after the 28th treatment) and for the doctor to start him on another phase at a later time. Mr. Shirley also reports that his scheduled visit with a surgeon last Monday was more of a "get-acquainted visit."

Please remember **Sonny Rosenberger**, who deals with breathing challenges.

Please remember **Laura Moran**, who recently dealt with breathing challenges.

Please remember **Lisa Smith** as she deals with health challenges.

Please remember **Annette Payne** as she recovers from a procedure to deal with the diagnosis of her "brain bleed." Her children are helping in her recovery.

Please remember **Jerry Jones** of Ojai, Calif., as he considers his options after being diagnosed with lymphoma.

## New prayer requests

**Tina Renée Arnold** of Gladewater (friend of **Lisa** and **Tolton Smith**) has a growing tumor in her neck and a lump in her breast. She hasn't scheduled surgery because she is raising a 2-year-old grandson and she wouldn't be able to care for him if she had the surgery.

**Harold Rhodes** of Gulf Breeze, Fla., has congestive heart failure.

**Angie (Rhodes) Wolaver** of Monticello, Fla., has been diagnosed with stage-4 lung cancer and is “not expected to live much longer.”

**Silvia Loomis** of Minneapolis, Kan., has been diagnosed with cervical cancer.

**Faye James** of Denver, Colo., has cancer in her armpit lymph node.

**Amanda Sloan** of Cincinnati (a 27-year-old student at the University of Cincinnati who is on the dean’s list) has an autoimmune disease that attacks the nerves and spinal cord. (The doctors suspect either multiple sclerosis or neuromyelitis optica.) She is expected to be in the hospital for another week or two.

**Elsie Hooser** of McKinney saw an oncologist on June 19. Here is an excerpt from her husband, **Don**: “The doctor thinks the non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma is mostly gone. Elsie is getting rid of the lymphoma faster this time than the first time (in 2016).”

## Word tickler

Some people would consider the following quote to be an oxymoron. But we like to call it a word tickler—“Why do ‘slow down’ and ‘slow up’ mean the same thing?”

## Press release from Upshur County Sheriff’s Office

By Sheriff Larry Webb

**G**ILMER, Texas (July 3)—The Upshur County Sheriff’s Office will not take actions to enforce the Texas Governor’s Office Executive Order GA29, issued on July 2, regarding the mandatory use of face masks.

The executive order includes specific language prohibiting law enforcement use of detention, arrest or confinement to enforce the order. This language strips police of the fundamental tools necessary to enforce compliance with the law.

This language would subject our agency to liability for even speaking to a person about this order, as that could be construed as a detention. Furthermore, holding someone for the purpose of issuing a citation related to a fine would be, under current law, a legal detention.

The Sheriff’s Office must consider the intent of the Texas Constitution in regards to how laws of the land are passed and enforced in this state. Traditionally, law enforcement only enforces laws and statutes that are the product of the legislative process or the product of regulatory authorities authorized by the legislature. The further removed we be-

come from this, the more liability and responsibility we incur as an agency.

The Sheriff will not require deputies to wear face masks on duty for two reasons:

1. The wearing of objects near the face and neck provides an offender possible tools to impose harm to an officer, and the office will not put the deputy in an unnecessary disadvantage during physical confrontation. For the same reason, deputies at this agency are not required to wear neckties on duty unless in ceremonial events.

2. In light of recent allegations in the nation of misconduct on the part of police, The Sheriff will not restrict the deputy’s ability to clearly communicate intentions when in contact with citizens.

The Sheriff’s Office will not prohibit a deputy from wearing a face mask if they so choose.

The Sheriff’s Office does not make this statement as any disrespect to Gov. Abbott and we encourage all citizens to take reasonable precautions in their own life to mitigate possible exposure to the corona virus. Please be responsible as you celebrate this great holiday weekend commemorating the freedoms we enjoy as a nation.

Happy 4th of July!

## International and National Worldview

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 July 4, 2020.

By **Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—This is the Fourth of July weekend in the year 2020. While it is important for people to be thankful every day of our lives, I believe that this is a time to be thankful for the blessings of our country.

I want to share a few moments talking about your worldview. I want to proceed by examining two different areas of our worldview.

### International

What is your worldview toward the people who share our planet with us?

*John 3:16*—“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

*Acts 10:34-35*—“Then Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.’”

*Acts 17:26-27*—“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.”

*Revelation 14:6-7*—“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.’”

### National

What is your worldview toward the people who share our nation with us?

Paul had a love for his countrymen.

*Romans 9:3*—“For I could wish that I my-

self were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh.”

The Bible taught that the laws of the land were for citizens who were born here and for naturalized citizens.

*Leviticus 18:26*—“You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you.”

*Leviticus 24:22*—“You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I am the LORD your God.”

*Numbers 15:16*—“One law and one custom shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you.”

### Paul and his rights

Notice how Paul was aware of his rights and utilized his rights to navigate through difficult times.

*Acts 16:37-38*—“But Paul said to them, ‘They have beaten us openly, uncondemned Romans, and have thrown us into prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out.’ And the officers told these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans.”

*Acts 22:25-29*—“And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, ‘Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?’ When the centurion heard that, he went and told the commander, saying, ‘Take care what you do, for this man is a Roman.’ Then the commander came and said to him, ‘Tell me, are you a Roman?’ He said, ‘Yes.’ The commander answered, ‘With a large sum I obtained this citizenship.’ And Paul said, ‘But I was born a citizen.’ Then immediately those who were about to examine him withdrew from him; and the commander was also afraid after he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.”