

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

ChurchofGodBigSandy.com

Jan. 19, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:39

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 16:1-15 |
| Sermon | | Dave Havir |

Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to the Budget Committee, which met last Sunday afternoon and completed a budget to submit to the board.
2. Pastor's support for the Budget Committee—For over 22 years, Pastor Dave Havir has not generally participated at meetings of the Budget Committee. He recalls that in one year he went briefly (for 10 minutes) to a meeting. His reason for avoiding the budget meetings has been simple—he has not participated at the meetings to show his support for the congregation to establish a budget.
3. Short board meeting today—President Ron Avey has scheduled a short board meeting today after the church service to approve the budget of the Budget Committee. Six of the seven board members were at the budget meeting last Sunday, and the seventh board member was able to give input before the meeting. Hence, there was plenty of discussion about the budget. This meeting will accept the results of the Budget Committee. All guests are welcome.
4. Successful event last Thursday—The Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce held its annual dinner in our building last Thursday evening. Members of the Chamber and many citizens in the community expressed their appreciation for our congregation providing the building for the event.

5. Thank you to teachers and students—Dave Havir wants to publicly thank the teachers and students who came to our building on Friday morning to help reset the hall for our regular use. (The students came on Wednesday morning, but that helped the Chamber members to set up the hall for the Chamber meal.) The teachers and students who came on Friday helped members of our congregation who were designated to restore the hall for our functions.
6. Memorial service for Gracie Feaker—As many of you previously heard, Gracie Feaker died on Wednesday night. The family has planned a “celebrating of her life” for Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in our building. The family has scheduled an “open mike” period of time if you want to publicly share some short recollections. Afterwards, the congregation will provide a meal for family and friends. The coordinator of the food is Linda Avey.
7. Very rare to cancel church service—It is the custom of our congregation to avoid canceling our church service due to inclement weather. Even with a lower attendance in the building on a specific day due to weather in our area, we still hope to serve the audience on the website.
8. Main reason for canceling church service—Our main reason for canceling a church service is the loss of electricity.
9. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Don’t Underestimate the Stress Caregivers Face” by Rob Lowe.
10. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Wisdom From Above—Without Hypocrisy” by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 28 pages.

Prayer updates

On Monday, **Ves Townsend** (husband of **Elaine Townsend**) went to see an oncologist. Mrs. Townsend reported: “He has stage-4 cancer throughout much of his body. No treatment is recommended.” They appreciate your prayers.

On Thursday, **Chuck Ragland** (father of **Diana Havir** and husband of **Janet Ragland**) had another surgery to deal with his intestinal problems. Following are excerpts from Mrs. Havir: “Dad had his 12th surgery yesterday [Thursday]. It was not successful. Despite the doctor successfully resecting around the last fistula in November, Dad developed another one which they have so far not been able to patch. I don’t know if another resection is possible.” The family appreciates your prayers.

Eli Benedict is still awaiting an appointment with a urologist.

Colleen Atteberry mentioned that she is still dealing with pain. She is trying to walk to build up her stamina.

On Friday, **Betty Foster** went to an orthopedic doctor. She reports that his opinion was that she would not need surgery.

Martha McIver reports that she finished her antibiotics this week and is anticipating new tests this coming week.

Daniel Botha reports that he had another good week.

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

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

On Wednesday, **Laura Moran** is scheduled to visit her cardiologist.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Dorothy Jones** (mother of **Shirley Spearman**) had been in ETMC in Tyler due to multiple problems. Although Mrs. Jones was able to go home, she still isn't feeling well—including pain in her stomach and difficulty with breathing. Three daughters have been rotating evenings to spend the night with their mom.

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.

Gracie Feaker died on Jan. 16. Please remember her husband, **Ron**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Shirley Spearman, who is rotating nights to spend with her mother (see earlier health update about **Dorothy Jones**), is experiencing pain in her right knee.

Dorothy Thomas (sister of **Shirley Spearman**), who is rotating nights to spend with her mother (see earlier health update about **Dorothy Jones**), is experiencing pain in her back and other parts of her body.

Veronica Miles was in a car accident on Friday, Jan. 11. Her vehicle was classified as "totaled," and Mrs. Miles is experiencing significant pain.

Loretta Holtzower of Soddy Daisy, Tenn., who was diagnosed in November 2017 with stage-4 peritoneal cancer (a rare cancer originating in the membrane that lines the inside of the abdomen, the peritoneum), learned from a PET scan in December that there is a recurrence of cancer in the lower abdomen. (A report said that "the cancer is not in the organs.")

Owen Zollner (4-year-old from Terre Haute, Ind.) went into the hospital and had both his legs broken surgically "to correct his feet" so that they would begin growing straight.

Andrew Petrick of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, recently had a kidney transplant.

Pam Creel of Tyler has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Harry Smith of Pasadena, Calif., died on Dec. 31, 2018. Please remember the family in your prayers.

“Wisdom From Above—Without Hypocrisy”

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. 19, 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 hypocrisy.

Greek word in James 3:17

Notice the major Greek words dealing with the subject of hypocrisy.

■ *Anypokritos* (No. 505 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek word in James 3:17 translated as “without hypocrisy.” It is used six times in the New Testament.

Romans 12:9—“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.”

2 Corinthians 6:6—“... by sincere love”

1 Timothy 1:5—“... from sincere faith”

2 Timothy 1:5—“I call to remembrance the genuine [No. 505] faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.”

James 3:17—“... without hypocrisy”

1 Peter 1:22—“... sincere love of the brethren”

Other words for hypocrisy

There are many verses in the New Testament that deal with the subject of hypocrisy, but they revolve around two associated Greek words.

Hypokrisis (No. 5272 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a Greek noun generally translated as hypocrisy. It is used six times in the New Testament. Following are a few of them.

Matthew 23:28—“Even so you also out-

wardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

Luke 12:1—“He began to say to His disciples first of all, ‘Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.’”

■ *Hypokrites* (No. 5273 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a Greek noun translated as “hypocrite” and “hypocrites.” It is used 20 times in the New Testament. Following are a few of them.

Matthew 6:2—“Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”

Matthew 6:5—“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”

Matthew 7:5—“Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

Matthew 23:13-15—“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.”

Matthew 23:23—“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”