

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 6, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:41

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Neil McIver

Bible study (2:00) Neil McIver

Teen class Carol Bald

Order of service

Song leader Ron Avey

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Acts 20:17-38

Sermon Stan West

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. Commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord—There will be a service in our building to commemorate the suffering and death of Lord with New Testament symbols (picturing the night He was betrayed).
 - Thursday, April 18
 - 7:45 p.m.
3. Remembering the time of Christ's death—The pastor recommends that you individually remember the time picturing Christ's death—He died at 3:00 p.m. the next day.
 - Friday, April 19
 - 3:00 p.m.

4. Traditional meal—For years, the Church of God has had a traditional meal on the eve of the first day of Unleavened Bread (encouraging brethren to consider the events of the resurrection of the Son of God).
 - Friday, April 19
 - 6:30 p.m.
 - If attending in the building, please sign up
5. First day of Unleavened Bread—The congregation will be observing the first day of Unleavened Bread with the following schedule.
 - Saturday, April 20
 - 2:00—Bible study—Dave Havir
 - 3:00—Church service—Jim Johns
 - 4:00—Potluck meal
6. Remembering the time of Christ's resurrection—The pastor recommends that you individually remember the time picturing Christ's resurrection—three days and three nights after His death.
 - Monday, April 22
 - Beginning in the evening
7. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—The congregation will be observing the seventh day of Unleavened Bread (combined with the Church of God International) with the following schedule.
 - Friday, April 26
 - 1:00—Bible study—Dave Havir
 - 2:00—Church service—Larry Watkins
 - 3:00—Potluck meal
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "City of David Archaeology Occurs in Palestinian Neighborhood" by Bari Weiss.
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "Do This in Remembrance of Me" by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 20 pages.
11. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Harrison, Ark. (While on this trip, he is also scheduled to do some pre-marriage counseling.)
12. Early production of bulletin—Because the bulletin was completed earlier in the week than usual, it will not include the regular listing of either prayer updates or new prayer requests. Rather, we will use the space to mention various educational information about the spring feast days.

Thought for the week

"For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."—*Apostle Paul*

Original lesson about leaven

- Exodus 12:11—you shall eat it in haste
- Exodus 12:34—they took their dough before it was leavened
- Exodus 12:39—it was not leavened because they could not wait
- Deuteronomy 16:3—they came out of Egypt in haste

Christ—contrasting metaphors about leaven

- Matthew 13:33—parable with leaven as a good thing
- Matthew 16:6-12—metaphor with leaven as a bad thing

Paul's lesson about leaven

- 1 Corinthians 5:1-8—metaphor of leaven as sin
- Galatians 5:1-9—metaphor of leaven as sin

Saved by grace

Before the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, we focus upon God's grace.

- Ephesians 2:8-9—saved by grace
- Titus 3:4-7—justified by His grace

Reaction to grace

After the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ (as we observe the Days of Unleavened Bread), we focus upon our Father's expectations of us.

- Ephesians 2:10—since saved, good works
- Titus 3:8—since justified, good works
- Romans 6:1-2—since saved by grace, should we sin?
- Matthew 5:14-16—good works to glorify Father
- Matthew 19:17—keep the Commandments
- Matthew 19:21—give to the poor
- Matthew 22:36-40—two great Commandments

Three biblical definitions of sin

- 1 John 3:4—based on the law
- James 4:17—based on what we know
- Romans 14:23—based on faith

"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

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 April 6, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG 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"

■ April 6—"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

Some have a meal

It is interesting to note that the Bible shows that a meal was included in the New Testament commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord.

■ John 13:1-13

■ 1 Corinthians 11:20-26

Someone could ask: Is a meal required on the night picturing when Jesus was betrayed?

■ No, it is not required.

■ If it is important for a disciple to have a meal that night, it is likely that he would observe the event in his own home—with his family.

■ Occasionally, a disciple may find some scattered brethren who organize a private meal with friends on the night picturing when Christ was betrayed.

■ For the record, most congregations in our circle of the Church of God do not include a meal in their congregational observance picturing the night when Christ was betrayed.

Washing feet

Bible students are aware of the example that Christ set on the night that He was betrayed.

■ John 13:2—Supper was ended.

■ John 13:12-17—He washed the feet of the disciples.

It is true that the most important lesson a Bible student should derive from Christ's example here is to live a lifestyle of service.

Yet many Bible students use the opportunity of the commemoration of the suffering and death of the Lord to literally follow Christ's example.

Broken bread

The Son of God introduced the symbol for the broken body.

Matthew 26:26—"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.'"

The apostle Paul reminded the brethren in Corinth about what he had received from the Lord about the broken bread.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24—"For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.'"

Cup of wine

The Son of God introduced the symbol for His shed blood.

Matthew 26:27-28—"Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.'"

Paul also reminded the brethren of Corinth about what he had received from the Lord about a cup of wine.

1 Corinthians 11:25-26—"In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."