

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 10, 2019 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:10

Bible studies and classes

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

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Hebrews 1:1–14
Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Guests next week—Our congregation welcomes the following guests to serve next Saturday.
 - Bruce Benedict Bible study at 2:00 p.m.
 - Brittney Kurr Singing presentation during 3:00 church service
2. Birthday snacks for Eli Benedict next Saturday—Since the birthday of Eli Benedict (turning 97) is on Aug. 21, we will have birthday dessert for him and the congregation after the church service next Saturday (Aug. 17).
3. Board meeting—President Ron Avey has scheduled a brief board meeting today.
4. Pastor's Feast schedule—On Thursday, Dave Havir finalized his travel schedule (and purchased his airline tickets) for the Feast of Tabernacles in October.
 - Saturday before the Feast (10/12)—Speak in Grand Junction, Colo.
 - Monday, 10/14—Speak in Grand Junction
 - Tuesday, 10/15—Speak in Big Sandy
 - Wednesday, Thursday, 10/16–17—Speak in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
 - Friday through Monday, 10/18–21—Speak in Destin, Fla.

5. Feast speaking schedule—Although Dave Havir had compiled a tentative speaking schedule for the four sites for the 2019 Feast of Tabernacles, his recent action to finalize his travel schedule will now allow him to firm up the schedule.
6. Interactive study this week—The topic of the interactive Bible study this week is scheduled to be “John 20:23” 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 Showing Mercy” (Romans 12:8) moderated by Dave Havir.
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Difference Between a Leftist and a Liberal” by Dennis Prager.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Romans 12:16” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 22 pages.

Prayer updates

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Willie Choate** is scheduled to visit a doctor in Tyler with the hope of receiving a stent instead of having open-heart surgery. Mr. Choate reported that the date of that appointment is Sept. 5. He also reported the following—(1) physical therapists come to his house twice a week, and (2) he misses coming to the church service but he doesn’t want to make the trip in this hot weather.

Laura Moran reports that she had a good week.

Sonny Rosenberger regularly deals with breathing challenges.

Donna Weese reports that she has mostly good days. She appreciates your prayers.

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

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. He is in Room 412.

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

Vonda Ouellette of Houston, thanks everyone for the prayers for her eyes. She reports that she is feeling much better.

In the March 9 bulletin, we mentioned that **Chuck Ragland** (father of **Diana Havir**) was transported to Baylor Hospital in Dallas, where a colorectal specialist was examining his condition. Yesterday, he returned to his home in Lindale.

On Wednesday, **John Havir** of Huntington, W.Va. (brother of **Dave Havir**), went to his scheduled cardiologist visit. All vitals signs were good. His chest is sore from the heart surgery but getting better. He is scheduled to begin cardiac rehab on Aug. 22 and to return to “light” duty on Sept. 9. He and **Bonnie** are scheduled to attend our Feast of Tabernacles site in Destin—where he will speak.

New prayer requests

Ann Coleman, age 92, of Kansas City, Mo. (mother of **Ramon Coleman**), fell in her home. She was diagnosed with two broken bones in her ankle. (After testing it was found that she had had a heart attack within the previous 10 days.) She is recovering in a rehab center.

Jenny Franklin of Birmingham, Ala. (mother of **Leigh Ann Parker**), fell on July 11 and went to the hospital, where she was pleased to learn that she did not have any broken bones. Weeks later, she began experiencing pain in the night that interrupted her sleep. A CT scan showed two things—(1) she had a fractured pelvis, and (2) she had a perforation in her abdomen. The doctors allowed the pelvis to heal on its own. But she had emergency surgery for her abdomen on July 24. She is hoping to be released from the hospital this coming week.

On Monday, **Ruth Quandahl** of the local United congregation fell and broke her hip.

On Thursday, **Edit** and **Sam Ancona** of Valley Village, Calif., were involved in an automobile accident.

John Chambers Jr. of Comstock, Neb., who recently had a stroke, died on July 9. Please remember his wife, **Pam**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Synopsis of board meeting on Aug. 3

- A proposed amendment to the bylaws was again discussed at the board meeting. (Proposed amendments are advertised and discussed at a number of board meetings so that the congregation has the opportunity to be aware of potential changes and to be a part of the discussion.)

Article 4 section 2: “Composition: The corporate officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least three at-large Trustees” would be amended to “Composition: The corporate officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least one at-large Trustee.”

Article 4 section 9: “At-Large Trustees: At-Large Trustees of the Corporation shall number at least three but may number no more than fifteen. This decision shall require approval by a two-thirds majority of votes of the entire Board” would be amended to “At-Large Trustees: At-Large Trustees of the Corporation shall number at least one but may number no more than fifteen. This decision shall require approval by a two-thirds majority of votes of the entire Board.”

- The board again briefly discussed a proposal from Linda Avey to be hired as building manager beginning Sept. 1, 2019.
- The board again briefly discussed the possibility of purchasing new equipment for the mail-out program. This subject will include other related discussions—including updating the website and the possibility of creating a Roku channel.
- Although Dave Havir was present for the second half of the meeting, there were no plans for him to give a pastor’s report at this short meeting.

“Comments About Romans 12:16”

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 Aug. 10, 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 12:15. This article will discuss Romans 12:16.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:16.

Romans 12:16—“Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.”

Avoid the pitfall of pride

Here are some verses that discuss avoiding the pitfall of pride.

Proverbs 8:13—“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.”

Proverbs 13:10—“By pride comes nothing but strife, but with the well-advised is wisdom.”

Proverbs 16:18—“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Romans 11:25—“For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.”

Reflect a humble spirit

Here are some verses that discuss reflecting a humble spirit.

Proverbs 3:34—“Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble.”

Proverbs 11:2—“When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom.”

Proverbs 16:19—“Better to be of a

humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.”

Proverbs 29:23—“A man’s pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.”

Matthew 18:4—“Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 23:12—“And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Philippians 2:5-8—“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Preference to one another

Before we notice some verses about giving preference toward other people, let’s acknowledge the clear teaching that a disciple should have self-respect.

Matthew 22:39—“And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

It is from a foundation of self-respect that true love can flow from you to another person.

If a person does not respect himself, he will not respect others. If a person belittles himself, he will have a tendency to belittle others.

Philippians 2:1-4—“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”