

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 9, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:58

Bible studies and classes

Bible study (1:00) Norm Edwards

Bible study (2:00) Steven Gibson

Teen class Carol Bald

Order of service

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Acts 17:1-9

Sermon Steven Gibson

Quick takes

1. Welcome to our guests—While we appreciate visitors every week, we appreciate them this week because many of our members are visiting in the Dallas area in support of a fund-raiser tonight for teen camps.

2. Guest speakers today—We are pleased to welcome two guest speakers today—Norm Edwards of Nashville, Tenn., and Steven Gibson of western Tennessee.

1:00 p.m. Norm Edwards—(40-minute study)

2:00 Steven Gibson—(40-minute study)

3:00 Steven Gibson—sermon

3. No interactive Bible study today—There will be no interactive Bible study in the classroom today. However, there will be a Bible study presentation in the main hall at 1:00.

4. The 1:00 Bible study in the main hall today—The 1:00 Bible study today will be a Bible-study presentation in the main hall—to electronically capture a message from a guest speaker.

5. Illusionist show tonight in Gilmer—If anyone from the congregation would like to attend an illusionist show in Gilmer tonight, please contact Dave Havir.
6. 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.
7. Main reason for canceling church service—Our main reason for canceling a church service is the loss of electricity.
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Europe's New Reformation" by Brendan Simms.
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "Meditate on Whatever Is Just" by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 22 pages.

Prayer updates

Ves Townsend (husband of **Elaine Townsend**) reports that his pain has gotten worse this week. Thankfully, he is mentally alert and enjoys the company of family and friends. (After the company leaves, he does show periods of exhaustion.)

Tim Lindholm of Minneapolis, Minn., has been experiencing increased pain due to his cancer. Please remember him, **Hope** and the children as they go through this trial together.

Please remember **Lisa Smith**, who has been diagnosed with a buildup of fluid around the cerebellum that produced strokelike symptoms.

Colleen Atteberry reports that she is feeling better. Mrs. Atteberry, who generally attends all three learning sections of our program (at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00), is hopeful to start back to church by attending two thirds of the schedule today.

Betty Foster continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. She is in Room 307.

Elaine Holloway continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. 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.

Please continue to pray that **Laura Moran** can add some of the weight she has lost over the past months. (Since she understands that she must avoid certain foods, Mrs. Moran is very thorough in finding the foods that provide her with the necessary nutrition.)

Ron Feaker is rehabbing at the home of caregiving daughter **Karen**.

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

Dorothy Jones (mother of **Shirley Spearman**) reports that she continues to deal with ongoing weakness and periods of pain.

Please remember **Shirley Spearman**, who is experiencing pain in her right knee.

Please remember **Dorothy Thomas** (sister of **Shirley Spearman**), who is experiencing pain in her back and other parts of her body.

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

Annette Payne continues to deal with her bad eyesight.

In the Dec. 22 bulletin, we mentioned that **Bob McKay** of Chatsworth, Ga. (brother-in-law of **Linda Cartwright**), is terminally ill with cancer. His wife, **Lou Ann**, reports that he wanted to move back to Arkansas to spend his final days among family and friends. He was scheduled to travel yesterday.

New prayer requests

Colleen Bailey fainted in her home and was hospitalized with two broken ribs and a punctured lung. She was released from the hospital and is wearing a heart monitor for 30 days.

On Monday, **Lloyd Garrett** of California went to a hospital and had a kidney transplant.

Sheleta Holmes of the local United congregation fell this week and was diagnosed with a broken tibia and fibula in her lower leg.

Bill Cowan of Chattanooga, Tenn., has been experiencing breathing challenges.

Franklin Pilgrim of Brownsboro died on Jan. 27. Please remember his wife, **Shirley**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Mary Ly Cabahit Pamat of the Philippines died on Jan. 31. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Steve Allen of Raleigh, N.C., died on Feb. 4. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

1 Timothy 2:1-2—"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

Thought for the week

If a person watched only some of the main media (especially the late-night entertainment shows), he might be surprised to learn that 76 percent of Americans approved of Donald Trump's speech.

“Meditate on Whatever Is Just”

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 Feb. 9, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Here is one of the best pieces of advice that a mental-health professional can give to people: “Focus upon the positive factors of this life.” It should come as no surprise that this concept is found in the Bible.

One verse that promotes this approach is Philippians 4:8.

Philippians 4:8—“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

We began a series to talk about the characteristics mentioned in this verse. Today, we will talk about things that are “just.”

Recognize negative

Before we look at this week’s characteristic, I want to remind you about a realistic approach in life—recognize negative, but dwell on positive.

■ Numbers 13:26-33—Although the other spies became preoccupied with the negative factors, Joshua and Caleb recognized the challenges and focused upon God’s promises.

■ Luke 14:26-33—The Son of God’s instruction to count the cost includes recognizing the challenges and focusing upon God’s promises.

Greek word in Philippians 4:8

Let’s notice the Greek word used in Philippians 4:8.

■ *Dikaios* (No. 1342 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek adjective in Philippians 4:8 translated as “just.” It is used 81 times in the New Testament—slightly more than half the time as “righteous” and slightly less than half the time as “just.”

■ *Dikaiosyne* (No. 1343 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a Greek noun that de-

scribes “righteousness.” It is used 92 times in the New Testament.

■ *Dikaioo* (No. 1344 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a Greek verb that describes “to justify.” It is used 40 times in the New Testament.

Whatever is just

Here are some verses that mention the Father or Son being just.

Acts 3:14—“But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you.”

Acts 7:52—“Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers.”

Acts 22:14—“Then he said, ‘The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth.’”

Romans 1:17—“For in it the righteousness [No. 1343] of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just [1342] shall live by faith.’”

1 John 1:9—“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Here are some verses that mention a disciple being just.

Luke 2:25—“And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.”

Luke 14:14—“And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Acts 24:15—“I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.”

Romans 2:13—“For not the hearers of the law are just [No. 1342] in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified [No. 1344].”