

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 10, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:59

### Bible studies and classes

<b>Interactive study (1:00)</b> .....	Daniel Botha
<b>Bible study (2:00)</b> .....	Daniel Botha
<b>Teen class</b> .....	Jeanine Case
<b>Kids' class</b> .....	TBA

### Order of service

<b>Song leader</b> .....	Reg Killingley
<b>Pianist</b> .....	Dixon Cartwright
<b>Scripture reading</b> ..	Rev. 11:15-19 by Dixon Cartwright
<b>Sermon</b> .....	Daniel Botha

### Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to all the people in the congregation who contributed to the chili meal last Saturday.
2. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havar is giving two sermons in Waco.
3. Thank you—Thank you to Daniel Botha for returning this weekend to speak. (Three of our speakers are scheduled to be in the Dallas area to support a function hosted by Willis and Brenda Hogg.)
4. Thank you to the Budget Committee—Thank you to the members of the congregation who were part of the Budget Committee that met recently in the building. This committee will submit its budget to the board at the next board meeting.
5. Board meeting on Feb. 19—There is a board meeting scheduled in the building on Monday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m.

6. 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.
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "When God Slept" by Lenny Cacchio.
8. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Romans 5" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 32 pages.

## Prayer updates

Here is the latest chronological report concerning **Al Donahue**. On Friday (Feb. 2), he was moved to Park Place Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Tyler for an expected stay of two weeks. On Sunday, **Dave Havir** visited with him on the way back from Houston, and Mr. Donahue was feeling better. On Monday, he was moved back to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. On Wednesday, family members told Mr. Havir: "At the present time, doctors believe the cancer is too far advanced for treatment." (Mr. Havir reminds the congregation that the original tumor was reportedly in his bladder, but mentioned that he does not know to where the cancer has advanced.) On Thursday, Mr. Donahue went home.

**Eli** and **Jean Benedict** appreciate your continual prayers for their ongoing trials (his rash, swelling and sore back—and her rash).

This week, **Sonny Rosenberger** had difficult days breathing and was chilled.

This week, **Laura Moran** had difficult days breathing and symptoms dealing with her diverticulitis.

**Betty Foster** reports that she continues to experience pain from the cracked vertebrae. She thanks everyone for the kindness (through prayer, calls, cards and the like).

**Marilyn Boston** reports that she continues to experience back pain.

**Elaine Holloway** reports that the extreme swelling in her legs is slightly better.

**Annette Payne** reports that her surgery to deal with a knot on her tongue was postponed from last Thursday to Feb. 28. (Apparently, the staff forgot to schedule an EKG and a chest X ray before the surgery date.)

**Brian Biggs** is doing a bit better dealing with his post-traumatic stress disorder and his chronic anxiety that contributes to physical symptoms.

**Gracie Feaker** reports that the swelling in her leg has gone down. On Thursday, she returned to the doctor and heard that she is indeed doing better.

**Lance Holloway** of Lindale (son of **Elaine Holloway**), who was recently diagnosed with cancer in his right lung and his bronchial tubes, is continuing with his aggressive regiment of chemo and radiation treatment.

As was orally mentioned last Saturday, **Charles Calahan** went to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler on Friday (Feb. 2). He had severe abdominal pain, and a CT scan showed a mass in his small intestine. On Tuesday, he had a biopsy. On Thursday, Mr. Calahan heard he had no cancer and he returned home.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Terry Post** of La Vernia had a CT scan on Feb. 2 to explore the cause of back pain he has been experiencing. (He is walking with a walker.) The doctor said that the scan showed no cancer. Mr. Post reported: "I have spinal stenosis and several herniated disks in the lumbar area of my back." At some point in the future, the doctor may recommend back surgery.

In the Sept. 16 and Sept. 23 bulletins, we mentioned that **Debbie Bronnum Solesski** of Redlands, Calif., was diagnosed with cancer and had surgery. Here are excerpts from a report that her father (**Norm Bronnum**) sent to **Dave Havir**: "It is hard to believe it has been over five months since Deb was operated for third-stage ovarian cancer and now has only several more months of chemo to go. She has two ports—one in her upper body and the other in the lower area of her body. The chemo has been rough on her, but she has done very well overall. Doctors have been pleased with her progress. She has been able to work between her trips to chemo treatments. Thank you for your prayers."

### New prayer requests

On Thursday, **Lisa Smith** went for an MRI on her head. Here are excerpts from an update she sent to **Dave Havir**: "They suspect I have Chiari malformation. My neck spine has gotten tender with swelling. I am hoping that it's not filling with cerebral fluid."

**Joyce Coleman** was diagnosed with a urinary-tract infection.

**Dick Arnowitz** of Pittsburgh, Pa., died on Feb. 2. Please remember his wife, **Doris**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Judy Chapman** of Altadena, Calif., died on Feb. 3. Please remember her husband, **Gerald**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

### Scriptures to consider

*Isaiah 1:2-7*—Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me; the ox knows its owner and the donkey its master's crib; but Israel does not know, My people do not consider." Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward. Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faints. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed or bound up, or soothed with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; strangers devour your land in your presence; and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

## “Comments About Romans 5”

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. 10, 2018.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG 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 5.

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

### Valuable characteristics

Chapter 5 begins with the apostle Paul mentioning a connection between peace and tribulation.

- We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).

- We have access through Christ and we can rejoice in hope of the glory of God (verse 2).

- Paul mentioned valuable characteristics that come from tribulations (verses 3-5).

- We can glory in tribulation (verse 3).

- Tribulation produces perseverance (verse 3).

- Perseverance produces character (verse 4).

- Character produces hope (verse 4).

- Hope does not disappoint (verse 5).

- The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (verse 5).

### Love of God

Romans 5:6-8 describes the love that the Father and Son have for the saints.

**Romans 5:6-8**—“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

### Justified, saved and reconciled

Romans 5:9-11 describes how the saints have been justified, saved and reconciled.

- We have been justified by His blood (verse 9).

- We have been saved from wrath through Him (verse 9).

- We were reconciled to God through the death of His Son (verse 10).

- Having been reconciled, we are saved by His life (verse 10).

- We received the reconciliation through our Lord Jesus Christ (verse 11).

### Death in Adam, life in Christ

- Sin and death entered the world through Adam (verses 12-14).

- Grace and life entered the world through Jesus Christ (verse 15).

- Paul contrasted the concepts of condemnation and justification (verses 16-19).

### Law reveals sin

- In the middle of the discussion (verses 12-14), Paul reminded the saints that the law revealed sin (verse 13).

- Paul wrote: “Sin is not imputed when there is no law” (verse 13).

He said this principle in other chapters.

**Romans 3:20**—“By law is the knowledge of sin.”

**Romans 4:15**—“Where there is not law, there is no transgression.”

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

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

### Law and grace

- Paul described a true connection between law and grace—the law identified abundant sin and paved the way for abundant grace (verse 20-21).

- Taking a peek into the beginning of chapter 6, Paul asked the question: Shall we sin that grace may abound? (Romans 6:1).

**Romans 6:1-2**—“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”