

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 3, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:11

Bible studies and classes

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

Order of service

Song leader Neil Mclver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Luke 22:7-30 by Ron Avey
Sermon Stan West

Quick takes

1. No schedule yet for a memorial service for Al Donahue—Dave Havir has waited for input from the family of Al Donahue before scheduling a local memorial service for Mr. Donahue.
2. 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.

3. Service opportunity—Dave Havir invites any person or couple who wants to oversee the physical aspects of the church service that commemorates the suffering and death of our Lord on Thursday, March 29, to contact him. (While many people are eager to help for this event, it is desirable to have one person or couple spearheading the effort.)
4. Meal in the building—Dave Havir invites anyone in the congregation to attend a meal in the building on the eve of the first day of Unleavened Bread.
5. Daylight-saving time begins—This is a reminder that daylight-saving time begins on Sunday, March 11.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Media Giants Glorify Violence" by Jeffrey M. McCall.
7. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Romans 8" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 14 pages.

Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Marilyn Boston** went to the Clairmont Rehab Facility in Tyler (900 S. Baxter Ave). Her room number is 104-B and her telephone number is (903) 595-7407.

Betty Foster (who continues to experience pain from the cracked vertebrae) reports that she was feeling a little better this week.

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

Sonny Rosenberger thanks you for your ongoing prayers for his challenges.

Eli Benedict has an appointment with a dermatologist on March 23.

Willie Choate is trying to arrange for a colonoscopy in the near future.

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

Elaine Holloway is doing better. On Sunday, her daughter (**Cheryl Cain**) came to spend time with her. (She left yesterday.) On Monday, Mrs. Holloway had an echocardiogram. On Tuesday, a doctor told her that she is doing better. Here are some of the improved factors—(1) She has lost 15 pounds of water weight; (2) her legs are less swollen; (3) the nurses who previously came to the home every day to wrap her legs are now coming less often; and (4) there are no open wounds on her legs.

Lance Holloway of Lindale (son of **Elaine Holloway**) finished his recent round of chemo treatment on Monday. He is scheduled to finish his current round of "laser treatment" next Thursday. At that point, there is scheduled to be 11 weeks before reevaluating the next course of action.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Della Worden** went to Houston by ambulance for a hurried surgery to deal with a dislodged implant near her vocal cords. (In retrospect, she learned that this faulty implant had caused her to have labored breathing since December.) She is breathing well now. She is scheduled to return to Houston for more tests on Wednesday and Thursday.

New prayer requests

On Tuesday, **Boyd Payne** was admitted to Longview Regional Hospital due to chest pain. The doctors communicated that they did not think it was related to his heart. He went home on Wednesday.

Jerry Thompson has been dealing with problems with his teeth. Thankfully, he found some relief by having some of his teeth pulled.

Please pray for **Vonda Ouellette** as she deals with stress in her life.

Billy Allums (husband of **Linda Allums**) has been experiencing some neurological problems. He asked **Dave Havir** to anoint him last Sunday before traveling to Dallas on Monday—to see a neurologist and to have an angiogram. Mrs. Allums reported: "The angiogram went well. We are blessed and very thankful. I suppose the next step is to wait for the doctor to call concerning surgery. Thank you for your support."

On Wednesday, **Shannon Lucas** of the local United congregation went by ambulance to Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler and was diagnosed with "noncontagious common spinal meningitis."

Earl Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio, recently fell while trying to arise from his wheelchair and hurt his head. (The doctor suspects some bleeding in his brain.)

Edward Faulk of Newark, Del., died on Feb. 22. Please remember his wife, **Thelma**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Grace Fenstermacher of Allentown, Pa., died on Feb. 26. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Luke 22:7-13—Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

“Comments About Romans 8”

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 March 3, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG 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 8.

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

Follow-up comments

Bible students recognize that chapter 8 is a continuation of Paul’s discussion about the relationship between his carnality and the spiritual law. Notice the word *therefore* in Romans 8:1.

■ The apostle Paul continued the discussion by writing about walking after the flesh and walking after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1—“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

■ He mentioned that the law of the Spirit is life in Christ Jesus has made people free from the law of sin and death (verse 2). How?

■ The sacrifice of the Son of God (verse 3).

Romans 8:3—“For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh.”

■ Paul again contrasted walking according to the flesh and walking according to the Spirit (verses 4-6).

■ He mentioned that the carnal mind wars against the law of God (verses 7-8)—as he had previously mentioned in Romans 7:23.

■ He mentioned that people are in the Spirit when the Spirit of God dwells in them (verses 9-10).

■ He mentioned the importance of the Holy Spirit being within disciples (11).

Romans 8:11—“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit [which] dwells in you.”

Sons of God

■ Paul spent the next verses writing how a disciple is called a son of God (verses 12-17).

■ In verse 17, he mentioned being “heirs of God” and “joint heirs with Christ.”

Suffering to glory

■ Paul continued by showing how the present sufferings cannot be compared with the future glory (verse 18).

Romans 8:18—“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

■ He wrote about the creation awaiting the revealing of the sons of God (verses 19-22).

■ He wrote about the firstfruits awaiting the redemption (verse 23) with hope (verses 24-25).

■ He wrote in a personification style about the Spirit making intercession for the disciples (verses 26-27).

■ He wrote about circumstances working together for good (verse 28).

■ He made some comments about predestination (verses 29-30).

Everlasting love

■ Paul posed some questions that reflect God’s love for His disciples (verses 31-34).

■ If God be for us, who can be against us (verse 31)?

■ Since God did not spare His own Son, shall He avoid giving us all things (verse 32)?

■ Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect (verse 33)?

■ Who is he who condemns, considering Christ is at the right hand of God making intercession (verse 34)?

■ Who shall separate us from the love of God (verse 35)?

■ Paul paraphrased Psalm 44:22 (verse 36).

■ Paul eloquently mentioned that nothing can separate disciples from the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord (verses 37-39).