

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 24, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:11

### Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	..... Dave Havar
Bible study (2:00)	..... Dave Havar
Teen class	..... Roxanna West
Kids' class	..... Linda Cartwright

### Order of service

Song leader	..... Ron Avey
Pianist	..... Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.... Rev. 12:13-17 by Reg Killingley
Sermon	..... Neil Mclver

### Quick takes

1. Spring feast days—Here are some reminders about calendar events concerning the spring feast days.
  - Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m.—Commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord with New Testament symbols (picturing the night He was betrayed)
  - Friday, March 30, at 3:00 p.m.—Individually remembering the time of Christ's death
  - Friday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m.—Church of God tradition of individually remembering the children of Israel coming out of Egypt
  - Saturday, March 31—First day of Unleavened Bread with a Bible study at 2:00 p.m., a church service at 3:00 and a potluck meal at 4:00.
  - Monday, April 2, in evening—Individually remembering events about Christ's resurrection
  - Friday, April 6—Seventh day of Unleavened Bread with a Bible study at 2:00 p.m., a church service at 3:00 and a potluck meal at 4:00.

2. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "And the Devil Smiled" by Todd Starnes.
3. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Romans 7" by Dave Havir.
4. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 14 pages.

## Prayer updates

Please remember **Lisa Smith**, who has been diagnosed with Chiari malformation (which is a problem at the upper spine near the neck). She is awaiting an appointment with a neurologist in Dallas—which may lead to surgery.

On Monday, **Betty Foster** (who continues to experience pain from the cracked vertebrae) went to a doctor's appointment. He told her that she didn't have surgery because of several risks.

On Sunday, **Dave Havir** went to see **Marilyn Boston**, and afterward he called her daughter (**Kathleen Ford**) in the Washington, D.C., area to give his report about Mrs. Boston's condition. Kathleen had been in contact with two Church of God ladies (**Joanie Mason** and **Sharon Wilson**) who have been helping her mother, and the family has been discussing if she needs to live closer to family. On Monday, Mrs. Boston went to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler to improve before she would go to a rehab facility. On Friday, Mrs. Boston went to the Clairmont Rehab Facility in Tyler (generally for up to 20 days).

On Wednesday, **Annette Payne** is scheduled for surgery in Longview to deal with a knot on her tongue.

**Annette Payne** is happy to give the following good updates about her family. Daughter **Rebecca Sapp** of Gladewater (last mentioned in the Feb. 3 bulletin) finished her treatment and has been called "cancer-free." Daughter **Lisa Grady** of Orlando, Fla. (last mentioned in the Jan. 27 bulletin), has been called "cancer-free." Daughter-in-law **Katie Landrum** of Longview (last mentioned in the Jan. 13 bulletin) learned that she has been accepted for disability.

As was announced orally last Saturday, **Al Donahue** died on Friday evening (Feb. 16). His funeral was in Indianola, Miss., on Wednesday (with **Dave Havir** officiating). We are talking to the family about hosting a memorial service in the future. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

**Willie Choate** has been experiencing some problems with his intestines.

On Wednesday, **Della Worden** went to Houston by ambulance for a hurried surgery. (An implant, which had been previously inserted to press her vocal cords together, had dislodged and was affecting her breathing.) She recovered on Thursday and returned home on Friday.

**Ellen Edelbach** of Longview (mother of **Neil McIver**), who lives at Pine Tree Nursing Lodge (on Pine Tree Road near Teneryville Road) has been admitted to hospice care. She would enjoy visitors.

On Wednesday, **Nolan Pitre** of Ville Platte, La. (stepfather of **Lisa Smith**), fell and had damage to his right eye and his right arm.

**Jessica Mansager** and her children of Holts Summit, Mo., have been dealing with the flu.

**Jim Baugher** of the local United congregation has been having difficulty due to his congestive heart failure.

**Margaret Ferrick** of Sacramento, Calif., has been having difficulty due to her multiple sclerosis.

**Jerry Bond** of Tampa, Fla., who was diagnosed with melanoma a year ago, now has cancer in his bones and lungs.

## Synopsis of board meeting

Here is a synopsis of the board meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 19.

- President Ron Avey acknowledged the service of Al Donahue as a member of the board and as an active servant within the congregation. (Mr. Donahue died on Feb. 16.)
- This meeting (with the exception of a short pastor's report) was about financial matters.
- Treasurer David Havir III reported the following two items about 2017—the income was down 14 percent and the spending was 8 percent lower than last year's approved budget.
- The board voted unanimously to accept the 2018 budget submitted by the Budget Committee.
- Mr. Havir III proposed five financial resolutions for the board to consider. All five items were established by unanimous vote. They were: (1) to transfer funds at this time from a smaller investment account into the general operating fund; (2) to establish a regular schedule (on a quarterly basis) of transferring interest from church investments into the general operating fund; (3) to make a few additions to the list of people who can write checks on the general operating fund; (4) to improve the wording of how administrative changes are made to the general operating fund; and (5) to confirm the amount of money on checks that need one signature, two signatures and board approval. (There had not previously been an amount specified that needed full board approval, and Mr. Havir III encouraged the board to set a number.)
- In the pastor's report, Dave Havir handed out a report that included the following information for 2017—(1) his number of church visits, (2) his number of presentations in our congregation, (3) the number of presentations that each man in our congregation gave, (4) the listing of guest speakers in our congregation and (5) the projection of four Feast of Tabernacle sites for 2018.

## “Comments About Romans 7”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of Feb. 24, 2018.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss chapters in the book of Romans. This week, we will talk about chapter 7.

May this project encourage you to review the valuable history found in the book of Romans.

### Freed from the law

The apostle Paul brought up an analogy to those who “know the law” (Romans 7:1).

■ The law has dominion over a person as long as he lives (verse 1).

In the marriage example listed in verses 2 and 3, I am going to quote the gender-specific instructions as Paul apparently wrote them.

■ Death released a woman from the law of her husband (verse 2).

■ If a wife married another while her husband lived, she was called an adulteress (verse 2). If her husband died, she is free from that law so that she is no adulteress (same verse).

■ Likewise, disciples have become dead to the law because Christ died and was raised from the dead (verse 4).

■ The passions of sin were identified by the law (verse 5).

■ We have been delivered by the law to walk in newness of life (verse 6).

### Another ridiculous question

In the article about Romans 3, I mentioned that at various junctures in the book of Romans, Paul asked questions that could be considered ridiculous. (Some examples are Romans 3:3-8; 3:21 and 6:1-2.) In each case, he answered “God forbid” in the King James Version (“certainly not” in the New King James Version).

Verse 7 is another example.

■ Is the law sin (verse 7)?

■ Paul described the purpose of the law (verses 7-8)

*Romans 7:7*—“I would not have known sin except through the law.”

*Romans 7:8*—“Apart from the law, sin was dead.”

■ Paul mentioned that the law brought death—because the law identified sin (verses 9-11).

### Spiritual law

■ Notice the positive way Paul described the law.

*Romans 7:12*—“Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.”

Paul again noted that the law is good (verse 14).

*Romans 7:14*—“For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.”

### Sold under sin

Paul proceeded to describe his battle with sin (verses 15-23).

Notice some highlights.

*Romans 7:15*—“For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

*Romans 7:19*—“For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice..

*Romans 7:20-22*—“Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.”

### Who will deliver?

■ Paul asked who would deliver him from the body of sin (verse 24).

■ He answered in verse 25.

*Romans 7:25*—“I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.”