

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 18, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:38

### Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) . . . . . Daniel Botha  
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 13:1–25  
Sermon . . . . . Daniel Botha

### Quick takes

1. Successful event last Thursday—The Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce held its annual dinner in our building last Thursday evening. Members of the Chamber and many citizens in the community expressed their appreciation for our congregation providing the building for the event.
2. Thank you to Budget Committee—Thank you to the Budget Committee, which met last Saturday evening and completed a budget to submit to the board.
3. Short board meeting tonight—President Ron Avey has scheduled a short board meeting tonight—at which time the board members are expected to approve a budget.
4. Very rare to cancel church service—It is the custom of our congregation to avoid canceling our church service due to inclement weather. Even with a lower attendance in the building on a specific day due to weather in our area, we still hope to serve the audience on the website.
5. Main reason for canceling church service—Our main reason for canceling a church service is the loss of electricity.
6. Interactive this week—The interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be a continuation of “Proverbs 6:16-19” moderated by Daniel Botha.

7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Killing Ourselves With Hate" by Armstrong Williams.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "Actions of the Son" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 12 pages (in large part due to Dave Havir being busy with the events surrounding the last days and death of his mother-in-law).

## Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran, Boyd Payne, Annette Payne** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

Please remember **Eli Benedict** and **David Bonilla**, who have recently missed a number of church services due to health challenges.

**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.

## New prayer requests

**Opal Page** (89-year-old-mother of **Pam Havir** and **Carolyn Ellefson**) died on Jan. 13. (Mrs. Page and her husband, **Virgil**, moved to East Texas in August 2017 to be closer to Mrs. Havir. Mr. Page died on March 5, 2019.) A funeral is scheduled today in Lamesa. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## Scriptures to consider

**Proverbs 6:16-19**—"These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren."

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

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

**Proverbs 14:3**—In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, but the lips of the wise will preserve them.

**Proverbs 15:25**—The LORD will destroy the house of the proud, but He will establish the boundary of the widow.

**Proverbs 16:5**—Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; though they join forces, none will go unpunished.

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

**Proverbs 16:19**—Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

**Proverbs 21:4**—A haughty look, a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked are sin.

**Proverbs 28:25**—He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, but he who trusts in LORD will be prospered.

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

**Isaiah 66:2**—“For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,” says the LORD. “But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

**Matthew 18:3-4**—“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 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.

**Luke 14:11**—For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

**Luke 18:14**—“I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**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.

**James 4:6**—But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

**James 4:10**—Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

**1 Peter 3:8**—Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous.

**1 Peter 5:5-6**—Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

## Actions of the Son

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 Jan. 18, 2020.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—Years ago, I gave a sermon titled “That God May Be All in All.” I chose the title of the sermon from the concluding phrase in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

**1 Corinthians 15:24, 28**—“Then comes the end, when He [Son] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [Son] puts an end to all rule and all authority and power . . . Now when all things are made subject to Him [Son], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [Father] who put all things under Him [Son], that God may be all in all.”

I also quoted John 5:22-23.

**John 5:22-23**—“For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

I proceeded to give 10 ways we can show honor to the Son. This week we will look at the third concept—the actions of the Son.

### **Actions speak louder**

Have you heard the phrase “actions speak louder than words”? It is common for people to display actions that do not measure up to their words.

- Matthew 7:5.
- Matthew 23:3.
- Romans 2:21-24.

While we recognize that the words spoken by the Son were exemplary, it is amazing to recognize that His actions were also spectacular.

**1 Peter 2:21**—“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.”

### **Lived a life of grace**

Recently, I learned that the word *grace* appears only twice in the King James Ver-

sion of the Gospels (in Luke 2:40 and John 1:14-17).

Yet it is important to note that the Son modeled what grace is by the way He lived His life. Notice some examples in the book of John.

■ In John 1, Nathaniel uttered an insult about the Son’s hometown: “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (verse 46). The Son commented back: “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” (verse 47). That was showing grace.

■ In John 2, the Son provided wine at a wedding to save the family from embarrassment. Grace.

■ In John 3, the Son explained truth to Nicodemus (a Pharisee who was a ruler of the Jews). Grace.

■ In John 4, the Son talked to a Samaritan woman at a well. Instead of berating her for her questionable lifestyle, the Son shared some words of life. Grace.

■ In John 5, the Son healed a man who did not even know who the Son was. Grace.

■ In John 8, the Son saved the life of a woman caught in adultery, and told her not to repeat the sin. Grace.

■ In John 9, the Son healed a man who has been blind from birth. Grace.

■ In John 11, the Son comforted Mary and Martha at the death of their brother. Grace.

■ In John 12, the Son instructed people to leave Mary alone after she “wasted” money by anointing His feet with expensive oil. Grace.

■ In John 13, the Son washed the feet of His disciples—including the feet of Judas. Grace.

■ In John 14-16, the Son gave some words of encouragement to His disciples. Grace.

■ In John 18-19, the Son patiently endured the harassment and abuse from the Jewish religious leaders and Roman civil leaders. Grace.