

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 8, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:24

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dixon Cartwright
Bible study (2:00)	Morris Foster
Teen class	Carol Bald

Order of service

Song leader	Ron Avey
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Acts 23:11-22
Sermon	Terry McAdams

Quick takes

1. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havar is giving a sermon in Mineral Wells, W.Va. He is scheduled to also give a sermon there tomorrow on the Feast of Pentecost.
2. Welcome to guest speakers—The congregation welcomes Morris Foster and Terry McAdams for giving presentations to our congregation today.
3. Day of Pentecost—The congregation will be observing the Day of Pentecost (combined with the Church of God International) on Sunday, June 9.
 - 1:00—Bible study—Reg Killingley speaking
 - 2:00—Church service—Vance Stinson speaking
 - 3:00—Potluck meal
4. Thank you—Thank you for your patience in dealing with the irregular hall setups for the past five weekends. The hall was set up for four events in the building. First, there was a Saturday-night memorial service on May 11. Second, there was for a Monday-night school banquet on May 20. Third, there was a conference by the Bible Sabbath Association over the weekend of May 24–26. Fourth, there is a combined observance of the Feast of Pentecost tomorrow with the Church of God International. We expect to be back with our normal hall setup next week.

5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Would You Sacrifice Your Son?" by Lenny Cacchio.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments About Romans 12:7" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 28 pages.
8. Bulletin prepared on Tuesday—Since this bulletin was prepared this past Tuesday, it does not contain the latest prayer requests.

Scriptures to consider

Luke 24:44-48—"Then He said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.' And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.' "

Luke 24:49—"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Luke 24:50-53—"And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen."

Acts 1:4-5—"And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, 'which,' He said, 'you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' "

Acts 1:6-8—"Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, 'Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' And He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.' "

Acts 1:9-11—"Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.' "

Acts 1:14—"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers."

Invitation to the 2019 Feast of Tabernacles

The Church of God Big Sandy invites people to attend one of the festival sites sponsored by our congregation. Pastor Dave Havir writes: "If you are looking for a small, friendly site that has inspiring messages and excellent fellowship, we invite you to come join us."

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

Feast coordinators for 2019

Here are the Feast coordinators at the four Feast of Tabernacle sites.

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| ■ Big Sandy | Ron and Linda Avey |
| ■ Destin | Neil and Martha McIver |
| ■ Myrtle Beach | Lyle and Kathy Kerby |
| ■ Grand Junction | Dennis and Karen Benson |

“Comments About Romans 12:7”

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 8, 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 Romans 12:6 and the gift of prophecy. This article will discuss Romans 12:7 and the gifts of ministry and teaching.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:7.

Romans 12:7—“Or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching.”

Gift of service

Here are some scriptures that discuss the gift of ministry (or service).

Matthew 4:11—“Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.”

Matthew 20:25-28—“But Jesus called them to Himself and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.’”

Matthew 23:11-12—“But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

2 Timothy 1:16-18—“The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; but when he arrived

in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me. The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day—and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.”

Hebrews 6:10—“For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”

Gift of teaching

Here are some scriptures that discuss the importance of the Son of God as a disciple’s main teacher.

Matthew 23:8-10—“But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.”

James 3:1—“My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.”

Here are some verses that discuss disciples using the gift of teaching.

Acts 28:30-31—“Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.”

Romans 2:21—“You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?”

Colossians 3:16—“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

Hebrews 5:12—“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.”