

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Welcome to our guests

This weekend (May 24–26) the Bible Sabbath Association has arranged to use the building of the Church of God Big Sandy for a conference.

- The title of the conference is BSA Fellowship Meetomg 2019.
- The theme is “Sabbath History: Our Past, Present and Future.”

Church service

While the Bible Sabbath Association (BSA) chose the speakers for the conference, the BSA involved Pastor Dave Havir in the selection of the speaker during the normal church time of the Church of God Big Sandy. In previous years, Mr. Havir had sought to arrange to have Phil Arnold to give presentations to the congregation, but those plans had not worked out. Since Dr. Arnold had been invited by the BSA to speak at the conference, this allowed Mr. Havir to schedule him for the church time. Mr. Havir considered having the regular format from 3:00 to 4:00 but opted to give Dr. Arnold sufficient time to present his material.

Conference schedule

Following is the list of presentations that are scheduled to be given during the conference. (Each session will have a 40–45-minute presentation followed by a 10–15-minute question-and-answer session.)

■ Friday, May 24

7:00–8:30 p.m. Introductions and fellowship

■ Saturday, May 25

11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon	Bill Watson, “American Sabbath History”
12:15–1:15	Bryan Burrell, “History of the BSA”
1:30–2:30	Kelly McDonald, “Waldensian Origins—Part 1”
3:00–4:00	Church service—Phil Arnold, “Avoiding Extremism in the Sabbath Community”
4:00–6:00	Fellowship meal
6:00–7:00	Tim Kelley, “History of Hebrew Roots Movement”
7:00–8:00	John Merritt, “History of Messianic Judaism”

■ Sunday, May 26

- 9:00–10:00 a.m. Bill Watson, “CGI History in Philippines and Jamaica”
- 10:15–11:15 Royce Mitchell, “History of *The Sabbath Sentinel*”
- 11:30–12:30 p.m. Kelly McDonald, “Waldensian Origins—Part 2”
- 12:30–2:00 Fellowship Meal
- 2:00–3:00 Phil Arnold, “Unique Beliefs in Modern Sabbath Groups”
- 3:15–4:30 Roundtable discussion, “What Is the Mark of the Beast?”
- 4:45–6:45 Roundtable discussion, “Future of the Sabbath Community”
- 7:00–7:30 Closing comments

Quick takes

1. Successful school banquet last Thursday night—The congregation thanks Linda Avey, Carol Bald and Andrew Mclver for serving at the High School Banquet in the building on Monday night. (The school hired a caterer to serve 125 meals.)
2. Reminder of hall setup—We want to remind the congregation that we allow the hall to be set up in advance for a future group function—as long as it does not interfere with our schedule on Saturday. This is the third Saturday in a row where the hall was set up in advance for an event. We should be back to our normal hall setup next week.
3. Day of Pentecost—The congregation will be observing the Day of Pentecost (combined with the Church of God International) with the following schedule.
 - Sunday, June 9
 - 1:00—Bible study
 - 2:00—Church service—Vance Stinson speaking
 - 3:00—Potluck meal
4. Invitation to the 2019 Feast of Tabernacles—The Church of God Big Sandy invites people to attend one of the festival sites sponsored by our congregation. Pastor Dave Havir writes: “If you are looking for a small, friendly site that has inspiring messages and excellent fellowship, we invite you to come join us.”
5. Four Feast sites—The Church of God Big Sandy will sponsor four festival sites for the observance of the 2019 Feast of Tabernacles. Our congregation will have daily church services from Monday, Oct. 14, through Monday, Oct. 21.
 - Big Sandy—for the 25th consecutive year
 - Destin—for the 22nd consecutive year
 - Myrtle Beach—for the 17th consecutive year
 - Grand Junction—as our rotating western site
6. Feast coordinators—Here are the Feast coordinators at the four Feast sites.
 - Big Sandy Ron and Linda Avey
 - Destin Neil and Martha Mclver
 - Myrtle Beach Lyle and Kathy Kerby
 - Grand Junction Dennis and Karen Benson

7. Return to Grand Junction, Colo.—In 2015, we hosted a Feast site in Grand Junction. We return this year because of its access to various natural wonders. This year, we are planning a special feature at this site—there will not be a church service on the fourth day (Thursday) or the seventh day (Sunday) to give families the opportunity to spend a day visiting some natural wonders about 90 miles away. (Of course, people who want a church service on those days can watch a church service on the Internet.) Two popular destinations are:
 - Arches National Park—Moab, Utah
 - Dinosaur National Monument—Jensen, Utah
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Higher Education in America” by Walter Williams.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments about Romans 12:4-5” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 11 pages.

Prayer updates

Following are excerpts of an update from the daughter of **Emma Lou Bacher**, who is recovering from a stroke: “Mom has made significant strides in her stroke recovery. She’s walking farther and doing so many other daily tasks—all with much less help than three weeks ago. Our big challenge is the diabetes. To further reduce her risk of another stroke (and/or further damage from the diabetes), we will take Mom to a skilled-nursing facility tomorrow [Friday] morning. The staff will monitor her insulin dosages with the hope of switching her to pills (which will help us find more budget-friendly assisted living). Please do not bring food or drinks as we stabilize her blood sugar.”

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Laura Moran** went to a doctor and was diagnosed with water in her ears and a sinus infection. She returned to the doctor on Tuesday morning and reports that she is doing fine.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Sandy Hirst** of Spokane, Wash., was scheduled to have surgery “to remove cancer from her lung.” Here is an excerpt about her recovery: “The holes in her lung that were causing so much trouble sealed up. The tests from the lymph nodes showed that there was no spreading of the cancer.”

New prayer requests

This past Monday, **Doyle Welborn** had a procedure (an ablation) to help the electrical signals involving the heart. He returned home on the same day.

On Wednesday, **Shirley Spearman** is scheduled for cataract surgery on her left eye. One week later (June 5), she is scheduled for cataract surgery on her right eye.

On Thursday, **Norm Bronnum** had X-rays due to pain in his left leg. He was diagnosed with a bad case of arthritis in his lower back.

Dale Schurter of Rosewood, Ohio, recently had a stroke. His wife, **Mona**, is suffering with Alzheimer’s.

“Comments About Romans 12:4–5”

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 25, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, 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 12:4-5.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:4-5.

Romans 12:4-5—“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”

One body in Christ

Notice some verses in the Bible that discuss the concept of being one body in Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:17—“For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.”

1 Corinthians 12:12—“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.”

1 Corinthians 12:25-27—“That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”

Ephesians 4:4—“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling.”

Various functions

Notice some verses in the Bible that discuss the concept of having various functions.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6—“There are di-

versities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.”

1 Corinthians 12:11—“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

1 Corinthians 12:14-19—“For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,’ is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,’ is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be?”

1 Corinthians 12:20-22—“But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’; nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.”

Ephesians 4:15-16—“But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

Next week, we will discuss the gifts of Romans 12:6-8.

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.”