

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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May 11, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:06

### Bible studies and classes

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

### Order of service

Song leader .....	Ron Avey
Pianist .....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading .....	Acts 21:37-40
Sermon .....	Morris Foster

### Quick takes

1. Thank you—The Big Sandy Band Boosters thank the congregation for supporting the “band meals” this school year. Here is an excerpt of their note of appreciation: “Your donation ensured that every student had a good meal before every game during marching season at no cost to them. Most of the band students stay after school and go directly to their games. Having dinner before a long night of performing and traveling makes a difference.” (By the way, the band achieved its second sweepstakes in a row this school year. This means that band members earned the highest marks for their marching, concert playing and sight-reading skills for two straight years.)
2. Funeral in building tonight at 6:00—Following the recent death of Lori Forrester (a member of the local Living Church of God congregation), the congregation has offered the building to Deric Forrester for his wife’s funeral. It will be tonight at 6:00.
3. Big Sandy school banquets in the building—May is the traditional time for the Big Sandy School District to schedule its year-end banquets. We are anticipating two banquets to be held in our building.
  - Thursday, May 16      Athletic department
  - Monday, May 20      Music department

4. Weekend conference in our building—The Bible Sabbath Association (BSA) is conducting a conference in our building at the end of May.
  - Sponsors Bible Sabbath Association
  - When? May 24-26
  - Where? Church of God Big Sandy
  - Title BSA Fellowship Meeting 2019
  - Theme Sabbath History: “Our Past, Present and Future”
  - Cost Free
  - Registration Preregistration helps organizers (especially when planning food)
  - Meals Saturday and Sunday
5. Nomination phase—May is the time for the congregation to nominate people to be included in the election phase (in June) for our church board. The nomination phase concludes on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m.
6. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Why the Left Mocks the Bible” by Dennis Prager.
7. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Romans 12:2” by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 11 pages.

## Prayer updates

**David Bonilla**, who recently suffered a stroke and who spent time in rehab, was scheduled to return home yesterday (May 10). He and **Becky** are very appreciative for all the kindness (especially the prayers) of the congregation.

**Donna Weese** is still dealing with difficulties following her recent fall.

## New prayer requests

**Helen Botha** had been dealing with significant pain in her left hand (which sometimes proceeds up her arm). The doctor ruled out a stroke and ordered an MRI—suspecting that the pain originates from a pinched nerve. Her husband, **Daniel**, reports that his wife has not been missing work and that there is little pain while she is at work during the day.

**Emma Lou Bacher** has been hospitalized in Plano and diagnosed with a stroke. Following are excerpts from her daughter: “She had an ischemic stroke on the right side in the basal ganglia (May 2). She was diagnosed with early stages of pneumonia. An echocardiogram didn’t show a hole, but other tests are pending. Her blood sugar is running high overall. Her epiglottis isn’t closing quickly enough to block liquids. She has some issues with mouth muscles. She is favoring her right side. She was moved to rehab on May 5.”

**Jeffrey Boston** of Fort Worth (son of **Marilyn Boston**) has been diagnosed with cancer of the mouth (a squamous-cell carcinoma, which is considered a slow-growing type). He is scheduled to visit with a surgeon to discuss a procedure to "cut it out."

On Wednesday, **Paul Porter** of Rusk had a quintuple-bypass surgery. Due to an unexpected problem, Mr. Porter was back on the operating table again on Thursday. Mr. Porter and his wife, **Suzanne**, appreciate your prayers.

**Bill Schuler** of Enumclaw, Wash., died on March 1. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Lori Forrestier** of the local Living Church of God congregation died on April 30. Please remember her husband, **Deric**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**John Fulbright** of Houston died on May 5. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Carrie Foy** of Huntsville died on May 7. Please remember her husband, **Albert**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Tentative schedule of BSA conference

Following is a tentative schedule of presentations at the BSA conference scheduled in our building May 24-26. (Once we have the list of when the speakers will be giving their presentations, we will make the information available in this bulletin.)

### ■ Friday, May 24

7:00-8:30 p.m.	Introductions and fellowship
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### ■ Saturday, May 25

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Bill Watson
12:15-1:15	Bryan Burrell
1:30-2:30	Kelly McDonald
3:00-4:00	Church service—Phil Arnold
4:00-6:00	Fellowship meal
6:00-7:00	Tim Kelley
7:15-8:30	Round-table discussion

### ■ Sunday, May 26

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Bill Watson
10:15–11:15	Royce Mitchell
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Kelly McDonald
12:30-2:00	Fellowship meal
2:00-3:00	John Merritt
3:15-4:15	Phil Arnold
4:30-5:30	TBD
5:45-7:45	Round-table discussion
8:00-8:30	Closing remarks

## “Comments About Romans 12:2”

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 May 11, 2019.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—Last week, I began a discussion about the words of the apostle Paul found in Romans 12. It is my perspective that Paul’s writings in chapters 1-11 could be classified more as comments about doctrine and spiritual concepts, whereas the words in chapter 12 can be viewed more as Christian-living topics.

This article will discuss Romans 12:2.

### Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:2.

**Romans 12:2**—“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

### Not conformed to this world

Notice some verses in the Bible that discuss the importance of not being conformed to this world.

**John 15:18-19**—“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

**John 17:14-17**—“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

**1 John 2:15-17**—“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away,

and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

### Transformed by renewing of the mind

Notice some verses in the Bible that discuss the importance of being transformed.

**Romans 6:4-6**—“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

**Romans 6:16-18**—“Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.”

### Will of God

Notice some verses in the Bible that discuss the importance of following the will of God.

**John 4:34**—“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.’”

**John 6:38**—“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

**John 8:28-29**—“Then Jesus said to them, ‘When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.’”