

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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June 20, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:29

### Bible study and classes

Interactive study (1:00) . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
Bible study (2:00) . . . . . Scott Hoefker

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Ron Avey  
Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
Scripture reading . . . . . Psalm 22:1–21  
Sermon . . . . . Scott Hoefker

### Quick takes

1. Welcome to guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Scott and Gayle Hoefker. Mr. Hoefker is scheduled to give two presentations today, and Mrs. Hoefker is scheduled to play special music.
2. Upcoming guest speakers—The congregation is happy to announce that various guest speakers are scheduled to visit us. They include the following.
  - Today            Scott Hoefker
  - June 27         Jim Johns
3. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are maturely and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
4. Prayers for the victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
5. Supporting your freedom of choice—We understand that some of you may choose to delay coming to the building for church at this time, and we certainly support your freedom of choice.
  - Please be comfortable with your decision
  - Please consider the protective opinion of your family

6. Reminders for attending—Here are some reminders for people who choose to attend the church service in the building.
  - We do not provide masks or gloves. If those are important to you, please bring your own.
  - We expect attendees to make good use of our spacious hall by spreading out.
7. Advertising our Feast sites—Although three Feast sites had been chosen (and negotiated) for months, we did not announce them until we could see if the coronavirus would allow travel to the sites in Florida and South Carolina.
8. Three Feast sites at this time—We have now posted information on our web-site about the following three Feast sites.
 

■ Big Sandy	Ron and Linda Avey
■ Destin	Neil and Martha McIver
■ Myrtle Beach	Lyle and Kathy Kerby
9. Possible western Feast site—Although the other three Feast sites are confirmed much earlier in the year, our western Feast site is a rotating site and is confirmed later. For your information, we are considering (not promising) a Feast site near Yellowstone National Park in 2021. Yet, in 2020, we were waiting for the restrictions (travel and gathering rules) to clear up to consider if and where we might have a western site this year.
10. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “God Never Lets a Crisis Go to Waste” by Michael P. Orsi.
11. Among Friends—This week’s article is “The Tragedy of Breonna Taylor” by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 32 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, Annette Payne, David Bonilla, Ronnie Shirley** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

Please remember to pray for the following people who are rehabbing at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater—**Ron Feaker** and **Elaine Holloway**.

The home hospice care (viewed as long-term care) arranged for **Eli Benedict** seems to be going well. Mr. Benedict still needs to sleep better at night. **Jean** reported that he was able to ride his tractor around the yard on Thursday.

On Wednesday, **Ronnie Shirley** went to the hospital for a blood transfusion. He went home the same day. On Thursday, he returned to the hospital due to a different challenge—swelling. He was able to return home. Mr. Shirley mentioned that his radiation treatment on Friday was his 14th treatment.

**Sonny Rosenberger** reports that his left ankle still poses challenges, but the left side of his chest is doing better.

On Thursday, **Laura Moran** reported that she had breathing problems.

This past Friday afternoon, **Lisa Smith** was scheduled for an MRI in the Dallas area. She wasn't sure if she would be back in Big Sandy for the church service. She appreciates your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Jerry Jones** of Ojai, Calif., went to a doctor's appointment on Friday and did not have the results of the visit in time to meet our bulletin schedule. Following are excerpts from a report by his wife, **Bobbi**: "The lymphoma that Jerry has is not [considered] curable. But treatment is expected to give him three-plus years—depending on how he responds. It is treatable with chemotherapy and pills. It is a six-month treatment and should help him feel better right away. Thank you for your prayers."

In recent bulletins, we mentioned that **Annette Payne** had fallen and had been diagnosed with bleeding on her brain. She returned back to the hospital again early this week and had a procedure. **Dave Havir** was not sure of the exact details about the procedure. The family is waiting for her health to improve before telling her about the death of her husband, **Boyd**. (See next announcement.)

**Boyd Payne** died on June 18. The funeral is scheduled for today at 11:00 a.m. in New Boston. (Since **Dave Havir** will be conducting the service, he will be representing you, the congregation, at the service.) Please remember his wife, **Annette**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

**Charlene Barkley** of Tulsa, Okla., went to a hospital with strokelike symptoms.

**Dolores Coulter** of Hollister, Calif., died on June 10. Please remember her husband, **Fred**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

In the April 25 bulletin, we mentioned that **Larry Whiteley** of Tulsa, Okla., suffered a heart attack. Mr. Whiteley died on June 14. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## Invitation to the 2020 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."

## Word tickler

Some people would consider the following quote to be an oxymoron. But we like to call it a word tickler—"If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?"

## The Tragedy of Breonna Taylor

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 June 20, 2020.

By **Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—On May 14, 2020, I discovered a news story about an innocent victim.

On March 13, 2020, police in Louisville, Ky., shot and killed Breonna Taylor. In most stories where police unintentionally shoot a citizen, that person was initially involved in criminal behavior. However, Breonna was not committing a crime.

The article (written by Bridget Read) was titled “Breonna Taylor Was Shot and Killed by Police in Her Own Home.” I would like to share excerpts of that article with you.

Breonna Taylor, 26, an EMT and aspiring nurse in Louisville, Ky., was shot eight times by police after they barged into her home in the middle of the night in March in what her family is calling a botched drug-warrant execution. No drugs were found.

### What happened to Breonna Taylor?

According to the Taylor family, plainclothes police officers arrived at Taylor’s apartment at around 12:30 a.m. on March 13.

■ Taylor and her boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, were asleep in a bedroom and woke up suddenly, believing that someone was breaking in.

■ Police entered “without knocking and without announcing themselves as police officers,” the lawsuit says.

(LMPD insists they “knocked on the door several times and announced their presence as police who were there with a search warrant.” The lawsuit contends that multiple neighbors gave statements contradicting this claim.)

■ According to his attorney, Walker fired a shot in self-defense and struck an officer in the leg. Walker is a licensed firearm carrier.

■ In response, police opened fire, shooting more than 20 rounds into Taylor’s home, striking objects in the living room, dining room, kitchen, hallway, bathroom and both bedrooms.

■ Taylor was shot at least eight times and was pronounced dead at the scene.

■ Walker was arrested and charged with assault and attempted murder on a police officer. Later in the month, he was released from jail on home incarceration.

### Why did police come to her apartment?

The lawsuit raises questions about why police targeted Taylor’s apartment in the first place. Her family maintains that it was a botched search-warrant execution.

Records show that the narcotics investigation focused on a suspect named Jamaricus Glover, who was believed to be connected to a “trap house” more than ten miles from Taylor’s apartment.

Police believed that Glover was receiving mail and keeping drugs or money earned from drugs at Taylor’s home, and a judge signed off on a search warrant that included Taylor’s address just before 1 a.m. on March 13.

The warrant included a “no knock” provision, which allowed law-enforcement officers to enter Taylor’s house without identifying themselves.

But the Taylor family attorneys say that Glover, the main target of the investigation, was already “located and identified by LMPD prior to the warrant being executed at Breonna’s home.”

“Breonna had committed no crime, posed no immediate threat to the safety of the defendants and did not actively resist or attempt to evade arrest prior to being repeatedly shot and killed by the defendants,” the suit argues.

[On June 11, the city council voted 26-0 to pass an ordinance banning no-knock search warrants—called “Breonna’s Law.”]