

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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March 23, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:32

### Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	.....	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	.....	Neil Mclver
Teen class	.....	Carol Bald

### Order of service

Song leader	.....	Neil Mclver
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Acts 19:21-41
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Memorial service tomorrow—Elaine Townsend and family have scheduled a “Celebration of Life” for Ves Townsend in our building tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. (As was mentioned in the Feb. 16 bulletin, Mr. Townsend died on Wednesday, Feb. 13. A family funeral was held on Saturday, Feb. 16, and a memorial service was to be scheduled in the future—which was eventually set for tomorrow.) Our congregation is providing a meal for the family. We are anticipating 72 family members to be in attendance.
2. Linda Avey coordinating the meal—Since we are anticipating 72 family members to be at the celebration for Ves Townsend tomorrow, we would appreciate your help in providing food for the family. If you are planning to help, please communicate with Mrs. Avey.
3. Spring feast days—Here are some reminders about calendar events concerning the spring feast days.
  - Thursday, April 18, at 7:45 p.m.—Commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord with New Testament symbols (picturing the night He was betrayed)

- Friday, April 19, at 3:00 p.m.—Individually remembering the time of Christ's death
  - Friday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m.—Church of God tradition of having a meal (with friends or privately) on the eve of the first day of Unleavened Bread to remember the children of Israel coming out of Egypt
  - Saturday, April 20—First day of Unleavened Bread with a Bible study at 2:00 p.m., a church service at 3:00 (with Jim Johns speaking) and a potluck meal at 4:00
  - Monday, April 22, in evening—Individually remembering events about Christ's resurrection
  - Friday, April 26—Seventh day of Unleavened Bread (with Church of God International attending with us) with a Bible study at 1:00 p.m., a church service at 2:00 and a potluck meal at 3:00.
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Utopian Dream or Dystopian Nightmare?" by Lenny Cacchio.
  5. Among Friends—This week's article is "Overview of Passover in Book of Exodus" by Dave Havir.
  6. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 22 pages.

## Prayer updates

On Wednesday, **Eli Benedict** had an appointment for a CAT scan and a cystoscopy (for the bladder). The results showed no kidney problem but a "little cancer" in his bladder. The doctor has scheduled a procedure on April 10 to "scrape" the cancer. Because the procedure would involve anesthesia, Mr. Benedict is unsure if he wants to undergo the procedure.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Sonny Rosenberger** was scheduled on March 19 for a procedure called a UroLift (a treatment to help men with prostate challenges). It was postponed again—this time with the explanation that he needs a lung X-ray on March 27.

It was good to see **Betty Foster** at the church service last Saturday. She said that coming to church wasn't too rough on her, but she has to be careful as she deals with dehydration and anemia. She is hoping to make it again this week.

On Wednesday, **Martha McIver** had a doctor's appointment and heard a good report.

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

**Elaine Holloway** continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Glade-water. She is in Room 109.

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

On Thursday, **Larry Foster** (son of **Betty Foster**) was scheduled for a cancer treatment in Longview. After arriving in Longview, he didn't feel quite right and went to an ER. His cancer treatment was postponed until this coming Thursday.

In the March 2 bulletin, we mentioned that **Samuel Edge** of South Australia had been dealing with multiple seizures. It is reported that he had a seizure on March 15, which was the first one in two weeks.

## New prayer requests

**Laura Moran** reports that she had a variety of infections—bladder infection, urinary-tract infection and sinus infection.

**Shirley Spearman** requests prayers for trouble with her eyesight. Here is an excerpt from her report: “When I woke up one morning a few weeks ago, I was very dizzy, nauseous and sweaty. I was throwing up and felt very bad. Afterwards, my eyesight seemed worse. (I went for my diabetic eye exam and was told that there was no diabetes in them.) Now, I am going to see a specialist in a month. I am having to go without my contacts for a month. (I’m supposed to wear my glasses, but I’ve never been able to see well out of them.) My appointment is April 15.”

