

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 10, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:22

### Bible studies and classes

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

### Order of service

Song leader . . . . . Reg Killingley  
Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
Scripture reading . . . . . Acts 13:1-12  
Sermon . . . . . Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Community Thanksgiving service on Nov. 18—Citizens of Big Sandy and surrounding areas are invited to the Big Sandy community Thanksgiving service.

**Date:** Sunday, Nov. 18  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** New Hope Baptist Church  
**Program:** Individuals from various congregations express appreciation through words and music  
**Last year:** Dave Havir said a few words and presented a YouTube music video  
**This year:** Dave Havir asked Shirley West to read  
**Afterwards:** Finger foods

2. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Have You Heard of an Abortion Doula?" by Eric Metaxas.
3. Among Friends—This week's article is "Matthew 5:11-12" by Dave Havir.
4. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 30 pages.

## Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Colleen Atteberry** had triple-bypass surgery at ETMC in Tyler and was scheduled for some occupational therapy before returning home. As it turned out on Friday (Nov. 2), she went across the street to the rehab portion of the hospital. She is scheduled to return home on Tuesday. She is in Room 413.

**Vi Lehman** is dealing with back pain.

**Elaine Holloway** reports that the swelling in her legs has gotten a little a bit better. (She has been doing a good job of keeping her legs elevated.)

**Marilyn Boston** continues to rehab in Room 218 at Park Place Rehabilitation Center in Tyler (2450 E. Fifth St.).

Last Saturday, **Ron Feaker** was able to leave the Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. (On the previous Saturday, **Gracie Feaker** was able to leave.) Because mold was detected in their home, they are staying with daughter **Karen**.

**Sonny Rosenberger** continues to deal with a variety of problems—including breathing challenges.

On Friday, **Angela Dunnam** had the staples removed from her right knee following the recent total replacement of her knee.

On Wednesday night, **Leslie Harroff** had her second "chemo" shot. Mrs. Harroff mentioned that the amount is a fraction of the amount given to many cancer patients

Please remember to pray for **Jennifer Faulkner** of St. Louis, Mo. (wife of **Jim Faulkner** and sister-in-law of **Carol Bald**), who recently finished round six of her aggressive treatment.

On Monday, **Larry Foster** of Avinger (son of **Betty Foster**) is scheduled for another cancer treatment in Longview. Also, the Dallas doctor informed Mr. Foster that a donor was found for a stem-cell procedure. Since the procedure is considered somewhat dangerous, Mr. Foster has not yet decided to proceed.

In previous bulletins, we mentioned the many surgeries that **Chuck Ragland** (father of **Diana Havir**) has experienced in an effort to deal with intestinal problems. On Thursday, he endured another surgery.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Eric Ledy** of Austin (30-year-old son of **Jeff** and **Sharon Ledy** of Perry, Mich.) was scheduled to have his left arm amputated on Thursday, Nov. 1. We want to confirm that the surgery did occur. (Last week, we provided much background information. Here is a little more of the recent history. "On Oct. 18, Eric had an MRI because of concern of a pulled muscle or injured shoulder. The next day, Eric was diagnosed with bone cancer. After numerous consultations, a bone scan and a biopsy, the cancer was confirmed as a form of osteosarcoma. The diagnosis showed a large tumor growing on his left arm near his shoulder.")

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Brian Bettes** of North Carolina (who recently suffered a heart attack) had triple-bypass surgery. On Monday, we learned that he returned home after having a quadruple-bypass surgery. On Tuesday, Mr. Bettes died. Please remember his wife, **Kristen**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

**Eli Benedict** is dealing with pain in his right leg.

On Wednesday, **Laura Moran** visited her cardiologist. During the visit, she had an EKG and an echocardiogram. The cardiologist arranged for her to receive a delivery to her home on Thursday of an instrument to begin measuring her oxygen. On Thursday, she was having trouble breathing and she went to a walk-in clinic in Tyler (where she had an X-ray). She slept Thursday night with a vaporizer. On Friday, she went to her regular doctor for a breathing test. At this point, Mrs. Moran does not know if the breathing problem is connected to the condition of her heart. She requests prayers.

On Thursday night, **Gracie Feaker** fell. Although she was hurting on Friday, she apparently did not suffer any serious damage.

When **Carol Killingley** recently had some routine lab work done, she was diagnosed with vitamin-D deficiency and hypothyroidism. On Monday, she is scheduled to have an exploratory abdominal scan.

**Betty Foster** is dealing with intense pain in her back and right side.

**Chad Foster** of Longview (grandson of **Betty Foster**) has been diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. He is scheduled to see a doctor in Dallas in January.

On Monday, **Tim** and **Hope Lindholm** of Minnesota requested prayers of the **Havir** family for Mr. Lindholm. Here are excerpts from a message from Mrs. Lindholm on Monday: "Tim is undergoing an ERCP procedure tomorrow to put in a stent in each of his bile ducts in his liver. Right after the Feast, he started to have [a variety of challenges]. Last Monday [Oct. 29], we drove to Mayo to have him checked. Imaging revealed multiple cancerous tumors in his liver, adrenals and lymph nodes. The bile ducts are blocked due to the tumor." After the procedure is done, the Lindholms expect to consider how to deal with the cancer. Here are excerpts from a message from Mr. Lindholm on Wednesday: "The procedure seems to have gone very well. Next, we need to get those tumors to shrink."

**Chuck Zimmerman** of Sun City, Ariz., died on Nov. 8. Please remember his wife, **Joy**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Thought for the week

People put fences around their backyard and lock their doors not because they hate the people outside but because they love the people inside.—*Unknown*

## “Matthew 5:11–12”

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 Nov. 10, 2018.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—Many Bible students enjoy reading scriptures from the section that is generally called the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5 through 7 in the book of Matthew).

When Christ saw the multitude, He went up on a mountain (Matthew 5:1). When He was seated, His disciples came to Him (same verse). Then, He began to teach them (verse 2). Today, let’s look at Matthew 5:11-12.

**Matthew 5:11-12**—“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

### Say evil against you falsely

The Son of God certainly understood how it felt to be reviled, persecuted and falsely accused.

Notice a few examples.

**Luke 11:53-54**—“And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail Him vehemently, and to cross-examine Him about many things, lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.”

**Luke 20:20**—“So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.”

**Luke 21:12**—“But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake.”

**Luke 22:2**—“And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might

kill Him, for they feared the people.”

**Luke 22:48**—“But Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?’”

**Luke 22:52-53**—“Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, ‘Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.’”

**Luke 23:2**—“And they began to accuse Him, saying, ‘We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.’”

**Luke 23:10**—“And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him.”

**Luke 23:21-23**—“But they shouted, saying, ‘Crucify Him, crucify Him!’ Then he said to them the third time, ‘Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go.’ But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed.”

### Reward in heaven

In an epistle from the apostle Peter found later in the Bible, he wrote about the Kingdom being reserved in heaven for the elect.

**1 Peter 1:3-5**—“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”