

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 4, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:01

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Jerry Thompson
Bible study (2:00)	Ken Danapas
Teen class	Martha Mclver

Order of service

Song leader	Reg Killingley
Pianist	Bea Gusner
Scripture reading	Acts 21:26-36
Sermon	Neil Mclver

Quick takes

1. Nomination phase—May is the time for the congregation to nominate people to be included in the election phase (in June) for our church board.
 - Beginning Today
 - Ending Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m.
2. Election Committee—Neil Mclver (chairman of the Election Committee) invites members of the congregation who want to serve on the committee to please see him.
3. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havar is giving a sermon in Texarkana.
4. Bulletin completed on Tuesday—Since the bulletin was completed on Tuesday night, it does not have the latest health information.
5. Big Sandy school banquets in the building—May is the traditional time for the Big Sandy School District to schedule its year-end banquets. We are anticipating two banquets to be held in our building.
 - Thursday, May 16 Athletic department
 - Monday, May 20 Music department

6. Weekend conference in our building—The Bible Sabbath Association (BSA) is conducting a conference in our building at the end of May.

- Sponsors Bible Sabbath Association
- When? May 24-26
- Where? Church of God Big Sandy
- Title BSA Fellowship Meeting 2019
- Theme Sabbath History: “Our Past, Present and Future”
- Cost Free
- Registration Preregistration helps organizers (especially when planning food)
- Meals Saturday and Sunday
- Speakers Speakers (who were chosen by the BSA) include:
 - Phil Arnold
 - Bryan Burrell
 - Tim Kelley
 - Kelly McDonald
 - John Merritt
 - Royce Mitchell
 - Bill Watson

7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Puzzles in Mark” by Lenny Cacchio.

8. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Romans 12:1” by Dave Havir.

9. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 24 pages.

Prayer updates

On Wednesday and Thursday (April 24-25), **Laura Moran** had stomach pain. She was anointed on Friday, April 26, and reports that she is feeling better.

On Tuesday, **David Bonilla** was scheduled to have a pacemaker inserted.

Approximately three years ago, we requested prayers for **Lisa Grady** of Apopka, Fla. (daughter of **Annette Payne**), who was diagnosed with cancer. Shortly thereafter, we were able to mention that she was doing better. Recently, Mrs. Grady was having difficulties and the doctor was seeking to explore the cause of her challenges. This past Thursday, she was scheduled for an appointment with her doctor to ascertain if cancer has returned.

New prayer requests

On Sunday, **Vonda Ouellette** fell while on an outing with her family in Houston.

On Monday, **Donna Weese** fell in her home.

Tentative schedule of BSA conference

Following is a tentative schedule of presentations at the BSA conference scheduled in our building on May 24-26. (Once we have the list of when the speakers will be giving their presentations, we will make the information available in this bulletin.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Friday, May 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00-8:30 p.m. Introductions and fellowship |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Saturday, May 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Presentation 12:15-1:15 Presentation 1:30-2:30 Presentation 3:00-4:00 Church service—Phil Arnold 4:00-6:00 Fellowship meal 6:00-7:00 Presentation 7:15-8:30 Roundtable discussion |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sunday, May 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-10:00 a.m. Presentation 10:15-11:15 Presentation 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Presentation 12:30-2:00 Fellowship meal 2:00-3:00 Presentation 3:15-4:15 Presentation 4:30-5:30 Presentation 5:45-7:45 Roundtable discussion 8:00-8:30 Closing remarks |

Scriptures about Christ's resurrection

Peter (left column) and Paul (right column) discussed the resurrection of Christ.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Acts 2:22-36 ■ Acts 3:12-18 ■ Acts 3:26 ■ Acts 4:2 ■ Acts 4:10 ■ Acts 4:33 ■ Acts 5:30-31 ■ Acts 10:34-43 ■ 1 Peter 1:3-5 ■ 1 Peter 1:18-21 ■ 1 Peter 3:21-22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Acts 13:16-41 ■ Acts 17:2-3 ■ Acts 17:18 ■ Acts 28:23-31 ■ Romans 4:24-25 ■ Romans 6:3-6 ■ Romans 8:11 ■ Romans 8:34 ■ 1 Corinthians 6:14 ■ 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 ■ 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 ■ 2 Corinthians 4:14 ■ Ephesians 1:20-23 ■ Philippians 3:10 ■ Colossians 2:12 ■ Colossians 3:1-10 |
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“Comments About Romans 12:1”

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 May 4, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—This week, I want to begin a discussion about the words of the apostle Paul found in Romans 12. It is my perspective that Paul’s writings in chapters 1-11 could be classified more as comments about doctrine and spiritual concepts. Whereas, the words in chapter 12 can be viewed more as Christian-living topics.

This article will discuss Romans 12:1.

Clues in the Old Testament

There is no doubt that the Old Testament had many sections of Scripture describing the sacrificial system established for the people of God at that time.

However, the Old Testament also gave Bible students clues about how God truly viewed the sacrificial system. Notice a few of the scriptures.

1 Samuel 15:22—“Then Samuel said: ‘Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.’”

Psalms 51:16-17—“For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.”

Hosea 6:6—“For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

Micah 6:6-8—“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

- Psalm 40:6
- Proverbs 15:8
- Proverbs 21:3
- Isaiah 1:11-17
- Isaiah 66:1-2

Spiritual sacrifices

Paul wrote about a living sacrifice.

Romans 12:1—“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

Notice some other verses.

Mark 12:33—“And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

Ephesians 5:2—“And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

Matthew 9:10-13—“Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, ‘Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’ When Jesus heard that, He said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.’”

Matthew 12:7—“But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.”

Hebrews 13:15-16—“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”