

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 17, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:00

### Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. . . . . Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00 . . . . . Dave Havir  
(Also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Reg Killingley

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . 1 Corinthians 1:25–27

Sermon . . . . . Neil McIver

### Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to all in the congregation who served at the community function (the museum musical concert) in the building last Saturday night.
2. Another community event—The Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce has asked to use our building for its annual dinner on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 29. Chamber members have had the event in our building through the years in January, but this year they scheduled it at the end of February.
3. Invitation to the widows—Dave Havir is planning for the church to buy a table at the Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce dinner on Feb. 29. He would love for any widows to attend and enjoy the evening at that table.
4. Board meeting—There is a board meeting in the building tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.
5. Wednesday-night Bible study—Feb. 21 at 7:00
6. Memorial plans for Vi Lehman—Marcia Chambers arranged a private burial for her mother (Vi Lehman), and she told Dave Havir that she is contemplating whether to have a small memorial in our building. She appreciates your prayers.

7. Memorial plans for Brian Biggs—Judy Biggs told Dave Havir that she anticipates a private burial for her son (Brian Biggs) at the site where Chuck is buried, and she anticipates a small memorial at the home of one of her friends. She appreciates your prayers.
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The Left and Chaos" by Dennis Prager.
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "Philippians 4:13—Part 2" by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—247 headlines and four articles.
11. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

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| ■ Mickey Ashcraft | ■ Ruth Roe        |
| ■ Judy Biggs      | ■ Ron Shirley     |
| ■ Becky Bonilla   | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Angela Dunnam   | ■ Mickey Voyce    |
| ■ Timberly Dunnam | ■ Donna Weese     |
| ■ Annette Payne   |                   |

## Prayer updates

In the Jan. 27 bulletin, we mentioned that **Mark Searer** had been dealing with kidney stones (and tumors in his bladder with a diagnosis of cancer in his bladder). Very early Monday morning, he went to an ER in Tyler. A stone was lodged, he was diagnosed as being septic, and he was put on a ventilator. On Wednesday, he was taken off the ventilator. Following are excerpts from a report on Wednesday from **Dave Havir**: "He has three different things going on. First, the kidney-stone problem has gotten better after a doctor put in a temporary stent (which can remain up to six months). Second, he was experiencing a rare event—a yeast infection (which the doctor also defined as a fungus) has emerged in his bloodstream and needs to be cleared up before doctors address No. 3. Third, the numbers for his liver function were extremely high. The doctor gave a worst-case scenario of a liver transplant." Following are excerpts from **Nina** on Thursday: "Mark's liver and kidney functions have improved significantly. The liver count came down from 9,000 to around 2,000. The bilirubin was 1.7. The doctor thought the liver damage was from the antifungal medicine. He does not think the fungal infection is harming the liver. They are really watching what meds they give him to let the kidneys rest." The family appreciates your continued prayers. Following are excerpts from Nina on Friday: "The kidney doctor told us that his numbers are so good that we don't need her anymore. He had a heart scan and will deal with afib at a later time. We are truly thankful for all the prayers. God is so loving."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Gary Wilson** (who spent a few weeks during December in Metairie, La., receiving hyperbaric therapy) returned to Metairie for additional hyperbaric therapy. He is expected to return home in the beginning of March.

**Shirley West** gave the following report about her son's (**Benny's**) hernia surgery that was scheduled last Thursday: "He had three hernias repaired, and he returned home."

**Clay Forrestier** reports that **Gavin's** surgery (which was scheduled for this coming Tuesday) has been postponed until this coming Friday. Mr. Forrestier commented: "This is a blessing due to our work schedules."

In last week's bulletin, we reported that **Dave Sproat** (who lives in Arizona) had a kidney problem and had a biopsy scheduled for last Tuesday. He reported: "The biopsy went about as well as could be expected. I won't know the results until my doctor appointment next Tuesday. Please ask the congregation to continue to pray for me."

