

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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March 30, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:37

### Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) . . . . .	Dave Havar
Bible study (2:00) . . . . .	Daniel Botha
Teen class . . . . .	Martha McIver

### Order of service

Song leader . . . . .	Daniel Botha
Pianist . . . . .	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading . . . . .	Acts 20:1-16
Sermon . . . . .	Dave Havar

### Quick takes

1. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce the following men as guest speakers in the coming weeks.
  - April 20—Jim Johns
  - April 26—Larry Watkins
2. Spring feast days—Here are some reminders about calendar events concerning the spring feast days.
  - Thursday, April 18, at 7:45 p.m.—Commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord with New Testament symbols (picturing the night He was betrayed)
  - Friday, April 19, at 3:00 p.m.—Individually remembering the time of Christ's death
  - Friday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m.—Church of God tradition of having a meal (with friends or privately) on the eve of the first day of Unleavened Bread to remember the children of Israel coming out of Egypt

- Saturday, April 20—First day of Unleavened Bread with a Bible study at 2:00 p.m., a church service at 3:00 (with Jim Johns speaking) and a potluck meal at 4:00
  - Monday, April 22, in evening—Individually remembering events about Christ's resurrection
  - Friday, April 26—Seventh day of Unleavened Bread (with Church of God International attending with us) with a Bible study at 1:00 p.m., a church service at 2:00 and a potluck meal at 3:00
3. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The Media Have Done Tremendous Damage" by David Harsanyl.
  4. Among Friends—This week's article is "The Night in Which He Was Betrayed" by Dave Havir.
  5. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 24 pages.

## Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Eli Benedict** recently had a cystoscopy (for the bladder) and was diagnosed with a "little cancer" in his bladder. The doctor has scheduled a procedure on April 10 to "scrape" the cancer. Mr. Benedict is not excited about having the scraping done. He has talked to **Shannon Lucas** of the local United congregation about steps he has recently taken for his health. (In the Dec. 15 bulletin, we mentioned that Mr. Lucas had been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor that had invaded his bladder.) Mr. Benedict hopes to visit the Hope Cancer Center of East Texas (in Tyler) before deciding about the scraping procedure.

On Wednesday, **Sonny Rosenberger** went to his appointment for a lung X-ray. He is anticipating to hear the new schedule for the procedure called a UroLift (a treatment to help men with prostate challenges)—which has been postponed on several occasions.

**Betty Foster** reports that she had a good week—especially eating better and allowing her to have more energy.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Larry Foster** (son of **Betty Foster**) missed an appointment on the previous Thursday for a cancer treatment due to a visit to an ER. As it turns out, he missed his appointment last Thursday for a cancer treatment due to an MRI for his back—an injury from an automobile collision several months ago.

In the Jan. 12 bulletin, we mentioned that **Chad Foster** of Longview (grandson of **Betty Foster**) had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. In the Feb. 16 bulletin, we mentioned that he had appointments in Dallas on several occasions. He is scheduled to return to Dallas on April 5.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Joann Wunch** of Kilgore (sister of **Annette Payne**) has been diagnosed with pneumonia. (This diagnosis was on

top of the fact that Mrs. Wunch has diabetes and goes to dialysis three times a week.) Mrs. Payne reports that her sister was able to return home.

## New prayer requests

On Friday, **Laura Moran** experienced pain in her lower-right abdomen. One doctor suspected possible appendicitis. Her daughter, **Mickey**, took her to a walk-in clinic for verification. (The latest information was not available at the production deadline of this bulletin.)

Here are excerpts from a report from **Doris Cole** (of Oregon) concerning her husband, **Wayne**: “His last blood test showed the kidney function had deteriorated. Last Friday [March 22], the doctor decided to fast-track the dialysis. On Monday [March 25], Wayne had a procedure. Back in the room after the procedure, the nurse noticed blood on Wayne and his bed. The doctor and nurses finally got the blood flow to stop. We went home. Wayne is scheduled for his first dialysis on Thursday the 28th.”

