

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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March 17, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:27

### Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) .....	Dave Havar
Bible study (2:00) .....	Dave Havar
Teen class .....	Carol Bald

### Order of service

Song leader .....	Ron Avey
Pianist .....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading .....	John 13:1-17 by Stan West
Sermon .....	Reg Killingley

### 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. Memorial service for Al Donahue tomorrow—There is a memorial service for Al Donahue scheduled in the building tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.
3. 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
4. Setup on Sunday, March 25—Ron and Linda Avey invite any interested people to participate in helping to set up the hall for the service commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord, which will be in the building on Thursday, March 29.
5. Meal in the building—Dave Havir, 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 p.m.).
6. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Comments About the Spring Feasts” by Dave Havir.
7. Among Friends—The week’s article is “Comments About Romans 10” by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 26 pages.

## Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Eli Benedict** went to the ER at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. After a variety of tests, Mr. Benedict was admitted. The doctor wanted to address the swollen legs (which were attributed to heart function) and the rash (which was attributed to cellulitis). On Thursday, **Jean** gave the following report: (1) A doctor spent 30 minutes talking to them (which was impressive); (2) there were no tumors, but the left kidney was apparently operating at 10 percent; (3) swelling in the legs was decreasing; (4) the rash is apparently a “contact allergy”—which is what Mrs. Benedict had been suspecting; (5) the left leg has cellulitis; (6) the doctor advised them to keep the leg lubricated and not to get dried out; and (7) Mr. Benedict was scheduled to go home yesterday, with the doctor expecting things to clear up in two weeks.

**Marilyn Boston** reports that she continues to make 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.

**Betty Foster** reports that she is having good days.

**Elaine Holloway** reports that the swelling of her legs is about the same.

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

On Monday, **Willie Choate** is scheduled for a colonoscopy.

On Tuesday, **Sharon Edelbach** of Kellogg, Minn. (mother of **Jeanine Case**), went home. On Friday, she went back to the ER because of low blood pressure.

### New prayer requests

On Tuesday, **Vonda Ouellette** went for an appointment with the eye doctor. On Wednesday, her nose began profusely bleeding (as a result of her high blood pressure). She attempted to get an appointment with her cardiologist on Thursday, but his schedule was full. On Monday, she will see the cardiologist.

On Thursday, **Carolyn Chase** of College Station (sister of **Vonda Ouellette**) fell and broke her left wrist. She is meeting with her cardiologist on Monday, and she is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday.

On Monday evening, **Ron Feaker** fell in his home. Daughter **Karen Dean** and an ambulance went to the house. They wanted to get him checked at the hospital. **Gracie** did not want to be home alone, so they called **Dave Havir** to ask if he would go to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler to be with Mr. Feaker in the ER. After tests, Mr. Feaker was cleared to go home (and arrived a little before 3:00 a.m.).

On March 2, **Earl Williams** of Cincinnati, Ohio, died. Please remember his wife, **Barbara**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

On March 8, **Derith Portune** of Escondido, Calif., died. Please remember her husband, **Albert**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**John Venyzl** of the local community died on March 10. Please remember the family in your prayers.

### Commemoration of suffering and death of our Lord

Last week, we listed three questions and answers about the commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord. This week, we will list three more.

- Do some disciples, who meet privately in their homes, have a meal?—Yes. Both the original Passover in Exodus and the New Testament supper in the Gospel books had a meal.
- Do we plan to follow the Bible by encouraging a meal at the commemoration of the suffering and death of the Lord that occurs in the church building?—While it would be nice, it is not necessary. While the addition of a meal would be following the biblical example, we know that we (and other congregations) are not sinning by choosing not to have a meal that night.
- What changes through the years has our congregation made to the manner in which we commemorate the suffering and death of our Lord?—There have been no major changes, but years ago we did the following: (1) We eliminated the head table and the need for “clergy” to do all the talking; (2) we began having many people reading scriptures during the service; and (3) we added more music to the evening.

## “Comments About Romans 10”

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 17, 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 10.

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

### Clear description

In the beginning of chapter 10, the apostle Paul expressed his desire that Israel would be saved (verse 1).

**Romans 10:1**—“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.”

It is my opinion that the next two verses give a clear description of self-righteousness. Before we look at those verses, I want to state some of my opinions about self-righteousness.

- Some people claim that self-righteousness is the greatest sin.

- I believe that there are certainly examples in the Bible where self-righteousness is a dangerous condition. Notice Luke 18:9-14 and Philippians 3:1-11.

- But I also believe that self-righteousness is often better than blatant unrighteousness.

- In the book of Job, I believe that Job was a good man (Job 1:1 and Job 2:3) based in part on good decisions and moral character. Yet, I believe that Job’s trials helped him go to the next level.

- There is a great gulf between physical and spiritual (Luke 16:26)—between the spirit of man and the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:11).

- I believe that Romans 10:2-3 gives a clear description of self-righteousness.

**Romans 10:2-3**—“For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.”

### Role of Christ

- Christ our Lord must be involved in a disciple’s participation with the law (verse 4).

- Paul paraphrased Leviticus 18:5 (verse 5).

- Paul paraphrased Deuteronomy 30:12-14 (verses 6-8).

- Paul stated that, if people will confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in their heart that God has raised Him from the dead, they will be saved (verse 9).

- The heart believes and the mouth confesses (verse 10).

- Paul paraphrased Isaiah 28:16 (verse 11).

- Paul reminded that there is no distinction between Jew and Greek (verse 12).

**Romans 10:12**—“For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.”

Do you remember what Paul said in Romans 3:9?

**Romans 3:9**—“What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.”

- Paul paraphrased Joel 2:32 (verse 13).

### Hearing the gospel

- Paul mentioned that believing comes after hearing, and that hearing comes from preaching (verse 14).

**Romans 10:14**—“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”

- Paul paraphrased Isaiah 52:7 and Nahum 1:15 (verse 15).

- Paul paraphrased Isaiah 53:1 (verse 16).

- Paul stated: Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (verse 17).

- Paul paraphrased Psalm 19:4 (verse 18).

- Paul paraphrased Deuteronomy 32:21 (verse 19).

- Paul paraphrased Isaiah 65:1-2 (verses 20-21).