

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 17, 2019 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:10

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Jerry Thompson

Bible study (2:00) Bruce Benedict

Teen class Carol Bald

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Hebrews 2:1–18

Music presentation Brittney Kurr

Quick takes

1. Welcome to our guests—Our congregation welcomes the following guests to serve today.
 - Bruce Benedict Bible study at 2:00 p.m.
 - Brittney Kurr Singing presentation during 3:00 service
2. Birthday snacks for Eli Benedict today—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 today.
3. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is moderating an interactive Bible study and giving a sermon in Fort Worth. (Sister congregations can notice that this is another one of Mr. Havir’s church visits that is accomplished by car—which is easier for him to schedule in his quest to help care for his mother-in-law.)
4. 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.)

5. Pastor's Feast schedule—Recently, 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.
6. 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.
7. Hosting Thanksgiving community church service and meal—After talking with board members, Dave Havir contacted Jerome Ellard of the Big Sandy Ministerial Alliance about offering our church building for the Thanksgiving Community Church Service and Meal on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 5:00 p.m. At its meeting on Wednesday, the ministerial alliance accepted our offer to use the building. The alliance wrote: “Thanks for your generosity in sharing your excellent facility.”
8. What happens at the community church service?—Each congregation in the town of Big Sandy is given a short time slot to say positive words or to perform beautiful music. For many years, members of our congregation have attended the service. Two years ago, Dave Havir attended the service for the first time and participated in a time slot—by saying a few words and playing a video of two Chinese preteens (Celine Tam and Jeffrey Li) singing “You Raise Me Up.” Last year, Mr. Havir attended the service and asked Shirley West to use our time slot to talk about how her mother rejected the recommendation to abort her. (Mr. Havir felt that Mrs. West's presentation was the most effective presentation of the evening.)
9. Interactive study this week—The topic of the interactive Bible study this week is scheduled to be “The Gift of Showing Mercy” (Romans 12:8) moderated by Jerry Thompson.
10. Interactive study next week—The topic of the interactive Bible study next week is scheduled to be “Let the Dead Bury Their Own Dead” (Luke 9:60) moderated by Dave Havir.
11. Edifying the Body—This week's article is “The 25 Wealthiest Dynasties Control \$1.4 Trillion” by Bloomberg.com staff.
12. Among Friends—This week's article is “Comments About Romans 12:17” by Dave Havir.
13. Eye on the World—This week's “Eye on the World” is 28 pages.

Prayer updates

Please remember **Sonny Rosenberger**, who has been having prostate problems that affect his ability to go to the bathroom.

Willie Choate reports that he has been staying out of the heat. He is scheduled to visit a doctor in Tyler on Sept. 5 with the hope of receiving a stent instead of having open-heart surgery.

Laura Moran reports that she had a good week. She is scheduled for a sleep study on Aug. 27.

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

Elaine Holloway continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. 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.

In the Sept. 8, 2018 bulletin, we mentioned that **Jennifer Faulkner** of St. Louis, Mo. (wife of **Jim Faulkner** and sister-in-law of **Carol Bald**), had been battling cancer for two years and had begun a specific treatment plan. In the Nov. 3, 2018, bulletin, we mentioned she had finished round six of that particular plan. While we have not been keeping you informed about each of her challenges, the Faulkner family and the Bald family thank you for your ongoing prayers.

In the July 27 bulletin, we mentioned that **Jim Faulkner** of St. Louis, Mo. (husband of **Jennifer Faulkner** and brother of **Carol Bald**), had heart surgery—an ablation to deal with the electrical impulses causing his severe afib. He is scheduled for follow-up evaluation in the coming weeks.

New prayer requests

Here are excerpts from a report from **Morris Foster** concerning his wife, **Linda**: “After 22 doctor visits in the last several months, my dear wife was diagnosed with a rare, rapidly progressing cognitive disease. The medical community says there is no cure, and it [generally] does not end well. Thank you so very much for your prayers and friendship.”

Shirley West went to the eye doctor on Wednesday and Friday for treatment.

Dean Koeneke of the local community has been recovering at home following a stroke. When his wife (**Joanne**) traveled to Tennessee due to the death of her mother, who died on Sunday, Mr. Koeneke was put in Legend Oaks nursing home in Gladewater as respite care until his wife returns.

Synopsis of board meeting on Aug. 10

- The board unanimously approved an amendment to the bylaws that allows for reducing the number of board members from the number previously determined when the congregation was formed. Thank you to members in the congregation who gave input—either at the several board meetings discussing this potential change or at other times directly to board members.
- The board unanimously approved (with Ron Avey abstaining) the hiring of Linda Avey as building manager beginning Sept. 1, 2019.

"Comments About Romans 12:17"

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. 17, 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 12:16. This article will discuss Romans 12:17.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:17.

Romans 12:17—"Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men."

Do not repay evil for evil

Here are some verses that discuss avoiding the repaying of evil for evil.

Matthew 5:38-39—"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also."

1 Peter 2:19—"For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully."

Romans 12:19—"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord."

Hebrews 10:30—"For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. And again, 'The LORD will judge His people.'"

Leviticus 19:18—"You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

Deuteronomy 32:35—"Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; their foot shall slip in due time; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them."

Psalm 94:1—"O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs—O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!"

Luke 18:7-8—"And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Have regard for good things

Here are some verses that discuss having regard for good things.

Psalm 119:97—"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day."

Psalm 119:103—"How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

Psalm 119:105—"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Matthew 5:43-48—"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

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."