

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 22, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:29

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dwight Holcomb
Bible study (2:00)	Neil Mclver
Teen class	Martha Mclver

Order of service

Song leader	Neil Mclver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Acts 23:23-35
Sermon	Reg Killingley

Quick takes

1. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving presentations at the congregation (pastored by Ken Tate) near Harrison, Ark. On Friday, Mr. Havir had the opportunity to officiate at a wedding.
2. Copies of last week's articles—For those in the main hall who are interested, copies of last week's four weekly items for the Information Table—church bulletin, "Among Friends" article, "Edifying the Body" article and "Eye on the World" compilation—are available at the Information Table in the normal format. (Due to Dixon Cartwright being in the hospital last week, Dave Havir displayed his rough-draft copies that Mr. Cartwright transforms into the attractive format that is used for the hard copies in the auditorium and for the Internet copies.)
3. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Socialism: The True Gospel of Greed" by Ed Feulner.
4. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments about Romans 12:9" by Dave Havir.
5. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 14 pages.

6. Interactive study next week—The topic of the interactive Bible study next week is scheduled to be “The Gift of Ministry” (Romans 12:7) moderated by Dave Havir.
7. Bulletin prepared on Tuesday—Since this bulletin was prepared this past Tuesday, it does not contain the latest prayer requests.

Prayer updates

Last Tuesday, **Betty Foster** had a small impromptu celebration of her 90th birthday at the rehab facility—The Center at Grande rehab center (3219 E. Grande Blvd. in Tyler) in Room 241.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Dixon Cartwright** was hospitalized, diagnosed with diverticulitis, treated with antibiotics and hoping to return home last Saturday. He was able to return home last Saturday. He says he’s doing okay.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Neil McIver** had an EKG revealing the possibility of a “blood flow in the lower left chamber” of his heart and that he is scheduled to undergo a chemical stress test on June 26.

New prayer requests

Stephanie Bass of Kilgore has been diagnosed with cancer in her brain. She was scheduled for surgery this past Wednesday.

Naomi Fauth (formerly of Jerusalem, daughter of **Andrew** and **Effie Dugger**, who were pillars in the Church of God Seventh Day) died June 13. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Ken Ryland of Mulvane, Kan., died on June 15. Please remember his wife, **Patti**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

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.’ ”

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 . . .”

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 12:9”

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 22, 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 12:8 and the gifts of exhorting, giving, leading and showing mercy. This article will discuss Romans 12:9.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:9.

Romans 12:9—“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.”

Without hypocrisy

Here are some scriptures that discuss loving without hypocrisy.

Matthew 6:1-4—“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”

James 3:17—“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”

Abhor evil

3 John 9-11—“I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.

Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church. Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God.”

Revelation 2:2—“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars.”

Cling to good

Here are some verses that discuss clinging to good.

Matthew 6:22-23—“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”

Matthew 7:13-14—“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Philippians 4:8—“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

1 Thessalonians 5:21—“Test all things; hold fast what is good.”

1 Peter 2:11-12—“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.”