

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 7, 2019 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:37

Bible studies and classes

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

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader	.....	Daniel Botha
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Hebrews 5:1–14
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. 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
2. 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
3. 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.
4. Interactive study this week—The topic of the interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be “The Second Commandment” moderated by Dave Havir.

5. Interactive study next week—The topic of the interactive Bible study next week (Sept. 14) is scheduled to be “The Third Commandment.”
6. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Socialism Explained” by Charles Scaliger.
7. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Romans 12:20” by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 22 pages.

Prayer updates

On Wednesday, **Sonny Rosenberger** returned for a follow-up doctor appointment (following his recent prostate surgery). The doctor informed Mr. Rosenberger that there was no sign of cancer.

On Thursday, **Willie Choate** went to a scheduled doctor appointment in Tyler. He is scheduled for an echocardiogram on Tuesday and a visit with a surgeon on Sept. 16.

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.

On Thursday, **David Coleman** had scheduled knee surgery (to repair a couple of tears).

Thomas Johnson of Philadelphia, Pa. (brother of **Laura Moran**), who was diagnosed with a brain bleed, was released from a hospital and moved to a retirement home.

New prayer requests

On Thursday, **Becky Bonilla** had a heart catheterization. She has been dealing with shortness of breath and some swelling of her feet. She has been taking medication, but the doctors wanted to further evaluate. She is happy to report that no stents were inserted and no surgery has been recommended at this time.

The Dunnam family had three incidents occur over a four-day stretch at the beginning of this week. First, **Steve Dunnam** of Quitman, Miss. (brother of **Tim Dunnam**), died on Saturday, Aug. 31. Please remember his wife, **Missy**, and the rest of the family in your prayers. Second, **Millie Ballard** of Frankston (extended-family member of the Dunnams) died on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Third, also on Tuesday, Mr. Dunnam fell from a ladder and broke three ribs.

On Wednesday, **Karen Benson** (of Prescott Valley, Ariz.) is scheduled for a “bilateral mastectomy” after a biopsy revealed DCIS (ductal carcinoma in situ). DCIS means that cancer cells are present, but they have not spread into surrounding breast tissue. Therefore, DCIS is considered noninvasive.

Feast speaking schedules

Grand Junction, Colo.

Monday, Oct. 14	Dave Havar and Dave Havar
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Ray Stapp
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Family Day—no church service
Thursday, Oct. 17	Pat Gordon
Friday, Oct. 18	Jerry Jones and Dennis Benson
Saturday, Oct. 19	Chad Tate
Sunday, Oct. 20	Family Day—no church service
Monday, Oct. 21	Ray Stapp

Big Sandy, Texas

Monday, Oct. 14	Daniel Botha
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Dave Havar and Dave Havar
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Bert Moers and Daniel Botha
Thursday, Oct. 17	Ron Avey
Friday, Oct. 18	Jon Coffee and Daniel Botha
Saturday, Oct. 19	Reg Killingley
Sunday, Oct. 20	Daniel Botha
Monday, Oct. 21	Reg Killingley

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Monday, Oct. 14	Lyle Kerby
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Chris Kerby and Jim Johns
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Dave Havar
Thursday, Oct. 17	Brian Kelso and Dave Havar
Friday, Oct. 18	Branden Schroeder and John Bair
Saturday, Oct. 19	Steve Andrews
Sunday, Oct. 20	Ryan Andrews and Ralph Hanahan
Monday, Oct. 21	Jim Johns

Destin, Fla.

Monday, Oct. 14	Ken Tate and Ramon Coleman
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Steven Gibson and Reg Killingley
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Neal Parker and Reg Killingley
Thursday, Oct. 17	Neal Parker and John Havar
Friday, Oct. 18	Family day—no church service Interactive Bible study—Dave Havar
Saturday, Oct. 19	Dave Havar and Ramon Coleman
Sunday, Oct. 20	John Havar and Ken Tate
Monday, Oct. 21	Neil McIver and Dave Havar

“Comments About Romans 12:20”

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

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 12:19. This article will discuss Romans 12:20.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:20.

Romans 12:20—“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

Paul was quoting Proverbs 25:21-22.

Proverbs 25:21-22—“If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; for so you will heap coals of fire on his head, and the LORD will reward you.”

Recognize, but willing to feed

Notice that Paul taught it is wise to recognize the malicious deeds of an enemy.

2 Timothy 4:14-15—“Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.”

Notice that Paul also taught that disciples look for opportunities to do good—to serve needs.

Galatians 6:10—“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Heaping coals on their heads

Let’s talk about the phrase (“heaping coals on their heads”) mentioned in

Proverbs 25 and Romans 12.

Does that phrase (“heaping coals on their heads”) mean that disciples should have the motivation of seeking to place coals on the heads of their enemies?

It is natural for a disciple to have inner feelings of revenge toward an enemy. But the Son of God taught that inner feelings should also be godly.

■ **Matthew 5:21-26**—Murder begins in the heart.

■ **Matthew 5:27-30**—Adultery occurs in the heart.

Notice a scripture in Proverbs that mentions that a disciple should not feel inner joy when an enemy stumbles.

Proverbs 24:17—“Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles.”

Seeking relief, fasted for them

There are various examples in the Bible about people discussing their trials with God. There are a number of psalms where David pleaded his case with God for justice and deliverance.

One such example is Psalm 35:1-28. Please take the time to read David’s heartfelt appeal to God for His intervention and relief.

In this psalm David was dealing with tremendous suffering from his enemies, yet he did not want to take vengeance into his own hands. In fact, he said he fasted for them when they were sick (Psalm 35:13-14).

The Lord will reward you

Notice a positive statement about how the Lord will reward kindness—which includes serving the needs of enemies.

Hebrews 6:10—“For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”