**Joann Wunch** of Kilgore (sister of **Annette Payne**) has been diagnosed with pneumonia. This diagnosis was on top of the fact that Mrs. Wunch has diabetes and goes to dialysis three times a week.

**Ernest Miller** of Anacoco, La., died March 18. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## “Overview of Passover in Book of Exodus”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, [churchofgodbig sandy.com](http://churchofgodbig sandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of March 23, 2019.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—As many Church of God congregations approach the spring feast days, I want to spend six articles discussing principles that can be rehearsed at this time of year.

While the emphasis of my articles will be covering material from the New Testament, I will begin this short series with material from the book of Exodus.

### **Two main sections**

It is my perspective that the book of Exodus can be viewed as two main sections—the Redemption from Egypt (Exodus 1-18) and the Covenant with God (Exodus 19-40).

The section about the Redemption from Egypt includes the story of the Passover event.

### **Knowing the Lord**

One of the main messages given by the Lord was the following: “You shall know that I am the Lord.” Notice the following verses.

- Exodus 6:7
- Exodus 7:5
- Exodus 7:17
- Exodus 8:10
- Exodus 8:22-23
- Exodus 9:14
- Exodus 9:29
- Exodus 10:2
- Exodus 14:4, 18

### **Let My people go**

At various times throughout this ordeal, Moses quoted God as saying: “Let My

people go.” Notice the following verses.

- Exodus 5:1
- Exodus 7:16
- Exodus 8:1
- Exodus 8:20
- Exodus 9:1
- Exodus 9:13
- Exodus 10:1

### Hardened Pharaoh’s heart

At various times throughout this ordeal, we read that God hardened Pharaoh’s heart. Before the 10 plagues were even unleashed upon the Egyptians, God foretold what was going to occur.

**Exodus 4:21-23**—“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD: ‘Israel is My son, My firstborn. ‘So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.’” ’ ’ ’ ’ ’

### Protection from 10th plague

When the events finally came to the 10th plague, God instructed the children of Israel how they could be protected and delivered from that horrible event.

■ Deliverance involved a lamb without blemish—Exodus 12:5 and Exodus 12:21.

■ Deliverance involved being covered by the blood of the lamb—Exodus 12:7 and Exodus 12:22-23.

### Finally got to leave

After the protection from the 10th plague, the children of Israel were finally able to leave Egypt.

**Exodus 12:31-33**—“Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, ‘Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the LORD as you have said. Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also.’ And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send

them out of the land in haste. For they said, ‘We shall all be dead.’”

### Unleavened bread pictures leaving in haste

One of the consequences of the rapid departure from the land of Egypt was that the children of Israel had to leave with unleavened bread.

There just wasn’t enough time for their bread to rise.

- Exodus 12:11
- Exodus 12:34
- Exodus 12:39

### References by Stephen

At this time, let’s notice a few New Testament references about the events found in the book of Exodus.

In Stephen’s answer to the high priest in the book of Acts, he gave a quick history of events in the Old Testament. Included in his discourse were references to events in the book of Exodus.

■ Acts 7:17-36—Stephen mentioned events from Exodus 1-14.

■ Acts 7:39-41—Stephen mentioned an event from Exodus 32:1-6.

### References in book of Hebrews

The author of the book of Hebrews made many comments about the events from the book of Exodus.

■ Hebrews 7:22—Because of Christ, the New Covenant is a better covenant.

■ Hebrews 8:6-13—Christ is a mediator of a better covenant.

■ Hebrews 9:1-7—The tabernacle was a pattern.

■ Hebrews 9:11-15—Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant.

■ Hebrews 9:20—Exodus 24:8

■ Hebrews 10:16-17—Jeremiah 31:33-34

■ Hebrews 12:24—Exodus 24:6-8

■ Hebrews 13:20—Through the blood of the everlasting covenant

### References by Paul

Here are references by the apostle Paul.

■ 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

■ 1 Corinthians 11:20-22

■ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26