

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 14, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:47

### Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	.....	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	.....	Dave Havir
Teen class	.....	Jeanine Case

### Order of service

Song leader	.....	Reg Killingley
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Psalm 23 by Jerry Thompson
Sermon	.....	Neil McIver

### Quick takes

1. Movie on Sunday afternoon—Dave Havir invites anyone to attend a movie in the building tomorrow at 2:00. The presentation will be the musical titled *The Greatest Showman*, which became available to the public Tuesday on DVD.
2. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "She Chose Adoption Instead of Abortion" by Kelsey Harkness.
3. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Romans 14" by Dave Havir.
4. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 20 pages.

### Prayer updates

On Thursday, the personnel at the rehab facility met with **Marilyn Boston** and informed her that they plan for her to be there for another two weeks. She told **Dave Havir** that their goal is to have her standing for eight minutes (which is a period of time to perform many household functions).

**Sonny Rosenberger** has been dealing with breathing challenges and a lack on energy.

Months ago, we mentioned that **Bea Gusner** was scheduled to return to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for a possible surgery to replace two heart valves. Recently, she was informed of the schedule. She will have tests there on May 7 to determine if her condition has improved. If the tests reveal a need for surgery, she will have the surgery on May 8.

Please continue to pray that **Vonda Ouellette** does not have any more episodes of excessive bleeding from her nose.

On Wednesday, **Boyd Payne** had his surgery for the doctor to remove the roots where the doctor had recently removed a wart on the nose that was diagnosed as skin cancer. The procedure went well. The roots were not considered deep and Mr. Payne was considered cancer-free. On Friday, he had a visit with his cardiologist. He and **Annette** thank you for your prayers.

On Friday, **Jerry Thompson** had another appointment with his eye doctor and received another injection in his eye.

Here are excerpts from a report from **Linda Allums** concerning the recovery of her husband, **Billy**: "Billy's MRI and follow-up visit with the neurosurgeon today [Wednesday] went well. The nurse removed the incision stitches. He is scheduled to have another MRI and follow-up visit with the doctor in July."

In the Jan. 20 bulletin, we mentioned that **Alice Day** of Marshalltown, Iowa (mother of **David Coleman**), went home after being diagnosed with a break in her neck. Mr. Coleman is happy to report: "My mom's broken neck has healed, and she no longer has to wear a neck brace."

In the Feb. 3 bulletin, we mentioned that **Wilma Reed** of Trussville, Ala. (mother of **Jeff Reed** of the CGI in Tyler), had various health challenges. A new challenge arose. On April 6, she had a tracheotomy.

In the Feb. 10 bulletin, we mentioned that **Terry Post** of La Vernia had damaged back disks and was possibly facing back surgery. On Tuesday, he had lower back surgery.

## New prayer requests

**Chloe Aschenbrenner** of Cincinnati, Ohio (2-year old daughter of **Randy** and **Keri Aschenbrenner**), was hospitalized and diagnosed with liver failure and no brain activity.

**Faith Hoselton** of Fulton, Mo. (5-year-old daughter of **Brian** and **Carole Hoselton**), recently had brain surgery. Following are excerpts from a report: "The neurosurgeon was hoping to decompress an artery on the left side of the brain stem that was not visualized on an MRI. But, when she got in there, she was not able to see the artery because of the scar tissue. And, with the scar tissue being so close to the brain stem and surrounding anatomy, the risk was too great to take it out. But she did remove some scar tissue and a small piece of the skull to allow more room for the brain stem in general in hopes that this will take pressure off the vomiting centers."

On Wednesday afternoon, **Gracie Feaker** went to the ER of Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. Later that evening, the doctors said that she did not have pneumonia, but that her congestive heart failure had caused her to have excess fluid in her system. She was admitted. She went home on Friday.

**Sarah McBride** of England injured a vertebra in her back.

Last Saturday, **Paula Walker** of Fairburn, Ga., fell and broke her hip.

Last Sunday, **Naomi Lee** of Tulsa, Okla., fell and broke her hip.

**Peter Crikis** of Mullaloo, Australia, suffered a heart attack on April 6. He had a stent inserted.

**Steve Allen** of Raleigh, N.C., has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

**Harold Lawrence** of Paxinos, Pa., has been diagnosed with bone cancer.

**Les Bullock** of British Columbia, Canada, died on April 2. Please remember his wife, **Mary**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Scriptures to consider

**Exodus 15:22-27**—So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them. And there He tested them, and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.” Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.

**Exodus 16:1-3**—And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt. Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

**Exodus 16:4-5**—Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.”

## “Comments about Romans 14”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, [churchofgodbigandy.com](http://churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of April 14, 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 14.

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

### Avoid condemning others

Many Bible students note that the first 11 chapters in the book of Romans deal more with spiritual concepts of God’s righteousness and that chapter 12 begins a section of Christian-living principles.

The Christian-living principle at the beginning of chapter 14 deals with a disciple’s goal to have both conviction and compassion.

Notice Romans 14:1.

**Romans 14:1**—“Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.”

The apostle Paul proceeded to make his point by contrasting the difference between those who eat only vegetables and those who eat meat (verses 2-3).

He elaborated in verses 4-6.

**Romans 14:4-6**—“Who are you to judge another’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.”

■ None of us lives to himself or dies to himself (verse 7).

■ Whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s (verse 8).

■ Christ rose again to live that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living (verse 9).

■ Why do you judge you brother or why do you show contempt for your brother (verse 10)? We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

■ Paul paraphrased Isaiah 45:23 (verse 11).

■ Each of us shall give account of himself to God (verse 12).

### Avoid causing someone to stumble

■ Don’t judge another person and don’t put a stumbling block in a brother’s way (verse 13).

■ To him who considers something to be unclean, it is unclean (verse 14).

■ Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died (verse 15).

■ The Kingdom of God is not food and drink. It is righteousness, peace and joy (verses 16-18).

■ Pursue the things that make for peace and edification (verse 19).

■ Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food (verse 20).

**Romans 14:21**—“It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.”

**Romans 14:22**—“Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.”

### Definitions of sin

Many Bible students view Romans 14:23 as one of the three scriptural definitions of sin.

■ 1 John 3:4—Sin is defined by the law of God.

■ James 4:17—Sin is based upon a person’s knowledge.

■ Romans 14:23—Sin is based upon a person’s faith.