

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 27, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:17

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Neil Mclver
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	.....	Dave Havir
Teen class—Library	.....	Martha Mclver
Kids' class—Classroom #2	.....	Mindy Forrestier
Second sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to all the people from the congregation who served at the Hawkins school banquet in our building on Thursday evening. (This Hawkins banquet involved many more people from the congregation than the recent Big Sandy banquet—because people from our congregation catered the meal for this banquet, while the Big Sandy banquet hired a local caterer.) Melodee Eishen, who coordinated the event, thanks all the many people who participated in this project.
2. Board-nomination process concludes today—The board-nomination process (which occurs in May) will continue until 5:00 p.m. today. The election process will continue in June.
3. No potluck meal on June 3—There will not be a potluck meal on Saturday, June 3, but there will be a potluck meal on Sunday, June 4.
4. Combined church service on Day of Pentecost—The Tyler congregation of the Church of God International (CGI) will be meeting with our congregation on Pentecost (Sunday, June 4). The schedule for that day is:

2:00 p.m.	Bible study by Dave Havir and youth classes
3:00	Church service with Vance Stinson giving the sermon
4:00	Potluck meal

5. Camp Vine 2017—Camp Vine is scheduled for Monday, June 26, through Friday, June 30, at the same location as last year—at the Timberline Camp and Conference Center in Lindale.
6. Western Feast site—As was written in the supplemental announcement bulletin last week (as well as mentioned orally last week), there will be a Western Feast site in Prescott Valley, Ariz. We will be using a church building (owned by a Sunday-keeping church that rents to Saturday-keeping friends of ours). Our treasurer sent a check for full payment for the facility. Dennis and Karen Benson will be happy to help Feastgoers to find housing near the facility.
7. Feast coordinators—The following four couples will be serving as the Feast coordinators for our four Feast sites.

■ Big Sandy	Ron and Linda Avey
■ Destin	Neil and Martha McIver
■ Myrtle Beach	Lyle and Kathy Kerby
■ Arizona	Dennis and Karen Benson
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "A Prayer of Rage" by Lenny Cacchio.
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments About Acts 1" by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 26 pages.

Prayer updates

Sonny Rosenberger had another rough week with his breathing challenges. He regularly called **Dave Havir** and the **Feakers** for prayer. On two occasions, he went to the emergency room of Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview.

On Tuesday, **Kit Holloway** went to the ER of East Texas Medical Center in Tyler and was admitted. On Wednesday, he was diagnosed with having had a stroke. The hospital personnel discussed the options of his being sent to a rehab facility yesterday or on Monday. The three children began making plans to have caregivers help **Elaine** in the home during his rehabilitation.

Betty Foster, who missed the church service last week after she was diagnosed with diverticulitis, made some improvement this week. But she appreciates your continued prayers.

Joyce Coleman, who has been awaiting an appointment for an echocardiogram, learned this week that she has been scheduled for June 16.

On May 15, **Laura Moran** began receiving physical therapy twice a week on her left shoulder.

Jerry Thompson is scheduled for a return visit to the eye doctor on Tuesday.

Sharon Edelbach of Kellogg, Minn. (mother of **Jeanine Case**), who fell and broke her leg just below the titanium knee replacement, has begun her five-week recovery period.

Vickie Dundee of Knoxville, Tenn., had a heart catheterization, which revealed no blockages (and hence no stents were inserted).

Ken Swiger of Knoxville, Tenn., who had biopsies taken from a large tumor in his stomach, learned that the tumor had not metastasized into the rest of the digestive system or the lung. He is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday.

On Thursday, **Pam Havir** returned home from her two-week visit with her parents in Lamesa. Her father (**Virgil Page**) recently fell, which caused him to sprain his back and knee. Her mother (**Opal Page**) has been dealing with dental problems.

New prayer requests

On May 18, **June Clayton** of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. (stepmother of **Linda Foster**), had quadruple-bypass surgery.

On Monday, **Dave Havir** fell off a ladder while working outside and sprained his knee (the knee that had surgery back in 1994). Although he hobbled around while working, he reports that his knee is recovering. He is thankful that he had no broken bones.

Paul Snuffer of Chelsea, Ala., died on May 15. Please remember his wife, **Diane**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Romans 8:11—But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit [which] dwells in you.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10—But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22—Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Ephesians 1:13-14—In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

1 Thessalonians 5:19—Do not quench the Spirit.

2 Timothy 1:6-7—Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

“Comments About Acts 1”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigsandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of May 27, 2017.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—This week, I will use the space in this weekly short article to begin a brief survey of the book of Acts. May this project encourage you to review the valuable history found in the book of Acts.

Written by Luke

Bible students generally recognize Luke as the author of the book of Acts. The writing is addressed to Theophilus. He is mentioned twice in the Bible.

Luke 1:3—“It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus.”

Acts 1:1—“The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach.”

Luke was one of the traveling partners of the apostle Paul.

Colossians 4:14—“Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.”

2 Timothy 4:11—“Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.”

Promise of Holy Spirit

Luke reminded his readers that Christ promised the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-5—“And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’”

Luke 24:49—“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Christ ascended

After Luke reminded the disciples of the coming promise, Christ ascended in-

to heaven (Acts 1:9-11).

The disciples returned to Jerusalem and reached out to God with prayer and supplication (verses 12-14). Included in the audience were some of the physical family of Jesus (also verse 14). Luke reported that there were approximately 120 disciples there (verse 15).

Eyewitness to replace

The disciples realized that it was time to replace Judas.

When they discussed the possible candidates, it was important that the person be an eyewitness of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Acts 1:21-22—“Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

The factor of an eyewitness was consistent with what Jesus had recently told His disciples.

John 15:27—“And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”

Luke 24:48—“And you are witnesses of these things.”

The factor of an eyewitness was consistent with what was written later in the Bible.

Acts 2:32—“This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.”

Acts 3:15—“[They] killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.”

Acts 4:33—“And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.”

1 Peter 5:1—“The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed.”