

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

ChurchofGodBigSandy.com

Aug. 31, 2019 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:46

### Bible studies and classes

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

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader	..... Neil Mclver
Pianist	..... Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	..... Hebrews 4:1–16
Sermon	..... Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Thank you—The family of Marilyn Boston thanks our congregation for helping Mrs. Boston during her time as a widow since 2004—both during her time in her home and during her later time in the nursing home.
2. Thank you—The family of Marilyn Boston thanks those who served at the memorial service yesterday in Bullard. It should be noted that family friends (Karl and Sharon Wilson and Wayne and Joanne Woodring) delayed the departure of their weekend trip until the memorial service was completed so that they could participate with music and with recollections.
3. Upcoming guest speakers—The congregation is pleased to announce that the following people are scheduled as guest speakers in the near future.
  - Sept. 21 Terry Post
  - Sept. 30 Wynn Skelton
4. Combined for Feast of Trumpets—The Church of God International will join our congregation for the Feast of Trumpets Sept. 30. Here is the schedule.
  - 1:00 p.m. Bible study
  - 2:00 Church—with Wynn Skelton speaking
  - 3:00 Potluck meal

5. Feast DVDs for people who cannot attend a Feast site this year—Individuals in our extended audience who cannot attend a Feast of Tabernacles site due to health or other reasons are invited to receive DVDs with sermons for them to play during the Feast.
6. Interactive study this week—The topic of the interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be “The First Commandment” moderated by Dave Havir.
7. Interactive study next week—The topic of the interactive Bible study next week (Sept. 7) is scheduled to be “The Second Commandment.”
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “People Without a Purpose” by John Stonestreet.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Romans 12:19” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 23 pages.

## Prayer updates

On Wednesday, **Sonny Rosenberger** had prostate surgery in Tyler. He went home on Thursday. He reports that he is experiencing some postsurgery pain and that he appreciates your prayers. He is scheduled for a follow-up doctor appointment this coming Wednesday.

Please remember **Willie Choate**, who has breathing difficulties. 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.

Last week, we announced that **Laura Moran** was scheduled for a sleep study on Tuesday. She went to the appointment, but the actual sleep study was re-scheduled for Oct. 7.

**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** died on Monday. (The memorial service was in Bullard on Friday.) Please remember the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

On Thursday, **David Coleman** is scheduled for knee surgery (to repair a couple of tears). He is anticipating returning home on the same day.

On Wednesday, **Sue Johns** of Harrisburg, Pa., had knee-replacement surgery. She went home on Thursday.

On Friday, **Thomas Johnson** of Philadelphia, Pa. (brother of **Laura Moran**), was taken to a hospital. During the day, Mrs. Moran had tried repeatedly to call him. When she was concerned about his lack of response, she called the local police in that area and they entered his home to find him on the floor unconscious.

**Naomi Lucas** of the local United congregation has been diagnosed with extremely high blood pressure. Doctors are wondering if this is related to kidney blockage.

**Deanna Williams** of Richlands, N.C., was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer.

**Daniel Porteous** of Helensville, New Zealand, reports that he is tolerating his chemotherapy regimen well.

**Rick Caldwell** of Pinson, Ala., has been dealing with extreme neuropathy.

**Michael Arritt** of Lansing, W.Va., is anticipating a urethral stent to be placed from his kidney into the bladder.

## Scriptures to consider

### ■ Fasting “after”—deeper repentance

1 Samuel 7:6—Samuel

2 Samuel 12:15-23—David

1 Kings 21:27-29—Ahab

Ezra 10:1-6—Ezra

Nehemiah 1:4-11—Nehemiah

Nehemiah 9:1-3—children of Israel

Daniel 9:3-19—Daniel

Joel 2:12-14—Joel quoting God

Jonah 3:5-10—people of Ninevah

Acts 9:9—Saul

### ■ Fasting “during”—seeking help during a trial

Judges 20:21-25—Israel (after major losses to Benjamin)

2 Corinthians 20:3-4—Jehoshaphat (Judah)

Ezra 8:21-23—Ezra

Esther 4:1-3—Mordecai and the Jews mourning

Esther 4:16—Esther and the Jews

Matthew 17:21—leaves only by prayer and fasting

### ■ Fasting “before”—connecting with our Father

Matthew 4:1-11—Christ in the wilderness

Isaiah 58:6-11—serving God and man

## Thought for the week

Too many parents make life hard for their children by trying too zealously to make it easy for them.—*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

## “Comments About Romans 12:19”

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. 31, 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 12:18. This article will discuss Romans 12:19.

### Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:19.

**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.”

### Do not avenge yourself

Here are some verses that discuss the avoiding of taking vengeance into your own hands.

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

**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.”

**Psalms 94:1**—“O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs—O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!”

**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.”

**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.”

### Give place to wrath

Here are some verses that discuss giving the proper place for wrath.

**Ephesians 4:26-27**—“Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.”

**James 1:19-20**—“So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”

**Proverbs 14:29**—“He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, but he who is impulsive exalts folly.”

**Proverbs 15:18**—“A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention.”

**Proverbs 16:32**—“He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.”

**Proverbs 19:11**—“The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression.”

**Proverbs 27:3-4**—“A stone is heavy and sand is weighty, but a fool’s wrath is heavier than both of them. Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, but who is able to stand before jealousy?”

**Ecclesiastes 7:9**—“Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.”