

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 12, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:33

Bible studies and classes

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

Order of service

Song leader	Neil Mclver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Acts 15:30-41
Sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Budget Committee meeting tomorrow—There is an annual meeting of the Budget Committee tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.
2. Community meal in the building on Thursday, Jan. 17—The annual Chamber of Commerce meal is scheduled in our building on Thursday, Jan. 17. (There will be an added touch this year with the 58-member Big Sandy school band.)
3. Offer to church members—If any members of the congregation would like to attend the Chamber of Commerce meal in the building on Thursday, please contact Dave Havir.
4. Setup for community meal on Wednesday—As has occurred for the past couple of years, Coach Minter and a group of students from the Big Sandy High School meet with Dave Havir at 8:15 a.m. to help set up before the annual Chamber of Commerce meal. The setup is scheduled for Wednesday morning.
5. Resetting the hall on Friday—As has occurred for the past couple of years, Coach Minter and a group of students from the Big Sandy High School meet with Dave Havir at 8:15 a.m. to help reset the hall following the annual Chamber of Commerce meal. The reset is scheduled for Friday morning.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Nordic Countries Are Not Socialist" by Jeffrey Dorfman.

7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Without Partiality" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 18 pages.

Prayer updates

Eli Benedict is still awaiting an appointment with a urologist.

As was mentioned orally last week, **Colleen Atteberry** was involved in an automobile accident (apparently hitting a culvert). She chose not to go to the hospital at that time to be checked out. At the time, she mentioned that she was sorer than following her recent heart surgery. She had continuous pain and went to an ER on Saturday afternoon. The doctor said that her spinal cord was fine. The doctor diagnosed her with two compression fractures in her back.

Betty Foster (who has had been diagnosed with two additional compression fractures and two vertebrae that are pinching a nerve) continues to hurt. She learned that she was finally scheduled for an appointment with a neurosurgeon in Tyler this coming Friday. Mrs. Foster, who has missed eight weeks of church, is hoping to attend today.

On Tuesday, **Ves Townsend** (husband of **Elaine Townsend**) went to the hospital and had a feeding tube inserted. He went home on Wednesday. Here are excerpts from a report by Mrs. Townsend on Wednesday: "A PET scan showed cancer is widespread. Lot of it in stomach and lungs." Mr. Townsend has an appointment with an oncologist on Monday.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Martha McIver** had been dealing with a urinary-tract infection. Here are excerpts from an update that she gave on Wednesday: "I have not really felt well for several weeks. I thought it was another UTI, except this time the antibiotic didn't seem to help. Then, I realized I was weaving on the road while driving. Then on Tuesday, I kept falling asleep during a conversation while at the beauty salon. So my family and friends took me to the ER. My kidney function is extremely low. I cannot drive. I have to rest and drink lots of water. I see a specialist on Friday morning. **Andrew** and **Anna** are staying with me until **Neil** gets home from a trip." Here are excerpts from an update that she gave on Friday: "A nephrologist looked over my tests and decided to keep me on the current antibiotics. I begin a series of tests to be compared with the hospital tests. Hopefully, they start weeding out things until they can find the source of the kidney problems. This will take several weeks."

In the Dec. 22, 2018, bulletin, we mentioned that **Daniel Botha** had visited his cardiologist on Wednesday, Dec. 19—resulting in scheduled tests on Dec. 31 and a follow-up appointment on Jan. 10. Mr. Botha reports that the appointment last Thursday resulted in hearing that he has no new damage to the heart. Mr. Botha's comment to **Dave Havir** on Friday ("I'm back in the land of the living") indicated that he is finally feeling better. Mr. Botha explained some of his challenges for the past couple of weeks—(1) the heart problem, (2) the flu and (3) his right knee unexpectedly swelled and hindered his walking.

Lisa Smith appreciates your prayers following her recent trip to the ER due to chest pains.

Elaine Holloway continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. She is in Room 109.

On Wednesday, **Ron Feaker** left the nursing home in Gladewater and returned to the home of caregiving daughter **Karen**.

