

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 18, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:06

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

### Order of service

<b>Song leader</b> .....	Clay Forrestier
<b>Pianist</b> .....	Dixon Cartwright
<b>First sermon</b> .....	Neal Parker
<b>Teen class—Library</b> .....	Jim Bald
<b>Kids class—Classroom #2</b> .....	Mindy Forrestier
<b>Second sermon</b> .....	Neal Parker

### Quick takes

1. Welcome—The congregation welcomes Neal and Leigh Ann Parker from Alabama. Mr. Parker (who is one of the main speakers at the Destin Feast site) is scheduled to give both sermons today.
2. Fellowship Club today—There is a Fellowship Club scheduled shortly after the church service today. David and Melodee Eishen are planning to give a presentation about “bug-out bags.”
3. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving two sermons in Waco.
4. Potluck meal on March 4—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service on March 4.
5. Community function on March 4—There is a community function (variety show as a fund-raiser for the Big Sandy Museum Association) in the building on Saturday evening, March 4.
6. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “The Impact of One Person” by Lenny Cacchio.
7. Among Friends—This week’s article is “You Are What You Think and Feel” by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 24 pages.

## Prayer updates

**Jerry Thompson**, who had laser surgery on his right eye on Feb. 8, is scheduled to have laser surgery on the left eye this coming Monday. Since he is presently considered legally blind, he and **Vonda** have found support (emotional and financial) from government programs. They greatly appreciate your prayers.

**Annette Payne**, who recently had surgery to bypass the clogged arteries in her leg, was able to go home on Friday, Feb. 10. This whole experience has been very painful, but she reports that she is making progress. Her foot is a little bit sore and she puts ice packs on her legs. She says that she expects to feel normal again in a couple of weeks. She appreciates your prayers.

**Gracie Feaker** continues to have her health challenges—including breathing difficulties, lack of sleep and her sore ankle. The physical therapist comes twice a week (Tuesday and Thursday). She appreciates your prayers.

Please remember **Sonny Rosenberger**, who is dealing with some breathing challenges.

**Joy Hughes** of The Woodlands reported on Thursday that she was expecting to return home yesterday—even though she still had the infection in her foot and was having difficulty standing. She is anticipating a visit with a cardiologist in the near future to further investigate the problem of blood flow to her foot.

**Jackie Ballew** of Dalhart (sister of **Donna Weese**), who was recently airlifted to a hospital in Amarillo due to pneumonia and congestive heart failure, was sent to a hospital in Dalhart on Tuesday. She has been dealing with blood clots in her left arm.

**Rebecca Hollon** of Cincinnati, Ohio, was scheduled for a colonoscopy and EGD (a test to examine the lining of the esophagus and stomach) yesterday.

**Bonnie Davis** of the local community died on Feb. 14. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

On Wednesday, **Bailey Lucas** (granddaughter of **Stan** and **Roxanna West**) went to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler due to a ruptured appendix. Following are excerpts from a report on Wednesday by Stan: “On Monday, a doctor ordered an X ray, but dismissed an appendix diagnosis. But today the CT scan revealed it. Her white-blood cells are not excessively high. They attributed that to a strong immune system. Apparently, they don’t routinely do surgery anymore. They give antibiotics and watch during a five-day recovery period. If repair is necessary after the inflammation subsides, there might be a laparoscopic procedure.” Bailey was much improved on Thursday. The family appreciates your prayers.

On Thursday, **Vonda Ouellette** went for a second opinion for her hearing loss.

**Wade Johnson** of Knoxville, Tenn., had surgery to repair a large hernia.

**Ed Lain** of Yreka, Calif., is in an ICU of a hospital in Sunnyside, Wash., in very serious condition.

**Roderick Meredith** of Charlotte, N.C., recently went to a hospital and was told that early indications are that he has cancer.

**Patty Lisman** of Vancouver, Wash., died on Dec. 26, 2016. Please remember her husband, **Lee**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Robert Cox** of Salisbury, Md., died on Feb. 4. Please remember his wife, **Virginia**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Dorothy Doughrity** of Paducah, Ky., died from a heart attack on Feb. 12. Since that time, her husband, **Ken**, was diagnosed as having a stroke. Please remember Ken and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## The eyes of mainstream media

The president invited the pope for lunch on his megayacht and the pope accepted. During lunch a puff of wind blew the pontiff's hat off, right into the water.

It floated off about 50 feet, then the wind died down and it just floated in place.

The crew and the Secret Service were scrambling to launch a boat to go get it when the president waved them off, saying, "Never mind, boys, I'll get it."

The president climbed over the side of the yacht, walked on the water to the hat, picked it up, walked back on the water, climbed into the yacht and handed the pope his hat.

The crew was speechless. The security team and the pope's entourage were speechless.

No one knew what to say, not even the pope.

But that afternoon NBC, CBS, ABC, MSNBC, CNN and Fox reported: "THE PRESIDENT CAN'T SWIM!"

## Scriptures to consider

**Deuteronomy 8:10-14**—"When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage."

**Deuteronomy 8:18**—"And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."

## “You Are What You Think and Feel”

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 Feb. 18, 2017.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—In my article on Jan. 28, I wrote a few thoughts about personal denial and how a person can recognize who he is. In that article, I shared five ways in which a person can examine himself.

At this time, I want to give each of the five concepts its own personal article. In this article, we will discuss the third concept—you are what you think and feel.

### **As he thinks**

Many Bible students are aware that a concept mentioned in the book of Proverbs is also taught in the fields of psychology and philosophy.

**Proverbs 23:7**—“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

While there are valuable ideas written in many books to substantiate the words of this proverb, let’s spend our time focusing on a few Bible passages.

### **Christ’s comments**

Notice parts of a discussion that Christ had with the scribes and Pharisees.

**Mark 7:14-16**—“When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, ‘Hear Me, everyone, and understand: There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!’”

**Mark 7:20-23**—“And He said, ‘What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.’”

Earlier in Christ’s life, He gave valuable principles that are now referred to as the

Sermon on the Mount. Let’s notice two examples He gave.

**Matthew 5:21-22**—“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.”

**Matthew 5:27-30**—“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”

### **Biblical advice**

Notice some wise advice from the Bible.

**Proverbs 3:3**—“Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.”

**Proverbs 7:1-3**—“My son, keep my words, and treasure my commands within you. Keep my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.”

**Philippians 4:8**—“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”