

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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March 10, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:22

### Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) . . . . . Jerry Thompson  
Bible study (2:00) . . . . . Neil Mclver  
Teen class . . . . . Martha Mclver

### Order of service

Song leader . . . . . Neil Mclver  
Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
Scripture reading . . Luke 22:31-34, 54-62 by Reg Killingley  
Sermon . . . . . Ron Avey

### 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. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce that some friends have agreed to visit our congregation as guest speakers.
  - March 24      Ken Tate
  - March 31      Jim Johns
  - April 6-7      Ramon Coleman
3. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havar is giving a sermon at the Tulsa Church of God.
4. Daylight-saving time begins—This is a reminder that daylight-saving time begins tomorrow.
5. Memorial service for Al Donahue—There is a memorial service for Al Donahue scheduled in the building on Sunday, March 18, at 2:00 p.m.
6. Meal in the building—Dave Havar, Lisa Smith, Neil McIver and Martha McIver invite anyone in the congregation to attend a meal in the building on the eve of the first day of Unleavened Bread (Friday, March 30, at 6:30).
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Five Troubling Lessons From Ancient Rome" by John Hawkins.
8. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Romans 9" by Dave Havar.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 14 pages.

## Prayer updates

**Marilyn Boston** is making progress at the Clairmont Rehab Facility in Tyler (900 S. Baxter Ave). Her room number is 104-B, and her telephone number is (903) 595-7407.

Although there are days when **Betty Foster** experiences pain from the cracked vertebrae, she reports having good days.

**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 various challenges.

**Eli Benedict** has an appointment with his doctor on Thursday and with a dermatologist on March 23.

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

**Elaine Holloway** appreciates your prayers that have helped reduce the swelling of her legs.

**Shannon Lucas** of the local United congregation is making good progress in recovering from spinal meningitis. He is scheduled to begin a two-week stint of rehab.

In the Jan. 13 bulletin, we mentioned that **Katie Landrum** of Longview (**Annette Payne's** daughter-in-law, who had been diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver) had eight liters of fluid removed. She recently had another large amount of fluid removed, and the doctor gave the family a negative report about how long she may live.

In the Jan. 27 bulletin, we mentioned that **Jimmy Rogers** of Denton fell and hurt his back (a compressed fracture of his L-5 disk). An injection in his back was helping him feel better. However, he fell again on Monday, Feb. 26 (which reinjured the disk).

In the Jan. 27 bulletin, we mentioned that **Tiffany Tomblin** of Lewisville (granddaughter of **Jimmy** and **Jean Rogers** of Denton) was dealing with cancer (which had spread to her brain). Her condition remains critical.

### New prayer requests

On Tuesday, **Sharon Edelbach** of Kellogg, Minn. (mother of **Jeanine Case**), entered critical care when a vein in her leg burst and she began bleeding internally. (She was quickly given two pints of blood.) Since she takes blood thinners, the doctors initially expressed that surgery would be risky. On Wednesday, the doctors discussed the possibility of "open-heart surgery." On Thursday, Jeanine and **Vachelle** flew to Minnesota to be with her.

**Bob Bordeaux** of Pasadena, Calif., died on March 1. Please remember his wife, **Janet**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

### Commemoration of suffering and death of our Lord

Here are some questions and answers about the commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord.

- Why do the Churches of God calculate this commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord a full day before the Days of Unleavened Bread?—As has been done in the Church of God for many decades, this event is held on the night picturing the event when the Son of God was betrayed (1 Corinthians 11:23). Remember that He died at 3:00 p.m. on the next day.
- Can disciples have this commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord privately in their homes?—Absolutely. Both the original Passover in Exodus and the New Testament supper in the Gospel books were small gatherings.
- Although you mentioned that it is biblical to have the commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord privately in a home, do you plan to continue having a commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord in the building?—Absolutely. We provide a service that includes the New Testament symbols in a manner that encourages the audience having a joyful and appreciative heart. (We will continue to have a system in place to help people who need assistance during the foot-washing portion of the evening.)

## “Comments About Romans 9”

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 March 10, 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 9.

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

### Genuine concern

■ The apostle Paul expressed that he had sorrow and grief in his heart (Romans 9:1-2).

■ He professed his desire for his brethren to have a relationship with God (verses 3-5). Notice the phrase “accursed from Christ” in verse 3.

**Romans 9:3**—“For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh.”

Notice a similar sentiment expressed by Moses in Exodus 32:32.

**Exodus 32:32**—“Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.”

### They are not all Israel

■ God did not break His promise (verse 6). God did not work the same with all of Israel (also verse 6).

■ Paul paraphrased Genesis 21:12 (verse 7).

■ Paul paraphrased Genesis 18:10, 14 (verse 9).

■ Consider those events to show that the purpose of God is according to election and not according to works (verses 10-11).

■ Paul paraphrased Genesis 25:23 (verse 12).

■ Paul paraphrased Malachi 1:2-3 (verse 13).

### God hardened his heart

■ Paul asked: Is God unfair? (verse 14).

■ Paul paraphrased Exodus 33:19 (verse 15).

**Romans 9:15**—“For He says to Moses, ‘I will have mercy on whomever I will have

mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.’ ”

■ Paul wrote that life depends upon God’s mercy (verse 16).

**Romans 9:16**—“So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.”

■ Paul paraphrased Exodus 9:16 (verse 17).

**Romans 9:17**—“For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, ‘For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.’ ”

■ Paul wrote that God has mercy on some and hardens some (verse 18).

**Romans 9:18**—“Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.”

### As the potter

■ Paul wrote that people will ask: “Why does God still find fault?” (verse 19).

■ Paul cautioned about questioning God (verse 20).

■ Paul likened God to a potter and said that some clay is for honor and some for dishonor (verses 21-24).

■ Paul paraphrased Hosea 2:23 (verse 25).

■ Paul paraphrased Hosea 1:10 (verse 26).

■ Paul paraphrased Isaiah 10:22-23 (verses 27-28).

■ Paul paraphrased Isaiah 1:9 (verse 29).

■ Paul mentioned that the gentiles found righteousness without the law (verse 30), and Israel did not find righteousness through the law (verse 31).

■ Paul mentioned that Israel’s problem was that it stumbled at the stumbling stone (verse 32), and then he paraphrased Isaiah 8:14 and Isaiah 28:16 (verse 33).

**Matthew 21:42**—“Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes” ’?”