

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 21, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:52

### Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) . . . . .	Daniel Botha
Bible study (2:00) . . . . .	Daniel Botha
Teen class . . . . .	Carol Bald

### Order of service

Song leader . . . . .	Daniel Botha
Pianist . . . . .	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading . . . . .	Psalm 18:1-19 by Ron Avey
Sermon . . . . .	Stan West

### Quick takes

1. Note of appreciation about the spring feast days—Following are excerpts from a note of appreciation sent by Shirley West: “Just wanted to let you know I enjoyed the holy days very much. Passover was exceptional! There was such a warm and loving atmosphere that continued through the whole week. I was very blessed.”
2. Thank you—Thanks to Dave Havir and Andrew McIver for facilitating the showing of the movie (*The Greatest Showman*) last Sunday afternoon.
3. Guest speaker on April 28—We are happy to announce that Bernie and Paula Monsalvo are scheduled to visit our congregation next weekend. Dave Havir donated his Bible-study spot so that Mr. Monsalvo can give the 2:00 Bible study.
4. Guest singer on May 5—We are happy to announce that Ross Jutsum is scheduled to visit our congregation on May 5 and to give a 30-minute music presentation at the church service on that day.
5. Community concert in the evening on May 5—Our church building will be the location for a free community concert by Ross Jutsum. He will begin the concert at 7:00 p.m. with inspirational and patriotic selections. Later in the evening, he will perform other popular songs.

6. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Jackson, Miss. Tomorrow, he is officiating at a wedding in Brookhaven, Miss.
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Does Science Have All the Answers?" by Eric Metaxas.
8. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Romans 15" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 22 pages.

## Prayer updates

On Thursday, **Elaine Holloway** found a sore on her leg that was oozing. She called a nurse, who arranged to see her on Friday.

**Marilyn Boston** is scheduled to be at the rehab facility in Tyler for another week. The goal of the personnel at the facility is to have her standing for eight minutes (which is a period of time to perform many household functions).

**Bea Gusner** is scheduled to return to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., on May 7 for tests to see if doctors recommend surgery to replace two heart valves. If the tests reveal a need for surgery, she will have the surgery on May 8.

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

Yesterday, **Boyd Payne** was scheduled to see the doctor to have the stitches removed from his nose.

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

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Wilma Reed** of Trussville, Ala. (mother of **Jeff Reed** of the CGI in Tyler), recently had a tracheotomy. This week, we learned some of the details leading up to that surgery. Four weeks ago, she had surgery to remove her colon. She has remained in ICU (on a ventilator) since the surgery. The purpose of the tracheotomy was an effort to wean her off the ventilator—which has not yet been accomplished.

**Chloe Aschenbrenner** of Cincinnati, Ohio (2-year old daughter of **Randy** and **Keri Aschenbrenner**), died last Saturday afternoon. The funeral was on Thursday. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

**Mrs. Lourdes Javier** of San Jose del Monte, Philippines, requests prayers for three grandchildren (**Cailin**, age 11, **Abigail**, age 7, and **Miguel**, age 6), who were all hospitalized at the Far Eastern University Hospital after their platelet count had fallen due to dengue fever.

**Betty Sutton** of Houston died on Monday. Please remember her family in your prayers.

## Scriptures to consider

**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.”

**Exodus 16:6-7**—Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, “At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?”

**Exodus 16:8**—Also Moses said, “This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD.”

**Exodus 16:9**—Then Moses spoke to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.’ ”

**Exodus 16:10**—Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

**Exodus 16:11-12**—And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”

**Exodus 16:13**—So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp.

**Exodus 16:21-22**—So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted. And so it was, on the sixth day, that they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

**Exodus 16:23**—Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD has said: ‘Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.’ ”

**Exodus 16:24**—So they laid it up till morning, as Moses commanded; and it did not stink, nor were there any worms in it.

**Exodus 16:25-26**—Then Moses said, “Eat that today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, there will be none.”

**Exodus 16:27**—Now it happened that some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none.

**Exodus 16:30**—So the people rested on the seventh day.

**Exodus 16:31**—And the house of Israel called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

## “Comments about Romans 15”

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 21, 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 15.

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

### Bearing the weak

Many Bible students note that the first 11 chapters in the book of Romans deals 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 15 is a continuation of the discussion from chapter 14.

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

**Romans 15:1**—“We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.”

- The apostle Paul reminded them about the importance of edification (verse 2).

- He paraphrased Psalm 69:9 (verse 3).

- Paul reminded the audience about the value of learning lessons from the Scriptures—which can provide comfort and hope (verses 4-6).

**Romans 15:4-6**—“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**1 Corinthians 10:11**—“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”

**2 Timothy 3:15**—“And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures,

which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

### Jews and gentiles

- Paul reminded Jews and gentiles to receive each other just as Christ received us to the glory of God (verse 7).

- Salvation came to both Jews and gentiles (verses 8-12).

- Paul paraphrased 2 Samuel 22:50 and Psalm 18:49 (verse 9).

- He paraphrased Deuteronomy 32:43 (verse 10).

- He paraphrased Psalm 117:1 (verse 11).

- He paraphrased Isaiah 11:10 (verse 12).

- He mentioned the God of hope (verse 13).

**Romans 15:13**—“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

### Jerusalem to Illyricum

- Paul reminded the audience how he preached the gospel to the gentiles (verses 14-21).

- He mentioned how he fully preached the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem (verse 19).

- He sought to preach in places where the gospel had not been preached—seeking to avoid building on another man’s foundation (verse 20).

- He paraphrased Isaiah 52:15 (verse 21).

### Plan to visit Rome

- Paul mentioned how he wanted to visit Rome after his journey to Spain (verses 22-24).

- He was first going to go to Jerusalem to take contributions from Macedonia and Achaia to poor saints in Jerusalem (verses 25-26).

- The gentiles who received valuable knowledge through the Jewish converts wanted to express some appreciation through their physical gifts (verse 27).

- He asked for their prayers (verses 28-33).