**Denise Coultas-Parker** of Los Angeles, Calif., died in New Mexico on March 4. Please remember her husband, **Carl**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Al Barr** of Mableton, Ga., died on March 21. Please remember his wife, **Edna**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Ray Tucker** of Altadena, Calif., died on March 25. Please remember his wife, **Lois**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## “The Night in Which He Was Betrayed”

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 March 30, 2019.

By **Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—As many Church of God congregations approach the spring feast days, I began a series of six articles discussing principles that can be rehearsed at this time of year.

Here is the list of articles in this series that have been written so far.

■ March 23—“Overview of Passover in Book of Exodus.”

■ March 30—“The Night in Which He Was Betrayed.”

### His last supper

I find it discouraging that some religious people find it important to argue about what to call the events that occurred on the night

that Jesus Christ was betrayed. Some people refer to the night as Passover and other people refer to the night as the Last Supper.

I am aware that both names are given in the Bible.

■ Luke 22:7-13

■ 1 Corinthians 11:20-26

I know that some religious people say that the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 11 was instructing the Corinthian brethren to avoid calling the event by the name “Lord’s Supper.” (I actually prefer to call it “Last Supper”).

But Paul was actually criticizing their poor behavior instead of criticizing the name. In like manner, I believe that God criticized the behavior of His people at assemblies in the

Old Testament—without criticizing the name of those assemblies (Isaiah 1:12-15).

### Old Testament Passover

There are two schools of thought among my circle of friends about the timing of Passover. Here they are in a nutshell.

■ Some say that the “night in which He was betrayed” was the same as the Old Testament Passover.

■ Others say that when Christ died (at 3:00 p.m. on the next day) began the timing of the Old Testament Passover. This belief is based upon the fact that Christ was the Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7) and could not eat a meal at the time that He was fulfilling the action of the Passover Lamb.

### Last supper

Since Christ became the Passover Lamb at 3:00 p.m. on the next day, the meal that He had with His disciples was truly His last supper.

■ Jesus had a meal with His disciples (John 13:1-13).

■ The brethren in Corinth had a meal together, although their behavior was very disrespectful (1 Corinthians 11:20-26).

### Meal required?

Someone could ask: Would it be wrong to have a meal on the night picturing when Jesus was betrayed? Certainly not—as long as the behavior did not imitate the mistake of the Corinthians.

Someone could ask: Is a meal required on the night picturing when Jesus was betrayed? No.

### Traditional meal

It is interesting that many people among the Church of God have a traditional meal, but not on the day picturing when Jesus was betrayed. This traditional meal occurs on the next day—on the day picturing when Christ died. And this traditional meal is not instructed in the Scripture.

The name of that meal is interesting. It is often referred to as “the night to be much observed” or “the night to be much remembered.”

It is not a Feast day listed in Leviticus

23. The phrase is taken from Exodus 12:42.

The strange title is taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

■ King James Version—“A night to be much observed unto the Lord”

Notice how the phrase is noted in other translations.

■ New American Standard—“A night to be observed for the Lord”

■ Revised Standard—“A night of watching by the Lord”

■ Moffatt translation—“A night when the Eternal was on the watch”

■ New King James Version—“A night of solemn observance to the Lord”

### Pieces of advice

Someone could ask: Are you saying it is wrong to have a traditional meal on the day picturing the death of Jesus Christ? Absolutely not.

■ But please understand that it is a tradition.

■ Please don’t be angry with brethren who prefer to put more emphasis upon the instructed observance (the night picturing the night in which He was betrayed) instead of this tradition of men.

■ If you participate in the traditional meal, please focus more upon the New Testament scenario than upon the Old Testament scenario.

### Focus on the symbols

For the record, I am accustomed to some people becoming initially uncomfortable with some of the statements that I have made in this article. I say “initially” because people generally come to realize that what I am saying is simple truth.

■ I love meeting on the night picturing the night in which He was betrayed.

■ I love participating that night with the New Testament symbols—foot-washing, broken bread and a small dose of wine.

■ I love reflecting upon the time on the next day (3:00 p.m.) picturing the death of the true Passover Lamb.

■ I love reflecting upon the resurrection of the Savior—three days and three nights later.