

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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July 27, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:21

Bible studies and classes

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

Order of service

Song leader	.....	Reg Killingley
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Acts 28:1–16
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Board meeting on Aug. 3—President Ron Avey has scheduled a board meeting during the evening of Aug. 3.
2. Reminder about Feast housing—Please reserve your Feast housing at Destin and Myrtle Beach soon so that you will be able to receive the discounted price before the rooms are released from our room block. (We do not have any discounted-room blocks in Big Sandy or Grand Junction.)
3. Interactive study this week—The topic of the interactive Bible study this week is scheduled to be “The Gift of Leading” (Romans 12:8) moderated by Dave Havir.
4. Interactive study next week—The topic of the interactive Bible study next week is scheduled to be “The Gift of Showing Mercy” (Romans 12:8) moderated by Dave Havir.
5. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Anti-Infanticide Bill Blocked for 75th Time” by Calvin Freiburger.
6. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Romans 12:14” by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 20 pages.

Prayer updates

Betty Foster, who continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Glade-water, has been placed on hospice care. She is in Room 418-A.

Please remember **Willie Choate**, who is dealing with decisions concerning treatment for his heart.

Neil McIver reports that he continues to feel well after his recent catheterization.

Please remember **Eli Benedict**, who is once again dealing with a rash (some on his back, but more troublesome on his legs).

On Thursday, **Laura Moran** went to an allergy doctor.

Please remember **Sonny Rosenberger**, who regularly deals with breathing challenges and a host of other health problems.

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

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. He is in Room 412.

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

New prayer requests

On Tuesday, **Jim Faulkner** of St. Louis, Mo. (brother of **Carol Bald**), had heart surgery—an ablation to deal with the electrical impulses causing his severe afib. He is home and recovering.

Tom Mitchell of a local home fellowship had a heart attack this week.

Eric Passe of Wabasha, Minn., had a heart attack this week. (The doctors are considering if this was caused by Lyme disease.) Please also pray for his wife and two teenagers.

Kurt Verde of Bacolod City, Philippines, was hospitalized due to a fever. He is suspected of being infected with dengue fever after laboratory results showed his platelet count going down.

Sherry O'Connell of Eldon, Miss., went to a hospital this week when her appendix burst.

Dudley Trone of Grass Valley, Calif., was diagnosed with melanoma, blood clots and dementia.

Jerry Chalmers of Conroe was scheduled for surgery this week to deal with bleeding in his colon area.

John Havir of Huntington, W.Va. (brother of **Dave Havir**), had quadruple-bypass surgery on Friday (July 19). He returned home on Tuesday. He and his wife, **Bonnie**, appreciate your prayers.

Synopsis of board meeting on July 20

Board members in attendance were Ron Avey, Carol Bald, David Coleman, Neil McIver and Kemmer Pfund. Also attending were Linda Avey, Linda Cartwright and Jerry Thompson.

- The treasurer's report showed that income was up for the first half of the year. Board members reviewed budget categories and discussed adjustments.
- The board discussed the mail-out program and possible need for new equipment.
- Due to declining numbers of candidates, a proposal was presented to amend the bylaws to reduce the required number of at-large board members from three to one. Specifically:

Article 4 section 2: "Composition: The corporate officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least three at-large Trustees" would be amended to "Composition: The corporate officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least one at-large Trustee."

Article 4 section 9: "At-Large Trustees: At-Large Trustees of the Corporation shall number at least three but may number no more than fifteen. This decision shall require approval by a two-thirds majority of votes of the entire Board" would be amended to "At-Large Trustees: At-Large Trustees of the Corporation shall number at least one but may number no more than fifteen. This decision shall require approval by a two-thirds majority of votes of the entire Board." Per the bylaws, this was not voted on. It will be discussed at the next board meeting.

- The board received a proposal from Linda Avey to be hired as building manager beginning Sept. 1, 2019. The contract-labor duties and fees were discussed, and a request was made for an updated proposal from Mrs. Avey. The discussion was then tabled until the next meeting.
- Since pastor Dave Havir was on a church visit and not in attendance, there was no pastor's report.

The next board meeting is set for Aug. 3, 2019, time to be determined.

Scriptures to consider

Acts 20:28—"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

Acts 20:32—"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

2 Corinthians 1:24—"Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand."

“Comments About Romans 12:14”

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 July 27, 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.

Last week, we discussed Romans 12:13. This article will discuss Romans 12:14.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:14.

Romans 12:14—“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.”

Persecution may come

Here are some verses that discuss that persecution oftentimes comes upon a believer.

Matthew 13:21—“Yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.”

Matthew 24:9-10—“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.”

Luke 21:12-15—“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. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.”

John 5:16-18—“For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, ‘My Father has been working until now, and I have been

working.’ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.”

Acts 8:1—“Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.”

Acts 13:50—“But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.”

2 Timothy 3:12—“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”

Bless those who persecute you

Here are some verses that discuss blessing those who persecute you.

Matthew 5:10-12—“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 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.”

Matthew 5:43-48—“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”