

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 14, 2019 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:28

### Bible studies and classes

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

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

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| Song leader . . . . .       | Daniel Botha     |
| Pianist . . . . .           | Dixon Cartwright |
| Scripture reading . . . . . | Hebrews 6:1-20   |
| Sermon . . . . .            | Reg Killingley   |

### 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. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Shreveport, La.

5. Interactive study this week—The topic of the interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be “The Third Commandment” moderated by Daniel Botha.
6. Interactive study next week—The topic of the interactive Bible study next week (Sept. 21) is scheduled to be “The Fourth Commandment.”
7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Did We Learn the Lesson of 9/11?” by Ben Shapiro.
8. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Romans 12:21” by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 18 pages.

## Prayer updates

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Becky Bonilla** had a heart catheterization that ruled out surgery. However, we want to remind you about the reason for her having that procedure—dealing with shortness of breath and some swelling of her feet. On Wednesday, she is scheduled to see her cardiologist. She reported: “We may stay home [Saturday] to rest some more.”

On Tuesday, **Willie Choate** had an echocardiogram. On Monday, he is scheduled to visit with a surgeon in Tyler. When **Dave Havir** heard the last name of the surgeon, he told Mr. Choate that he may be seeing the surgeon who performed the bypass surgery for him (Mr. Havir).

In recent bulletins, we mentioned that **Sonny Rosenberger** had prostate surgery and a follow-up doctor appointment where he heard that there was no sign of cancer. Mr. Rosenberger reports that he is recovering well from the surgery, and that the main goal of the surgery has been accomplished. (He did mention that some challenges still exist.)

On Wednesday, **Tim Dunnam** went to a doctor and had his stitches removed. Here are excerpts from a report from **Angela**: “When our doctor got the CT scans from the hospital, she found another fractured finger, as well as a hiatal hernia. We appreciate everyone’s prayers.”

Although **Vi Lehman** doesn’t want **Dave Havir** to keep mentioning her in the bulletin (she says, “There are other people who need prayers more than I do”), he wanted to remind the congregation to pray for her. She doesn’t have pain, but she often does not have energy the way she would like to have. FYI—daughter **Marcia Chambers** is a wonderful caregiver and the **Dunnams** are helpful neighbors who are viewed as part of the family. (Mrs. Chambers recently had cataract surgery—left eye on Aug. 27 and right eye on Sept. 10.)

**Eli Benedict** had a good week. If you want something specific to pray about, you could ask that the rash around his ankles and feet would go away.

On Tuesday, **Laura Moran** went to a gastroenterologist.

**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.

In the Aug. 31 bulletin, we mentioned that **Sue Johns** of Harrisburg, Pa., had knee-replacement surgery. Mrs. Johns reported: "Therapy is a beast, but they are happy with my progress."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Karen Benson** of Prescott Valley, Ariz., was scheduled for surgery this past Wednesday—a "bilateral mastectomy" after a biopsy revealed DCIS (ductal carcinoma in situ). The surgery was postponed (due to the doctor's schedule) until Sept. 24. After Mrs. Benson reminded the doctor about the religious conference in Colorado, the doctor recommended surgery only on the left breast (the only one that has cancer) at this time. This decision is expected to shorten the recovery time before the trip. In an effort to show support for the trip, the doctor joked that she would drive her there.

**Thomas Johnson** of Philadelphia, Pa. (brother of **Laura Moran**), who was recently diagnosed with a brain bleed and released from a hospital, had a seizure on Tuesday. An MRI revealed a stroke in the center of his brain. He is under hospice care.

## New prayer requests

On Thursday, **David Bonilla** is scheduled for cataract surgery on his left eye.

**Annette Payne** is dealing with eczema on her legs.

**Annette Payne** requests prayers for her 24-year-old granddaughter **Hannah** of Arcadia, La., who is dealing with pain (after the removal of gallstones) and with anxiety (worry about why she is losing weight during her pregnancy).

On Wednesday, **Alice Day** of Marshalltown, Iowa (mother of **David Coleman**, who has been diagnosed with dementia), had an episode of passing out and going to a hospital. Although the CT scan did not produce any answers, she regained consciousness and went home.

In the July 27 bulletin, we mentioned that **Tom Mitchell** of Big Sandy had a heart attack. Now he has been diagnosed with stage-3 cancer of the esophagus and upper part of his stomach. One lymph node is also cancerous. The doctor has discussed surgery, chemo and radiation. He and his wife, **Judi**, appreciate your prayers.

**Barnabas Grayson** of Tulsa, Okla., suffered a stroke on Sept. 2 and was able to return home on Sept. 6.

**Faye Hull** of Plano died in August. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Linda Holladay** of Belle Plaine, Minn., died on Aug. 3. Please remember her husband, **Charles**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Fred Patton** of a local church of God congregation died on Sept. 7. (A memorial service is scheduled in Gladewater on Sept. 22.) Please remember his wife, **Linda**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## "Comments About Romans 12:21"

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 Sept. 14, 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 12:20. This article will conclude the series about this chapter by discussing Romans 12:21.

### Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:21.

**Romans 12:21**—"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

### Not overcome by evil

Here are some verses that discuss the goal of not being overcome by evil.

There are many scriptures in the Bible that describe an evil source that influences people to sin. He is called by many names. Here are a few of his names.

- Genesis 3:1—the cunning serpent
- Matthew 4:1—the devil who tempted the Son of God
- 2 Corinthians 11:14—an angel of light
- Ephesians 2:2-3—the prince of the power of the air
- Revelation 12:9—the great dragon, serpent of old, devil, Satan
- Revelation 12:12—the devil having great wrath

### History of influencing

Let's notice some scriptures that give some examples of the devil's involvement in negatively influencing mankind.

**Genesis 3:1-5**—"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, "You shall not eat of every tree of the gar-

den"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die." Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' "

**Job 1:11**—" 'But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!' "

**Job 2:5**—"But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

**John 13:27**—"Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, 'What you do, do quickly.' "

### Overcome evil with good

Here are some verses that discuss the concept of overcoming evil with good.

**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 2:7-8**—"But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond-servant, 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."