## New prayer requests

**Rebekah Mauldin** of the Waco congregation passed along the following prayer request: "The Church of God brethren in Myanmar have returned to their village and the immediate danger has passed. However, the military has passed a conscription law and is calling up men and women from 18 to 35 years of age. The church young people are all in danger because if they do not want to 'serve' (fight against their own people), the penalty is hard labor in a labor camp. Please pray for wisdom for those involved and for God's merciful intervention and deliverance. Thank you."

**Maggie Blood** of Big Sandy requests prayers from our congregation. She fell on Friday (Feb. 9) and was unable to get herself up. She was finally able to reach her phone and call her son for help. Also, this week she dealt with congestion, body aches, chills and fever for a couple of days.

**Wes Pendley** died on Feb. 11. Please remember his wife, **Carol**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## "Philippians 4:13—Part 2"

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website ([churchofgodbig sandy.com](http://churchofgodbig sandy.com)). It was posted for the weekend of Feb. 17, 2024.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a series about Philippians 4:13. This was part 2.

Philippians 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

### Reasons for choosing

Why would a pastor give a Bible-study series about the words found in Philippians 4:13?

Here are four of my thoughts.

■ I believe that a merciful Heavenly Father readily answers prayers.

■ But I do not believe in the "name it, claim it" approach—where people can push God to do what they want Him to do and cause Him to submit to them.

■ Our loving Father gives us so much—every need and many of our wants.

■ One of the greatest gifts a dad gives to his children is a can-do, positive attitude, and the perfect Heavenly Father does the

same—He helps us to succeed in times of adversity.

### Last week's conclusion

At the conclusion of last week's Bible study, I invited the audience to consider the following three concepts.

1. I believe that God (as a perfect Father) will supply our personal needs—because He is trustworthy and because He loves us.

2. I believe that God will often give us the desires of our heart—because He loves us.

3. I believe that God sometimes says “no” to our requests (often the desires of our heart)—because He loves us.

This week's study covered the first two concepts (and the third concept will be the topic of the next Bible study).

### Supplies our needs

The foundation of our relationship with our Heavenly Father is that He supplies our personal needs.

■ 1 Corinthians 10:13—God is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able to handle—making a way of escape for you to be able to bear the trouble.

■ Matthew 6:8—Our Heavenly Father knows what we need before we ask Him.

■ Matthew 6:25-33—He reminds His children that we should not worry about life (specifically mentioning food, drink and clothing).

■ Matthew 11:28-30—Our Heavenly Father has commissioned the Son of God to help us—by helping us with our burdens and by giving us rest.

■ Luke 11:1-8—The Son of God gave instruction about how to talk with our Father.

■ Luke 11:9-10—The Father hears our

prayers and supplies our needs.

■ Luke 11:11-12—If a son asks for bread, will any father among you give a stone? If a son asks for a fish, will the father give him a serpent? If a son asks for an egg, will the father offer him a scorpion?

■ Hebrews 4:16—Children of God should go boldly before the throne of the Father to receive His help in time of need.

■ Hebrews 12:5-11—Just as children receive correction from imperfect physical fathers, children of God should certainly receive correction from our Heavenly Father.

■ Hebrews 13:5—Our Heavenly Father will never leave us.

### Desires of our heart

Our Heavenly Father will often give us the desires of our heart.

■ 1 Peter 5:7—We should cast all our cares (needs and desires) to the ears of our Heavenly Father.

■ Psalm 21:2—David marveled about how the Eternal gives us many of our heart's desires and many of the requests of our lips.

■ Psalm 145:15-16—David marveled about how the Eternal provides both our needs (food in due season) and some of our desires.

■ Luke 18:1-8—In a parable teaching people how to pray, the widow pestered the unjust judge about receiving justice (which is an understandable desire).

### Next study

Our loving Father sometimes says “no” to our requests—because He loves us. If you are interested in doing some preparation before the next Bible study, I will list three biblical examples that you can read.

■ Deuteronomy 3:23-27

■ 2 Samuel 12:15-23

■ 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

## Thought for the week

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”—1 Corinthians 10:13