

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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July 13, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:28

### Bible studies and classes

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

### Order of service

Song leader . . . . .	Daniel Botha
Pianist . . . . .	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading . . . . .	Acts 26:1-32
Sermon . . . . .	Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Board meeting—President Ron Avey has scheduled a board meeting during the evening of July 20.
2. Pastor not traveling as much—Dave Havir apologizes to the sister congregations for not traveling as much to visit them. And he reminds them of the reason—staying close to home to help his wife with her responsibilities with caring for her mother. (His wife’s father died in March.)
3. Pastor driving trips—Dave Havir thought it might be helpful to explain why he is driving to church visits instead of flying to church visits. He said: “To receive good prices for airline tickets, a person needs to buy in advance. By scheduling closer church visits that can be done by car, I maintain the flexibility of helping my family.”
4. 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.”

5. Reminder about Feast housing—Please make your Feast housing at Destin and Myrtle Beach soon so that you will be able to receive the discounted price before the rooms are released from our room block. (We do not have any discounted room blocks in Big Sandy or Grand Junction.)
6. Interactive study this week—The topic of the interactive Bible study this week is scheduled to be “The Gift of Exhorting” (Romans 12:8) moderated by Dave Havir.
7. Interactive study next week—The topic of the interactive Bible study next week is scheduled to be “The Gift of Giving” (Romans 12:8) moderated by Jon Coffee.
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Wandering in the Wilderness” by Lenny Cacchio.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Romans 12:12” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 14 pages.

## Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Willie Choate** went home after his week’s stay at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. Mr. Choate is still pondering what treatment he will choose for his heart challenges.

Following are excerpts from an update that **Neil McIver** sent on Wednesday: “While I am feeling okay, I have decided to have the exploratory heart surgery at 7:00 a.m. on July 17. If there is a blocked vein in the heart, they will repair with a stent. Plans are for outpatient surgery, and I will return home on the same day.”

Please remember **Eli Benedict**, who is once again dealing with a rash (some on his back, but more troublesome on his legs).

Please remember **Sonny Rosenberger**, who regularly deals with breathing challenges and a host of other health problems.

This week, **Laura Moran** went to another doctor appointment and learned that she lost another half pound. Please remember that she is dealing with anemia.

This week, **Ron Feaker’s** dementia caused him to be combative toward his caregiving family (daughter **Karen Dean** and her children).

**Betty Foster** continues to rehab in Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. She is in Room 418-A.

**Elaine Holloway** continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. She is in Room 109.

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

Following are excerpts from a daughter of **Emma Lou Bacher** of Frisco: “**David** and I have suspected that Mom has had dementia for a few years now, but she refused to get properly checked out. Her doctor confirmed this week that

she does indeed have the early stages of dementia. He determined that Mom should no longer be making medical, financial or legal decisions on her own behalf. [Also] there is a diagnosis on her file indicating congestive heart failure. We will be seeing a cardiologist for a second opinion.”

**Tim Lindholm** of Minneapolis, Minn., had two health challenges this week. Last Saturday, Mr. Lindholm went to a hospital ER due to pain and was diagnosed with a bowel obstruction. On Wednesday, he went for a procedure to check for an infection in the stents in his liver. The surgeon was able to pull the old stents and place new ones in the same ducts. He said the stents appeared to be clogged. There was good bile flow through the new stents. Mr. Lindholm and his wife, **Hope**, appreciate your prayers.

### New prayer requests

On Wednesday, **Vonda Ouellette** of Houston had surgery underneath the eyelid of her left eye, requiring stitches.

**Glen Salyer** of Andalusia, Ala., was admitted to a hospital with the diagnosis of a large blood clot in his lungs.

**Linda Szalankiewicz** of Pittsburgh, Pa., died on July 7. Please remember her husband, **Ed**, and the rest of 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 12:12”

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 July 13, 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 12:11. This article will discuss Romans 12:12.

### Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:12.

**Romans 12:12**—“Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer.”

### Rejoicing in hope

Here are some verses that discuss rejoicing in hope.

**Acts 24:14-15**—“But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.”

**1 Corinthians 13:13**—“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

**Philippians 1:20**—“According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.”

**Hebrews 6:11**—“And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end.”

### Patient in tribulation

Here are some verses that discuss being patient in tribulation.

**Matthew 5:10-12**—“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed

are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**Acts 14:22**—“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.’”

**James 1:2-4**—“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

**James 5:10-11**—“My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.”

### Steadfast in prayer

Here are some verses that discuss being steadfast in prayer.

**Luke 6:12**—“Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.”

**Luke 22:42-44**—“Saying, ‘Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.’ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”

**Ephesians 6:18**—“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

**James 5:16**—“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”