

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 15, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:27

Bible studies and classes

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

Order of service

Song leader	Neil McIver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Acts 9:23-35
Sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Myrtle Beach Feast site—Dave Havir is keeping in contact with Lyle and Kathy Kerby (Feast coordinators for the Myrtle Beach Feast site). Please see the information on page 2 about his communication with them.
2. Day of Atonement—The congregation will observe the Day of Atonement on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Here is the schedule.
 - 2:00 p.m. Bible study—with Neil McIver
 - 3:00 Church service—with Dave Havir
3. Opening-night hospitality on Sunday, Sept. 23—Everyone is invited for fellowship and snacks on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
4. Feast of Tabernacles—The Church of God Big Sandy will be providing morning church services from Monday, Sept. 24, through Monday, Oct. 1.
5. Free admission at Caldwell Zoo—The annual date for free admission at the Caldwell Zoo (with an old copy of a telephone directory) is the weekend of Oct. 6-7. If you need copies of old phone directories, you may see Dave Havir.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Christianity Shaped Our World" by Eric Metaxas.

7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Matthew 5:5" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 20 pages.

Prayer updates

In last Saturday's bulletin, we mentioned that **Leslie Harroff** was diagnosed with lupus. She reports that she had a little more energy this week (which was valuable because she and **Garland** were completing some pre-Feast work).

On Monday, **Ron Feaker** had a procedure (a needle inserted into his back) to drain the fluid that was accumulating outside his lung. On Wednesday, he was moved to rehab at the Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater—where **Gracie** has been staying for her rehab. The Feakers were placed into the same room (Room 306).

New prayer requests

Karen Rogers of Missouri was diagnosed with melanoma. She saw a specialist in St. Louis who reported that it was curable and that "the removal will only be skin surface."

Mark Elliott of Fort Worth was admitted to the Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine due to complications with diabetes and a nasty wound on his left foot.

Ken Swiger of Knoxville, Tenn., is dealing with a noncancerous tumor in his jaw and with a tumor in his stomach. (Mr. Swiger had a large cancerous tumor removed from his stomach last year.)

Carolyn Grantham of Knoxville, Tenn., died on Sept. 5. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Ann Adkins of Tulsa, Okla., died on Sept. 9. Please remember her husband, **Dave**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Myrtle Beach Feast site

On Tuesday, Lyle and Kathy Kerby talked to our contact at the Avista Resort in Myrtle Beach. During that conversation, our contact told them that the Avista personnel had to evacuate the resort by noon of that day. Over the coming days, the Kerbys will be evaluating the situation with Dave Havir.

- Did the resort suffer damage? We expect that the facility did not suffer any major damage.
- How quickly will power be restored to the area? The Avista has a generator, but time will reveal how quickly the businesses in the area will be ready to do business.

- How quickly will roads in South Carolina and surrounding states be free of floodwater? This is our biggest concern at the moment—brethren driving to the Feast site. The Kerbys, who drive from West Virginia with equipment and supplies, noted that Dave Havar can get there much more easily than they can. (Flying into the airport will be much easier than driving along many of the waterlogged routes in South Carolina and the surrounding states.) The Kerbys, who generally arrive a few days early, are considering the option of delaying their arrival date to Sunday, Sept. 23.
- We expect to have more information to announce on the Day of Atonement.

Big Sandy Feast site

1. Opening-night hospitality on Sunday, Sept. 23.
 - From 6:00 till 8:00 p.m.
 - There will be no church service on this evening
 - The recommended dress is “nice casual”
2. One daily church service all eight days
 - 10:30 a.m. for the first seven days
 - 11:00 a.m. on the eighth day
3. Two potluck meals after the church service
 - First day—Sept. 24
 - Eighth day—Oct. 1
4. Many opportunities for fellowship
5. Some organized activities
 - Wednesday, Sept. 25—Making cards for people
 - Thursday, Sept. 26—Game day—2:00
 - Thursday, Sept. 26—Hot-dog cookout—5:00
 - Sunday, Sept. 30—Afternoon movie with snacks

Feast speaking at the Big Sandy site

Monday, Sept. 24	Daniel Botha
Tuesday, Sept. 25	Dave Havar
Wednesday, Sept. 26	Ron Avey
Thursday, Sept. 27	Bert Moers
Friday, Sept. 28	Ron Avey
Saturday, Sept. 29	Reg Killingley
Sunday, Sept. 30	Reg Killingley
Monday, Oct. 1	Stan West and Daniel Botha

"Matthew 5:5"

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 Sept. 15, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Many Bible students enjoy reading scriptures from the section that is generally called the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5 through 7 in the book of Matthew).

When Christ saw the multitude, He went up on a mountain (Matthew 5:1). When He was seated, His disciples came to Him (same verse). Then, He began to teach them (verse 2). Today, let's look at Matthew 5:5.

Matthew 5:5—"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

The meek

Let us first acknowledge that the Son of God (often identified as a role model) was not pictured as weak or afraid.

Matthew 21:12—"Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves."

Later, the Son of God instructed Peter there was a time for a strong person to refrain from using strength.

Matthew 26:51-53—"And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. But Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?'"

John's Gospel account of Matthew 26:51-53 is described in John 18:10-11.

John 18:10-11—"Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. So Jesus said to Peter, 'Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?'"

A short time later, John quoted the Son

of God explaining this behavior again.

John 18:36—"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.'"

Therefore, we see that meekness was a choice that the Son of God made.

Philippians 2:8—"And being formed in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

A follower of the Son of God realizes that meekness is not weakness. A follower of the Son of God seeks to be a strong person who analyzes his own life to determine the appropriate time and manner to display meekness.

Inherit the earth

Many Bible students interpret the phrase "inherit the earth" in two ways.

■ First, many people view this phrase to mean that obeying God produces blessings during the physical life on earth—in addition to eternal life.

■ Second, many people also view this phrase to mean that eternal life in God's Kingdom will be associated with a renewed earth.

2 Peter 3:10—"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."

2 Peter 3:13—"Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."

Revelation 21:1-2—"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."