

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 22, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:53

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Ron Avey
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	Neil Mclver
Teen class—Library	Martha Mclver
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Jennifer Danapas
Second sermon	Bert Moers

Quick takes

1. Welcome to guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Bert Moers, who is scheduled to give the second sermon today.
2. Upcoming guest speakers—The congregation is pleased to announce a number of guest speakers in the coming weeks.
 - Today Bert Moers
 - May 6 Eldon Raines and Ben Mauldin
3. Potluck meal May 6—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service on May 6.
4. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon and a Bible study in Chapmanville, W.Va. (Tomorrow, he is scheduled to spend the day with his brother John before returning on Monday.)
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Churched Kids Fare Better" by Eric Metaxas.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Seeing Our Father's Expectations" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 16 pages. (This week's edition has a letter to the editor from the Longview newspaper that was submitted by Reg Killingley.)

Prayer updates

On Wednesday, **Jerry Thompson** went for an evaluation of his deteriorating eyesight—with the possibility of receiving disability for his condition. (Of course, he and his family are praying that the eyesight improves. But this meeting was a practical step based upon the doctors' present evaluation of his condition.) He is scheduled for further treatment with appointments on May 15 and May 30.

Vonda Ouellette reports that her appointment with her cardiologist (which was scheduled for last Wednesday) has been rescheduled for this coming Tuesday. Please continue to ask God to help Vonda deal with the load of stress she has been facing for many months.

Please pray for **Vi Lehman** to continue to have improved strength. (She was able to attend the various functions of the spring feast days, but it tired her out.)

As was orally announced, **Boyd Payne** was scheduled for a doctor's appointment last Tuesday to discuss a problem with his liver. The episode did not go smoothly because of faulty information. When the Paynes arrived for the appointment, the front desk said that he was not listed in the computer and they gave him a new appointment for May 10. When they returned home, they called their doctor, who said that he most certainly should have been listed in the computer. (Someone later called and apologized.) On Wednesday, he went to Longview Regional Hospital for a test for his liver and returned home. They have not learned the results of the test.

On Wednesday, **Ron** and **Gracie Feaker** went to the doctor for a routine appointment and had a good report. To demonstrate how well Ron was feeling, he drove to Longview at 7:00 a.m. on Friday to get some parts for his mower and he returned to the bank in Big Sandy before the lobby opened at 9:00. They appreciate your prayers.

Sonny Rosenberger regularly mentions how much he appreciates the continuing prayers for him.

Laura Moran reports that she is feeling much better from the weeks-long after-effects of bronchitis.

Paula Monsalvo of Mobile, Ala., is recovering from successful knee-replacement surgery that occurred on Wednesday.

In the April 15 bulletin, we mentioned that **Stormi** (a 7-year-old grandniece of Wendy Pack of West Virginia) ran behind a lawn mower as a family member was mowing the yard. We have since learned that her last name is **Roberts** and that she is a 5-year-old. Here is an excerpt about her situation: "The doctors had to remove both big toes and one pinkie. She also has a broken tibia." Please continue to remember her recovery and the emotional stress of the family member who was involved.

In the March 11 bulletin, we mentioned that **Mike Roth** of Rio Rico, Ariz., was anticipating surgery to remove a tumor. After a 6-hour surgery, the doctor believes he got all the cancer. He is anticipating another round of chemo.

As was announced orally last Saturday, **Allie Dart** of Whitehouse was scheduled for surgery in Dallas yesterday (anticipating the participation of three doctors over a six-hour period). She expressed to Dave Havir how much she appreciates your prayers.

Rebecca Hollon of Cincinnati, Ohio, requests prayers as she deals with significant pain.

George Gaaney of Pierson, Fla., has approached the halfway mark of his cancer treatment.

As was announced orally last Monday, **Iva Brantley** (93-year-old mother of **Linda Foster**) died on April 15. Please remember the family in your prayers.

On Monday, we announced that **Bob Jones** of the local community (brother-in-law of **Sue Jones**) was approaching death. He died on Tuesday. Please remember his wife, **Donna**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

On Monday, **Cassandra Jenkins** went to the Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. While there, a doctor removed a portion of the big toe on her left foot. She appreciates your prayers.

It has come to our attention that **Melvin Green** has been having health difficulties. **Dave Havir** had to leave town on a trip before getting information about his situation.

Manuel Quijano of Peru was diagnosed with kidney cancer.

Kristen Bettes of Granby, Mo., had a hysterectomy this week.

John Ragland of Miamiburg, Ohio, is dealing with an autoimmune disease and acute pulmonary hypertension.

Dora Mayes of Crockett died on April 11. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Jody Evans (age 22) of Peebles, Ohio, died on April 19. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Proverbs 1:10-19—My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait to shed blood; Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause; let us swallow them alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; we shall find all kinds of precious possessions, we shall fill our houses with spoil; cast in your lot among us, let us all have one purse"—my son, do not walk in the way with them, keep your foot from their path; for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood. Surely, in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird; but they lie in wait for their own blood, they lurk secretly for their own lives. So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; it takes away the life of its owners.

“Seeing Our Father’s Expectations”

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 April 22, 2017.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Many disciples recently completed their observance of the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Before partaking of the New Testament symbols for the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, disciples focused upon God’s grace.

After partaking of the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, disciples observed the Days of Unleavened Bread by focusing on the Heavenly Father’s expectations of them.

The Bible is filled with characteristics that the Heavenly Father wants His disciples to exhibit. This article will mention only a few.

Please remember that the motive of the disciples exhibiting these characteristics should be their reaction to grace.

Disciples should desire to profoundly thank God by their actions.

Words of Christ

Notice a few of the teachings of Christ.

- Matthew 5:1-12—the beatitudes
- Matthew 5:14-16—good works to glorify the Father
- Matthew 7:1-5—instructions to avoid condemning others
- Matthew 19:17—keep the Commandments
- Matthew 19:21—give to the poor
- Matthew 20:25-28—be a servant
- Matthew 22:36-40—two great Commandments
- Matthew 23:6-12—be a servant
- Matthew 25:34-40—showing love to the “least” of the brethren
- Luke 10:25-37—the Good Samaritan
- Luke 18:9-14—the example of the Pharisee and the publican
- John 5:22-23—honor the Son
- John 8:1-11—example of forgiveness
- John 13:12-17—be a servant

Words of James

Notice a few of the teachings of James.

- James 1:19-20—swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath
- James 1:25—perfect law of liberty
- James 1:26—bridle the tongue

Words of Peter

Notice a few of the teachings of Peter.

- 1 Peter 2:5—as living stones, you are a spiritual house and a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices
- 1 Peter 2:11-12—good works to glorify the Father
- 1 Peter 5:2-3—be a willing servant who sets an example

Words of John

Notice a few of the teachings of John.

- 1 John 2:15-17—do not love the things of the world
- 1 John 4:18—perfect love casts out fear
- 3 John 9-12—be like Demetrius instead of Diotrephes

Words of Paul

Notice a few of the teachings of Paul.

- Romans 6:1-2—since we receive grace, should we sin?
- Romans 6:3-5—likeness of His death and resurrection
- Romans 12:1—be a living sacrifice
- Romans 12:6-8—recognize these seven gifts in people
- Romans 12:9-21—many positive characteristics
- 1 Corinthians 10:5-11—avoid these five sins in the wilderness
- 2 Corinthians 9:7—God loves a cheerful giver
- Galatians 5:19-21—works of the flesh
- Galatians 5:22-23—reflect fruit of the Spirit
- Colossians 3:1-2—seek those things that are above