Gracie Feaker, who resides with her husband at the home of caregiving daughter **Karen**, is dealing with swollen legs and kidney challenges.

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

Laura Moran is still anticipating the scheduling of a sleep study this month.

Sonny Rosenberger appreciates prayers for his breathing challenges and his other ongoing health challenges.

Boyd Payne is dealing with Parkinson's disease, nerve pain in his head and dementia.

Annette Payne continues to deal with her bad eyesight.

Larry Foster (son of **Betty Foster**) continues to contemplate whether he will have the recommended stem-cell transplant. The doctor has discussed the possibility of Mr. Foster spending three months in a Dallas hospital.

Here are excerpts from a report from **Jeanine Case** concerning her mother (**Sharon Edelbach** of Kellogg, Minn.): "The doctors have discovered fractured bones in her neck. They gave her medicine to make them stronger. Mom is anticipating surgery in six months or so. Right now, they said that fixing her neck would be like putting screws in Sheetrock. The bones are too soft. She is still doing therapy in the Wabasha [Minn.] nursing home."

In the July 7 bulletin, we mentioned that **George Crow** of Houston was diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer. When **Dave Havir** visited Houston last week, he was able to get an update from Mr. Crow. He mentioned the following information. In January 2018, his PSA was 19. The doctor wanted him to start a regimen of radiation in August, but Mr. Crow did not want the regimen to interfere with his Feast of Tabernacles plan. After the Feast, he had 45 radiation treatments. In December, the doctor said that Mr. Crow's PSA was "less than zero." He and **Rosemary** appreciate your prayers.

New prayer requests

Dorothy Jones (mother of **Shirley Spearman**) went to ETMC in Tyler on Friday (Jan. 4). On Monday, she told **Dave Havir** that she is dealing with—(1) pneumonia, (2) A-fib, (3) UTI and (4) a medication given to her by the doctor that had an extremely negative effect upon her.

In a bulletin many months ago, we mentioned that **Chad Foster** of Longview (grandson of **Betty Foster**) was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. It turns out that Mr. Foster has multiple sclerosis. On Monday, he went to a doctor in Dallas for treatment. He is scheduled for two more treatments in the near future.

“Wisdom From Above—Without Partiality”

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 Jan. 12, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—There are many sections in the Bible that describe characteristics that disciples seek to inculcate into their lives. One such section is found in James 3:17.

James 3:17—“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”

Today, we will discuss the subject of being without partiality.

Greek word in James 3:17

The Greek word in James 3:17 concerning partiality is used only here in the New Testament.

■ *Adiakritos* (No. 87 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek word in James 3:17 translated as “without partiality.” It is used only here in the New Testament.

■ *Prosklisis* (No. 4346 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is another Greek word translated “partiality.” It is also only used one time (1 Timothy 5:21) in the New Testament.

1 Timothy 5:21—“I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.”

■ *Prosopolepteo* (No. 4380 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek verb translated “show partiality.” It is used only once (James 2:9) in the New Testament.

James 2:9—“But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.”

■ *Prosopoleptes* (No. 4381 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a Greek noun translated “shows no partiality.” It is used only once (Acts 10:34) in the New Testament.

Acts 10:34—“Then Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.’”

■ *Prosopolepsia* (No. 4382 in *Strong’s*

Concordance) is a Greek noun used four times in the New Testament.

Romans 2:11—“For there is no partiality with God.”

Colossians 3:25—“But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.”

James 2:1—“My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.”

Old Testament references

Since we have a little space remaining, let’s look at a few Old Testament verses that describe this concept.

Leviticus 19:15—“You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.”

Leviticus 24:22—“You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I am the LORD your God.”

Deuteronomy 1:17—“You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man’s presence, for the judgment is God’s. The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.”

Deuteronomy 10:17—“For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.”

Deuteronomy 16:19—“You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.”

Deuteronomy 24:17—“You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow’s garment as a pledge.”

Proverbs 24:23—“These things also belong to the wise: It is not good to show partiality in judgment.”

Proverbs 28:21—“To show partiality is not good, because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.”