

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 11, 2020 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:46

### No audience activities in the hall today

Cancellation of audience activities in the church hall—Although the Church of God Big Sandy has not cancelled our church services in the church building, we continue to follow the recommendation of limiting the size of audiences in the building to 10 people. This restriction is an effort to help stem the spreading of the recent coronavirus.

### Internet presentations

Here is the schedule of Internet presentations for today.

- 2:00 p.m      Bible study by Dave Havar
- 3:00            Church service with Neil McIver speaking

### Order of service

**Song leader** . . . . . Ron Avey  
**Pianist** . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
**Scripture reading** . . . . . Luke 23:47–56  
**Sermon** . . . . . Neil McIver

### Quick takes

1. Matching days of the week—Dave Havar wants to remind the congregation that the days of the week for the celebration of the spring feast days this year correspond to the days of the week as how most Church of God congregations view the timing of the death and resurrection of the Son of God. The timing of that week helps disciples to see a correlation between Luke 23:54 and Luke 23:56.
  - Tuesday—Night He was betrayed
  - Wednesday—His death at 3:00 p.m.
  - Thursday—Feast day of Luke 23:54 and John 19:31
  - Saturday—Sabbath of Luke 23:56

2. Interrelating with other congregations—On Saturday morning, Dave Havir is giving a live Internet presentation at CGI in Tyler. He is planning to return to our building for the 2:00 Internet Bible study emanating from our building. (Since there might be people who listen to both presentations, he intentionally prepared two separate messages.)
3. Remembering the time of Christ's resurrection—Dave Havir recommends that you individually remember the time picturing Christ's resurrection—three days and three nights after His death.
  - Saturday, April 11
  - Beginning in the evening
4. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—The congregation will be providing a live-stream transmission on the seventh day of Unleavened Bread with the following schedule.
  - 2:00—Bible study by Dave Havir
  - 3:00—Sermon by Stan West
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Why We Shouldn't Get Used to Online Church" by John Stonestreet and G.S. Morris.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "The God of Grace Has Many Expectations" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 22 pages.

## Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who live at home but are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran, Boyd Payne, Annette Payne, David Bonilla** and **Timberly Dunnam**. **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 115.

In the March 28 bulletin, we mentioned that **Laura Moran** was having difficulty with her right foot. Although she is doing better, her foot continues to have infection. In Thursday's bulletin, we mentioned that **Ronnie Shirley** was admitted to Longview Regional Hospital [on Wednesday] with a diagnosis of low blood pressure and possible kidney troubles. We said that he was expecting to spend only one night. That was true and he was released later in the day on Thursday.

In Thursday's bulletin, we mentioned that **Josh Johns** of Vail, Colo., is a nurse who was being tested for the coronavirus. On Thursday evening, we were informed that the test was negative.

As was announced orally on Thursday, **Donna Pfrimmer** of Chariton, Iowa (mother of **Joyce Coleman**), is dealing with extra second-hand smoke from tenants in the apartment complex who are sheltering in place. Mrs. Pfrimmer turned 90 on April 4.

**Gus Wolf** of Big Sandy died on April 7. Please remember his wife, **Joanne**, and the rest of your family in your prayers.

## Scriptures about three days and three nights

**John 2:18-22**—So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

**Matthew 12:39-40**—But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

**Luke 23:54**—That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath [John 19:31, an annual sabbath on Thursday] drew near.

**John 19:31**— Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

**Luke 23:56**—Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the [weekly] Sabbath according to the commandment.

**Matthew 27:62-64**—On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.”

## Scriptures about Christ’s resurrection

Peter (left column) and Paul (right column) discussed the resurrection of Christ.

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| ■ Acts 2:22-36    | ■ Acts 13:16-41          |
| ■ Acts 3:12-18    | ■ Acts 17:2-3            |
| ■ Acts 3:26       | ■ Acts 17:18             |
| ■ Acts 4:2        | ■ Acts 28:23-31          |
| ■ Acts 4:10       | ■ Romans 4:24-25         |
| ■ Acts 4:33       | ■ Romans 6:3-6           |
| ■ Acts 5:30-31    | ■ Romans 8:11            |
| ■ Acts 10:34-43   | ■ Romans 8:34            |
| ■ 1 Peter 1:3-5   | ■ 1 Corinthians 6:14     |
| ■ 1 Peter 1:18-21 | ■ 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 |
| ■ 1 Peter 3:21-22 | ■ 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 |
|                   | ■ 2 Corinthians 4:14     |
|                   | ■ Ephesians 1:20-23      |
|                   | ■ Philippians 3:10       |
|                   | ■ Colossians 2:12        |

## The God of Grace Has Many Expectations

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 April 11, 2020.

By Dave Havir

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—On the first day of Unleavened Bread (Thursday, April 9), I gave a Bible study titled “What Are the Father’s Expectations?” The purpose of the presentation was twofold.

■ I wanted to remind friends that a God of grace has expectations for His children.

■ I wanted to remind friends that the Bible contains many, many examples of the Father’s expectations.

### Grace before and expectations after

Many of my friends and I celebrated the commemoration of the suffering and death of the Son of God this year on Tuesday, April 7.

It is my perspective that disciples should focus upon God’s grace before the commemoration of the suffering and death of the Son of God.

It is my perspective that disciples should focus upon the Father’s expectations after the commemoration of the suffering and death of the Son of God—as they observe the Days of Unleavened Bread.

### Negate expectations?

Some people could ask: Doesn’t the concept of grace eliminate or negate the concept of expectations?

My answer: Certainly not.

Notice how Romans 6:1-6 dispels the notion that grace gives people permission to sin.

Notice how 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 propels the notion that people who have Christ as their Passover are instructed to manifest some important expectations—avoiding malice and wickedness, while seeking sincerity and truth.

■ Ephesians 2:8-9—We are saved by grace.

■ Ephesians 2:10—Since we are saved by grace, display good works.

■ Titus 3:4-7—We are justified by His grace.

■ Titus 3:8—Since we are justified by His grace, display good works.

### Many qualities listed

Please use these Days of Unleavened Bread to consider the many expectations of the Father. Here are just a few.

■ Exodus 20:1-17—Because God delivered them from Egypt, keep these commandments.

■ Proverbs 6:16-19—Notice items that God hates and items He loves.

■ Matthew 4:1-11—The Son of God ignored temptation.

■ Matthew 20:25-28—The Son of God was a servant.

■ Matthew 25:31-46—The Son of God helped the needy.

■ Matthew 26:36-42—The Son of God sought the Father’s will.

■ Luke 18:9-14—The actions of the publican were accepted.

■ Luke 23:34—The Son of God asked the Father to forgive the people—even though the people hadn’t asked.

■ Romans 12:17-21—No revenge.

■ Galatians 5:22-23—The fruit of the Spirit.

■ Ephesians 4:26-27—Be angry and sin not.

■ Ephesians 6:10-18—The armor of God.

■ James 1:26—Bridle the tongue.

■ James 1:27—Help the orphan and widow.

### Final comments

Remember to show appreciation to the Father who has extended tremendous grace and mercy to us.

Because of the Father’s grace and mercy, please seek during these Days of Unleavened Bread to discover and to fulfill His expectations.