

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Dec. 29, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:22

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havar
Bible study (2:00) Dave Havar
Teen class Martha McIver

Order of service

Song leader Ron Avey
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Acts 15:12-21
Sermon Reg Killingley

Quick takes

1. Foster Barn Dance and Chili Supper—The annual Foster Barn Dance and Chili Supper is scheduled in Gladewater tonight.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 29
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Antique Capital RV Park
Address: 500 S. Loop 485, Gladewater
Building: Activity barn
Meal: Chili supper
May bring: Here is some food you may bring—chili, hot dogs, shredded cheese, Fritos, veggie trays, desserts, canned drinks, bottled water.
Music: Live dance band
Activities: Square dancing

2. Memorial service tomorrow for Al Hoppe—In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that Al Hoppe died on Dec. 3. The family has scheduled a military-style memorial service at Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer (305 W. Harrison St.) tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. Reg Killingley is scheduled to officiate and Ron Avey is scheduled to sing.

3. Winter coats—Shirley West invites members of the congregation to donate winter coats (for all ages) to the Agape House in Big Sandy for distribution among the needy.
4. Budget meeting—There is a budget meeting scheduled for Sunday (Jan. 13) afternoon.
5. Community meal in the building on Thursday, Jan. 17—The annual Chamber of Commerce meal is scheduled in our building on Thursday, Jan. 17.
6. Jeff Ledy's comments about cancer—Jeff Ledy of Perry, Mich., has given updates about his son's (Eric's) battle with cancer. Following are excerpts of his report from Dec. 8 that give some observations about cancer: "I had the wrong image in my mind of cancer. I thought that cancer was like an alien invader. If we could just fight it off and kill it, then the body would be safe again. Cancer is the body itself malfunctioning. No matter how many cancer cells are killed, if the body does not quit producing or cannot stop their spread, then the body loses. Much of the treatment is geared to getting the body to be strong enough to stop producing or allowing the cells to survive. Cancer cells are produced in every person's body. It is just that in healthy bodies the cancer cells are identified and destroyed by the immune system."
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Pontius Pilate Reference on Ancient Ring" by G.W. Thielman.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "Wisdom From Above—Full of Mercy" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 30 pages.

Prayer updates

Eli Benedict is still dealing with swelling from his recent falls. **Jean** reports that she keeps her leg wrapped and she is improving.

Betty Foster (who has recently been diagnosed with two additional compression fractures and two vertebrae that are pinching a nerve) is still awaiting a call from an orthopedic doctor to set up an appointment. Her home therapy was extended for three more weeks.

Elaine Holloway continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. She is in Room 109.

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. Caregiving daughter **Karen** reports that Mr. Feaker enjoys visitors. He is in Room 111.

Gracie Feaker continues to rehab at the home of caregiving daughter **Karen**.

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

Laura Moran is anticipating participation in a sleep study next month.

Sonny Rosenberger appreciates prayers for his breathing challenges and his other ongoing health challenges.

Boyd Payne is dealing with Parkinson's disease, nerve pain in his head and dementia.

Annette Payne continues to deal with her bad eyesight.

Sharon Edelbach (mother of **Jeanine Case** previously identified from Kellogg, Minn.) went to a nursing home in Wabasha, Minn. Here are excerpts from Mrs. Case: "Mom is doing physical therapy to try to regain use of her hands and the ability to walk again. She tires easily. Please also pray that her spinal cord not be harmed by crumbling bones in her neck."

New prayer requests

On Friday, **Lisa Smith** was experiencing chest pains and went to the ER of UT Northeast Hospital (north of Tyler).

Cindy Dillinger of Cochrane, Wis. (sister of **Jeanine Case**), had surgery on Dec. 20 to have her gall bladder removed.

Chip Vicco of Millsboro, Del., has been diagnosed with a tumor on the pituitary gland. He is scheduled for surgery this coming week.

Clyde Hubbard of Early died on Dec. 15. Please remember his wife, **Bobbie**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Karen (Fuessel) Diehl of Columbia, S.C., died on Dec. 19. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Sherry (Ward) Hoover of Oklahoma died on Dec. 23. Please remember her husband, **Chuck**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures About the Son of God

■ The Son of God died for mankind.

Romans 5:6—For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

■ The Son of God was raised for mankind.

Romans 8:11—But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit [which] dwells in you.

■ The Son of God sits at the right hand of the Father.

Hebrews 8:1—Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

“Wisdom From Above—Full of Mercy”

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 Dec. 29, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—There are many sections in the Bible that describe characteristics that disciples seek to inculcate into their lives. One such section is found in James 3:17.

James 3:17—“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”

Today, we will discuss the subject of being full of mercy.

Greek word in James 3:17

Notice the major Greek words dealing with the subject of mercy.

■ *Eleos* (No. 1656 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek noun in James 3:17 translated as “mercy.” It is used 27 times in the New Testament.

■ *Eleeo* (No. 1653 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek verb translated to both “give mercy” and to “receive mercy.” It is used 24 times in the New Testament.

■ *Eleemon* (No. 1655 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek adjective translated as “merciful” in two verses. Those verses are Matthew 5:7 and Hebrews 2:17.

Matthew 5:7—“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.”

Hebrews 2:17—“Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”

Many examples

Let’s notice a few of verses mentioning mercy.

Matthew 9:13—“But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

Matthew 12:7—“But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not

sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.

Matthew 23:23—“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”

Luke 10:36-37—“‘So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?’ And he said, ‘He who showed mercy on him.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’”

Romans 11:31—“Even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.”

Romans 12:6-8—“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

2 Timothy 1:16-18—“The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me. The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day—and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.”

Hebrews 4:16—“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

James 2:13—“For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”

Jude 21—“Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”