

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Oct. 6, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:58

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havis
Bible study (2:00) Dave Havis
Teen class Martha McIver

Order of service

Song leader Neil McIver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Acts 10:1-33
Sermon Stan West

Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to the coordinators for the four Feast sites that were sponsored by our congregation.
 - Big Sandy Ron and Linda Avey
 - Destin Neil and Martha McIver
 - Myrtle Beach Lyle and Kathy Kerby
 - Prescott Valley Dennis and Karen Benson
2. Thank you—Thank you to those who helped the Feast coordinators by serving at one of our Feast sites. We appreciate the official functions that you performed at the Feast, and we also appreciate the general friendliness and hospitality that you displayed to all our friends and guests.
3. Observations about Myrtle Beach—Here are two observations about the Feast of Tabernacles in Myrtle Beach. First, there were some challenges (detours and delays) for people to travel by car to Myrtle Beach before the Feast—which demonstrated that the people who attended that site were committed to being there. Second, conditions in Myrtle Beach during the Feast were normal so the members did not need to participate in any special service projects—rather participating in their annual service project.

4. Thank you from the Aveys (who dealt with a health issue at the Feast)—
"Thank you for your generosity, hard work and love that was evident throughout the Feast at the Big Sandy Feast site."
5. Engagement announced—Karina Moody and Thomas Bald are pleased to announce their engagement, which occurred in Destin on Friday, Sept. 28.
6. Board meeting tonight—There is a church-board meeting scheduled tonight in the building at 6:00.
7. 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.
8. Wedding anniversary—Melven and Ivern Allen invite the congregation to help them celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at New Beginnings tomorrow. There will be a potluck meal at 1:00 p.m. and a cake-cutting ceremony around 2:00 p.m. You are invited to come and go at your convenience.
9. Service opportunity—Shirley West wants to inform the congregation about a service opportunity at the Agape House in Big Sandy, which needs volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mrs. West wrote: "If a person can volunteer one or two hours on these days, it would be greatly appreciated."
10. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The Hypocrisy of the Left and Judge Kavanaugh" by Jerry Newcombe.
11. Among Friends—This week's article is "Matthew 5:6" by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 28 pages.

Prayer updates

As was announced orally last Saturday, **Ron Avey** was scheduled for a heart-related ablation on Friday, Sept. 28. When a doctor noticed that his hemoglobin count was low, he delayed the procedure. On Sunday, Mr. Avey had an EGD and a colonoscopy to check for internal bleeding. On Monday, Mr. Avey had the procedure. The doctor kept him overnight for observation, and he went home on Tuesday. Here are excerpts from a report sent by Mr. Avey on Wednesday: "After spending a total of 10 nonconsecutive days in the hospital, three operations and two procedures, I have finally made it home. I am going to take some time and do something I should have done more of—rest! I want to reiterate again how grateful **Linda** and I are with your generosity, hard work and love that were evident throughout the Feast. I do have one request—please continue to pray for Linda. She will need all the help she can get for dealing with me."

Vi Lehman thanks the people who were able to visit her during the Feast. She reports that she continues to deal with a lack of energy. For the past couple of days, her back has hurt.

Elaine Holloway thanks the people who were able to visit her during the Feast. She reports that she has not been drinking enough water (but the reason is understandable—drinking more water means getting up to make more bathroom trips.)

Marilyn Boston continues to rehab at Park Place Rehabilitation Center in Tyler (2450 E. Fifth St.). She is in Room 218.

On Monday, **Vonda Ouellette** was released from the HealthSouth Rehab Hospital of Tyler and returned home.

Ron and **Gracie Feaker** continue to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. They are in Room 306. On Tuesday, Mr. Feaker went to his heart doctor and was diagnosed with fluid retention. He is scheduled to return to his heart doctor again next Tuesday.

Dixon Cartwright has begun outpatient physical therapy and is walking frequently without the use of a walker.

On Oct. 15, **Larry Foster** of Avinger (son of **Betty Foster**) is scheduled to go to Longview for his third treatment of chemo and radiation (which is designed to be administered once a month).

On Tuesday, **Della Worden** went to M.D. Anderson in Houston for a checkup. The tests were “clear” and she returned home on Thursday.

In the March 31 bulletin, we mentioned that **Jim Kisse** of Nixa, Mo., was dealing with cancer that was “pressing on his liver, gall bladder, diaphragm and colon.” A recent CT scan showed no worsening of his condition.

In the Aug. 18 bulletin, we mentioned that **Vince Hirschler** of Omaha, Neb., was diagnosed with liver cancer. He went to the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles but returned home when he was too weak to continue.

New prayer requests

David Sheridan of Calgary, Alta., Canada, had triple-bypass surgery on Sept. 10.

Judy Adams of Hays, Kan., has been diagnosed with a return of cancer in her pelvic area.

Shirley Apartian of Matthews, N.C., has been diagnosed with an advanced stage of bone cancer.

Eighth Day—beyond the Millennium

2 Peter 3:10, 13—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 . . . Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Revelation 21:1-3—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. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”

"Matthew 5:6"

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 Oct. 6, 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 5:6.

Matthew 5:6—"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

Hunger and thirst

God made His creation to exist with the intake of physical food and drink.

Genesis 2:10—"And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food."

In the Garden of Eden, God used food in His instruction to Adam and Eve.

Genesis 2:16-17—"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'"

Genesis 3:6—"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."

The metaphor of food and drink continued to be used to focus upon righteousness.

Matthew 4:3-4—"Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, 'If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.' But He answered and said, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."'"

Matthew 6:31, 33—"Therefore do not

worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' . . . But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

John 4:10—"Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, "Give Me a drink," you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.'"

John 6:33—"For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They shall be filled

The metaphor of food and drink continued to be used to express the importance of spiritual sustenance.

John 4:13-14—"Jesus answered and said to her, 'Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.'"

John 6:35—"And Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.'"

John 6:48-50—"I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die."

John 7:37-38—"On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

Revelation 22:17—"And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."