

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 4, 2020 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:41

### No audience activities in the hall today

Cancellation of audience activities in the church hall—Board members of the Church of God Big Sandy have decided to continue restricting the size of audiences in the building to 10 people. This restriction had been in effect for the past two Saturdays in adherence to an executive order from Gov. Abbott. Although the governor this week lifted the restriction for churches, local board members wanted to continue with the restriction in their effort to help stem the spreading of the recent coronavirus.

### Internet presentations

However, we are scheduled to send a live transmission of two presentations today.

**Bible study (2:00)** . . . . . Wynn Skelton  
**Sermon (3:00)** . . . . . Morris Foster

### Quick takes

1. Welcome to guest speakers—The congregation welcomes two guest speakers for the live transmission from the church building today.
2. Matching days of the week—Dave Havir wants to remind the congregation that the days of the week for the celebration of the spring feast days this year correspond to the days of the week as how most Church of God congregations view the timing of the death and resurrection of the Son of God. The timing of that week helps disciples to see a correlation between Luke 23:54 and Luke 23:56.
  - Tuesday—Night He was betrayed
  - Wednesday—His death at 3:00 p.m.
  - Thursday—Feast day of Luke 23:54 and John 19:31
  - Saturday—Sabbath of Luke 23:56
3. Commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord—The congregation will commemorate the suffering and death of our Lord with New Testament symbols (picturing the night He was betrayed).
  - Tuesday, April 7
  - Live transmission at 7:45 p.m.
  - Link to the 2019 commemoration (43 minutes without the music from last year)

4. Remembering the time of Christ's death—The pastor recommends that you individually remember the time picturing Christ's death—He died at 3:00 p.m. the next day.
  - Wednesday, April 8
  - 3:00 p.m.
5. Traditional meal—For years, the Church of God has had a traditional meal on the eve of the first day of Unleavened Bread. (Although individuals may have varying reasons for this tradition, Dave Havar encourages brethren to consider the events of the resurrection of the Son of God.)
  - Wednesday, April 8
  - Evening
6. First day of Unleavened Bread—The congregation will be providing a live-stream transmission on the first day of Unleavened Bread with the following schedule.
  - 2:00—Bible study—Dave Havar
  - 3:00—Sermon—Reg Killingley
7. Remembering the time of Christ's resurrection—The pastor recommends that you individually remember the time picturing Christ's resurrection—three days and three nights after His death.
  - Saturday, April 11
  - Beginning in the evening
8. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—The congregation will be providing a live-stream transmission on the seventh day of Unleavened Bread with the following schedule.
  - 2:00—Bible study
  - 3:00—Sermon
9. Prayers for your financial challenges—Members of the Church of God Big Sandy are praying for you as you deal with the financial challenges that disciples and people in general are facing during these uncertain times. Please keep your eyes on the Father and Son.
10. Address for offerings—Various people have asked for the correct address where they can make donations to the Church of God Big Sandy. (Our website mentions two addresses on the front page—one is the mailing address and the other is a street address that does not accept mail.) Our mailing address is:

Church of God Big Sandy  
P.O. Box 690  
Big Sandy, