

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 27, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:46

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	Neil Mclver
Teen class	Martha Mclver
Kids' class	Dave Havir

Order of service

Song leader	Neil Mclver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Rev. 10:1-11 by Reg Killingley
Sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Successful event last Thursday—The Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce held its annual dinner in our building last Thursday evening. Members of the Chamber and many citizens in the community expressed their appreciation for our congregation providing the building for the event. Chamber members said that 244 were fed at the dinner.
2. Thank you for food donations—Sharon Hill (the manager of Agape House in Big Sandy) expressed appreciation for “the food donations and your service to the community.”
3. Continued food drive for the community—If you would like to make additional donations of canned goods for the community, please bring them to the foyer of our church building.
4. Budget Committee on Tuesday—There is a meeting scheduled for the Budget Committee (everyone from the congregation is welcome to serve) in the building on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. This committee will recommend a budget for the board to approve.

5. Copy machine serviced—For many weeks, Dave Havir has not worked it into his schedule to have the copy machine serviced for a better quality. But, because of his desire to have his letter to be included in the year-end receipts to be of higher quality, he finally arranged to meet with a technician yesterday.
6. Very rare to cancel church service—It is the custom of our congregation to avoid canceling our church service due to inclement weather. Even with a potential of lower attendance in the building due to weather in our area, we still hope to serve the audience on the website.
7. Main reason for canceling church service—Our main reason for canceling a church service is the loss of electricity.
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “The Road Back to My Roots” by Lenny Cacchio.
9. Among Friends—The week’s article is “Comments About Romans 2” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 22 pages.

Prayer updates

Last Saturday while we were having our church service, **Al Donahue** had surgery involving his kidneys. (**Dave Havir** has heard different reports from family members about the details of the surgery.) Through the week, Al has continued to exhibit low energy and little appetite. He is in room 6644 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

Eli and **Jean Benedict** don’t have much new to report about the rash and the swelling. On Wednesday, Mr. Benedict has an appointment for a doctor to consider if a blood clot might be causing the swelling. (It seems that a doctor would have considered this possibility earlier in the process.) On another note, Mr. Benedict lifted something while working with the animals, and he hurt his back.

On Monday, **Betty Foster** was moved to HealthSouth Rehabilitation facility in Tyler.

As was announce orally two weeks ago, **Olivia Greider** of Centreville, Va. (6-year-old daughter of **Mike** and **Sarah Greider**), has leukemia. She was previously (beginning in May 2015) treated for leukemia. She has been diagnosed with leukemia again—returning in her spinal fluid and now in her bone marrow.

In previous bulletins, we mentioned that **Annette Payne** had a knot on her tongue. When Annette saw a doctor (ear and throat doctor) about getting hearing aids, he recommended that she have the knot removed. She is scheduled for surgery on Feb. 8.

Please remember two of **Annette Payne’s** daughters in prayer. **Rebecca Sapp** of Gladewater is continuing her five-week regimen of chemo and radiation (for cervix cancer) at M.D. Anderson in Houston. **Lisa Grady** of Orlando, Fla., who had a biopsy for a growth at her neck, received a good report that there is no cancer.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Lance Holloway** of Lindale (son of **Elaine Holloway**), who was recently diagnosed with cancer in his right lung and his bronchial tubes, had his aggressive regimen of chemo and radiation treatment interrupted due to pneumonia. He has not recovered from the pneumonia as quickly as anticipated and is expected to remain in the hospital for another six days.

As was mentioned orally last week, **Joy Jones** (daughter of **Cathy Elliott**) has been diagnosed with breast cancer. On Monday, Mrs. Jones had an MRI and the doctor concluded that there were no more tumors than the initial two that were discovered.

New prayer requests

Elaine Holloway has been experiencing extreme swelling in her legs.

In the Jan. 13 bulletin, we mentioned that **Virgil Webb** returned to his daughter's home in Baton Rouge, La. It was a good thing that the family was able to nudge him to their home because he was getting sick due to living in his RV during the inclement weather. Once he arrived there, he was diagnosed with double pneumonia. After spending five days in a hospital, he was moved to a skilled-nursing facility.

On Thursday, **Maria Byrum** was experiencing an erratic heart rhythm. She was admitted to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. On Thursday, she had a procedure to "restore" her heart rhythm. On Friday, the doctors were not totally pleased with the results and recommended that they address the problem with medication. She was released on Friday.

Jimmy Rogers of Denton, who has recently been in the hospital due to infection in his lungs, recently fell and hurt his back. An MRI revealed a compressed fracture of his L-5 disk.

Tiffany Tomblin of Lewisville (granddaughter of **Jimmy** and **Jean Rogers** of Denton), who recently has dealt with cancer (in her breast, bones, spine and lung), heard a diagnosis of the cancer spreading to her brain. She was told that without treatment she has three to six months and with treatment she has six to 12 months.

Justin Landrum of Longview (33-year-old relative of **Annette Payne**) had a heart attack and had two stents inserted on Wednesday.

Aaron Dean of Cincinnati, Ohio, had severe pain and was unable to breathe. He was taken to an ER and diagnosed with a blood clot in his right lung.

Lonna Cole of Eugene, Ore., who recently had toes on her left foot amputated, went home and has been given clearance for walking, driving and other normal activities.

Patsy Bennett of Flint, Mich., died on Jan. 14. Please remember her husband, **Clyde**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Carlton Smith of Solvang, Calif., died on Jan. 21. Please remember his wife, **Beverly**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

“Comments About Romans 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 Jan. 27, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss chapters in the book of Romans. This week, we will talk about chapter 3.

May this project encourage you to review the valuable history found in the book of Romans.

Follow-up question

Many years ago, the letters in the New Testament of the Bible were organized as chapters. The last part of chapter 2 mentioned spiritual circumcision (Acts 2:25-29).

Notice verse 29.

Romans 2:29—“But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.”

Many Bible students believe that Romans 3:1-2 is a follow-up to the concluding verses of chapter 2. Paul had just diminished the role of physical circumcision. But he wanted to show the benefit of being a Jewish believer.

Romans 3:1-2—“What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.”

Ridiculous questions

At various junctures in the book of Romans, Paul asked questions that could be considered ridiculous. In each case, he answered “God forbid” in the King James Version (“certainly not” in the New King James Version).

■ Should the unbelief of people cause people to question the faithfulness of God (verses 3-4)?

■ Is God unjust because He gets angry (verses 5-8)?

All have sinned

Romans 1:16 mentioned a phrase (“for

the Jew first and also for the Greek”) that was repeated in Romans 2:7-10. The phrase showed that the Jews had first access to God. But Paul did not want the Jews to feel superior to the gentiles. Hence Romans 3:9.

Romans 3:9—“What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.”

■ In verses 10-18, Paul paraphrased from various psalms to show that Jews and gentiles sin.

Law reveals sin

■ Paul reminded the believers that the law revealed sin (verses 19-20).

■ Paul wrote: “By law is the knowledge of sin” (verse 20).

He said this principle in other chapters.

Romans 4:15—“Where there is no law, there is no transgression.”

Romans 5:13—“Sin is not imputed when there is no law.”

Romans 7:7—“I would not have known sin except through the law.”

Romans 7:8—“Apart from the law, sin was dead.”

Through faith

■ Paul mentioned the righteousness of God apart from the law (Romans 3:21).

■ Paul mentioned the righteousness of God through faith (verse 22).

■ All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (verse 23).

■ There is redemption through Christ Jesus (verses 24-26).

■ A person’s boasting should not be in the law (verses 27-30).

Another ridiculous question

■ Paul asked another question that could be considered ridiculous (verse 31).

Romans 3:31—“Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”