

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 3, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:15

Bible studies and classes

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

Order of service

Song leader	.....	Daniel Botha
Pianist	.....	Helen Botha
Scripture reading	.....	Acts 28:17–31
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Board meeting tonight—President Ron Avey has scheduled a board tonight.
2. Visitation for Betty Foster tonight—The visitation for Betty Foster is scheduled at Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater 6:00–8:00 p.m.
3. Funeral for Betty Foster tomorrow—The funeral for Betty Foster is scheduled in our building at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow. After the funeral service in the building, people are invited to go to the cemetery (Gladewater Memorial Park) and to return to the building for a meal.
4. Thank you for providing food for the meal—Thank you to all individuals who will provide food for the meal following the funeral tomorrow. If you are able to help, please contact Linda Avey.
5. Reminder about Feast housing—Please make 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.)
6. Birthday snacks for Eli Benedict on Aug. 21—Since the birthday of Eli Benedict (turning 97) is on Aug. 21, we will have birthday dessert for him and the congregation after church on Aug. 17.

7. Interactive study this week—The topic of the interactive Bible study this week is scheduled to be “Binding and Loosing” moderated by Dave Havir.
8. 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.
9. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Binding and Loosing” by Dave Havir.
10. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Romans 12:15” by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 24 pages.

Prayer updates

Willie Choate reports that he is scheduled to visit a doctor in Tyler with the hope of receiving a stent instead of having open-heart surgery.

On Monday, a doctor gave **Neil McIver** permission to do 100 percent of his normal activities. Now, Mr. McIver is seeking to rebuild his stamina. He is not scheduled to see the doctor again until January.

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

Laura Moran reports that she had a good week. She is scheduled to go the eye doctor on Wednesday.

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 Gladewater. 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.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Sherry O’Connell** of Eldon, Miss., went to the hospital when her appendix burst. She is recovering at home.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Kurt Verde** of Bacolod City, Philippines, was hospitalized due to a fever suspected of being dengue fever. The diagnosis was confirmed, but Mr. Verde was able to be released from the hospital on July 28.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Betty Foster** was placed on hospice care at the Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. At the time, the hospice people did not believe her death was imminent. However, Mrs. Foster died on Sunday morning. Please remember the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

George Dean III of Simi Valley, Calif., died on July 5. Please remember his wife, **Carol**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Bob Ancona of Valley Village, Calif., died on Aug. 1. Please remember **Edit** and the rest of the family in your prayers.

“Thanksgiving Every Day”

This short poem was previously posted in the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbig sandy.com, for the weekend of Nov. 21, 2015.

By Betty Foster

Thanksgiving comes just once a year
As the calendars all will say.
But we must show God we are thankful
Each and every day.

At this very special time of year
Our families gather around.
We smell and eat such tasty food.
Conversation is such a joyful sound.

But something is often missing this day.
People forget our God above.
He has provided all of this abundance
To show us His sincere love.

So let’s count all our blessings
And let Him hear us say,
“Thank You, God, for all Your goodness,”
Next time we kneel and pray.

Scriptures to consider

Galatians 2:6—“But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me.”

Galatians 2:9—“And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.”

“Comments About Romans 12:15”

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 Aug. 3, 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 12:14. This article will discuss Romans 12:15.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:15.

Romans 12:15—“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”

Time to laugh and time to weep

Here is a verse that discusses that there is a time to laugh and a time to cry.

Ecclesiastes 3:4—“A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.”

Examples of weeping

Here are some verses that mention examples of crying.

Matthew 2:17-18—“Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet [Jeremiah 31:15], saying: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.’”

Luke 23:28-31—“But Jesus, turning to them, said, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, “Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!” Then they will begin ‘to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”’ For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”

Acts 9:39—“Then Peter arose and went

with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.”

Son of God wept

Here are some verses that mention the Son of God weeping for people.

Luke 19:41-44—“Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, ‘If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.’”

John 11:35—“Jesus wept.”

Weep and rejoice among the Body

Here are some verses that discuss weeping and rejoicing among the Body of Christ.

John 16:20-22—“Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.”

1 Corinthians 12:24-26—“But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, 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.”