

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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June 15, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:27

### Bible studies and classes

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

### Order of service

Song leader	.....	Daniel Botha
Pianist	.....	Bea Gusner
Scripture reading	.....	Acts 23:23-35
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to all the individuals who served on the Day of Pentecost last Sunday (when we combined with the Church of God International).
2. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The Two Sides of Love" by Dave Havir.
3. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments About Romans 12:8" by Dave Havir.
4. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is seven pages.

### Prayer updates

Last Sunday (during the Day of Pentecost), we mentioned that **Betty Foster** went to the Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler and was diagnosed as having a stroke and a possible blood clot in her right leg. On Wednesday, Mrs. Foster was moved to The Center at Grande rehab center (3219 East Grande Blvd. in Tyler). Although the transport was painful, she was able to get settled into Room 241. Visitors are welcome. When visiting, please understand that Mrs. Foster has occasional periods of confusion.

## New prayer requests

Following are excerpts from a report that **Neil McIver** sent to **Dave Havir**: “Back in May, I had four incidents that gave me and my family concerns about some pain I had in my left jaw and chest areas. About two weeks ago, I had an EKG. On the lower left side of my heart, it showed possibly a slight blockage of the blood flow in the lower left chamber of my heart. I will undergo a chemical stress test on June 26. If the blockage is shown to be a problem, we will make a decision what to do at that time.”

On early Thursday morning (at 1:00 a.m.), **Dixon Cartwright** asked **Dave Havir** to drive him to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler—due to intestinal hemorrhaging. Blood work revealed that Mr. Cartwright’s hemoglobin was high enough to avoid a transfusion at that time. The episodes of bleeding stopped at 2:30 a.m. A CT scan led to a diagnosis of diverticulitis. The ER doctor recommended a colonoscopy later that morning (around 10:00 a.m.). Because there were no beds available in the hospital, Mr. Cartwright spent the rest of the night in a room in the ER. When he was finally moved to a room (6803), the doctor working in the hospital decided (1) to do the colonoscopy later as an outpatient to avoid starting new bleeding and (2) to continue with antibiotics to address the diverticulitis (infection). The doctor hoped to discharge Mr. Cartwright today.

**Lucille Smith** of Tulsa, Okla., reports that she had a spider bite on her eyebrow that has led to an infection—which was causing her eye to swell. On Monday, her eye swelled shut.

**Leon Sexton** of Chiang Mai, Thailand, was recently diagnosed with hydrocephalus (the medical term for water on the brain). A doctor performed a spinal puncture (that drained 100 cc’s) to evaluate if a brain-shunt procedure should be considered. The brain surgery to have a “brain shunt” inserted was scheduled for last Monday.

**Richard Plache** of Chula Vista, Calif., died on May 7. Please remember his wife, **Ruth**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Paul Kurts** of Madison, Ala., died on May 21. Please remember his wife, **Pat**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Al Raines** of McCurtain, Okla., died on May 24. Please remember his wife, **Jeanne**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**John Bearse** of a local home fellowship died on June 12. Please remember his wife, **Reesa**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Scriptures to consider

**Daniel 3:17-18**—“If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

## 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 12:8”

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 15, 2019.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG 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 12:7 and the gifts of ministry and teaching. This article will discuss Romans 12:8 and the gifts of exhorting, giving, leading and showing mercy.

### Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:8.

**Romans 12:8**—“He who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

### Gift of exhorting

Here are some scriptures that discuss the gift of exhorting.

**Acts 14:21-22**—“And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, ‘We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.’”

**1 Thessalonians 2:11**—“As you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children.”

**Hebrews 3:13**—“But exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

**Hebrews 10:24-25**—“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so

much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

### Gift of giving

Here are some verses that discuss the gift of giving.

**Luke 3:11**—“He answered and said to them, ‘He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.’”

**2 Corinthians 9:7**—“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

■ Luke 10:25-37

■ James 2:14-18

### Gift of leading

Here are some verses that discuss the gift of leading.

**1 Samuel 15:17**—“So Samuel said, ‘When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel?’”

**Matthew 20:25-26**—“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.’”

■ John 15:12-13

■ Acts 20:28-35

### Gift of showing mercy

Here are some verses that discuss the gift of showing mercy.

**Matthew 9:13**—“But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice’ . . .”

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

■ Luke 10:36-37

■ James 2:13