

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 1, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:22

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	.....	Dave Havir
Teen class	.....	Martha McIver

Order of service

Song leader	.....	Ron Avey
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Acts 23:1-10
Sermon	.....	Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Honoring two graduating seniors—The congregation congratulates two seniors graduating from high school this year.
 - Michael Bald—Big Sandy High School. He plans to attend Tyler Junior College in Tyler. His projected major is journalism.
 - Tolton Smith—Big Sandy High School. He initially plans to focus upon real-estate training. In six months, he plans to go to a school for the performing arts.
2. Successful conference last weekend—The congregation thanks Linda Avey, Ron Avey, Michael Bald, Thomas Bald and Linda Cartwright for serving at the BSA conference in our building last weekend.
3. Day of Pentecost—The congregation will be observing the Day of Pentecost (combined with the Church of God International) with the following schedule.
 - Sunday, June 9
 - 1:00—Bible study
 - 2:00—Church service—Vance Stinson speaking
 - 3:00—Potluck meal

4. Nomination process—Here is a synopsis of the results of the nomination process for the board (which is conducted in May).
 - Six people received votes. The two incumbents (Kemmer Pfund and Stan West) received unanimous votes.
 - None of the other four people receiving votes wanted their name to go forward (in the next round) to be considered for the board at this time. Hence, there are no challengers for the seats of Messrs. Pfund and West.
 - Because of the current size of the congregation, several board members want to amend the bylaws to reduce the size of the board.
 - Mr. West communicated that he would help the congregation by serving on the board for a few months—with the emphasis upon amending the bylaws to reduce the size of the board. At that point, Mr. West plans to resign from his new term.
5. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Comforting by Walking Alongside” by Lenny Cacchio.
6. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Romans 12:6” by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 15 pages.

Prayer updates

Sonny Rosenberger (who turned 90 on Wednesday) thanks everyone for the ongoing prayers.

Eli and **Jean Benedict** missed the church service last Saturday due to his experiencing a swollen knee that was painful. They hope to be here today.

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at the home of caregiving daughter **Karen**.

Betty Foster reports that she has been feeling good. On Thursday, her therapist arranged for her to receive another four weeks of home therapy. (She mentioned that she has received therapy for six years.)

Laura Moran reports that an extremely painful toe is causing her difficulty in walking.

Colleen Atteberry appreciates the prayers of the congregation.

Donna Weese appreciates the prayers of the congregation.

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

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

Emma Lou Bacher moved to an assisted-living facility in Plano on Friday, May 24, to continue her therapy.

On May 4, we mentioned that **Lisa Grady** of Apopka, Fla. (daughter of **Annette Payne**), was seeing a doctor to see if her cancer had returned. (Three years ago, Mrs. Grady had one third of her lung and parts of her ribs removed due to cancer. She was then diagnosed as cancer-free for three years.) The doctor recently found a growth on her lung, performed a biopsy and determined that the growth was not cancerous. Mrs. Payne and the rest of the family thank you for your prayers.

New prayer requests

Edward Campbell (son-in-law of **Shannon** and **Naomi Lucas** of the local United Church of God congregation) had a heart attack on Monday night. Doctors placed a stent in an artery and it appears that it was successful.

Barney Blythe of Broken Arrow, Okla., was scheduled for an 11-hour surgery on his back.

Tina Penney of Chandler died on May 22. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Four Feast sites in 2019

The Church of God Big Sandy will sponsor four festival sites for the observance of the 2019 Feast of Tabernacles. Our congregation will have church services from Monday, Oct. 14, through Monday, Oct. 21.

- Big Sandy, Texas, for the 25th consecutive year. We meet in our church building.
- Destin, Fla., for the 22nd consecutive year. We meet at the Pelican Beach Resort. Book housing by calling Linda Cartwright at (903) 636-4779.
- Myrtle Beach, S.C., for the 17th consecutive year. We meet at the Avista Resort. The rates are lower this year, because the dates this year are not considered within the busy season.
- Grand Junction, Colo., is our rotating western site in 2019. We will meet in the building owned by the Christian Church of God in Grand Junction. In 2015, we were able to host a Feast site in Grand Junction. We return this year because of its access to various natural wonders. This year, we will be planning a special feature at this Feast site—there will not be a church service on the fourth day (Thursday) or the seventh day (Sunday) to give families the opportunity to spend a day visiting some of the natural wonders about 90 miles away. (Of course, people who want a church service on those days have the opportunity to watch a church service on the Internet.) Two popular destinations are:
 - Arches National Park—Moab, Utah
 - Dinosaur National Monument—Jensen, Utah

“Comments About Romans 12:6”

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 June 1, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began 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.

Last week, we discussed in Romans 12:4-5 how there are various functions among the Body of Christ. Romans 12:6-8 continues by mentioning seven gifts among the Body of Christ. This article will discuss Romans 12:6 and the gift of prophecy.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:6.

Romans 12:6—“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith.”

Inspired utterance

How do you define the gift of prophecy?

The noun *prophecy* in Romans 12:6 comes from the Greek word *propheteia* (No. 4394 in *Strong’s Concordance*).

Here are two ways that Bible students view the concept of prophecy.

- A direct message from God
- An inspired utterance

Warning about false messages

Here are some warnings in the Old Testament about false messages.

Deuteronomy 18:20—“But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”

Jeremiah 23:16—“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their

own heart, not from the mouth of the LORD.’”

Jeremiah 23:21—“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.”

Warning about messages that come to pass

Notice a warning in the Old Testament about a message that comes to pass.

Deuteronomy 13:1-3—“If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams . . .”

Value of prophecy

Understand the value of true prophecy.

Acts 2:17-18—“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.”

1 Corinthians 13:8-9—“Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part.”

1 Thessalonians 5:20—“Do not despise prophecies.”

2 Peter 1:19-21—“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”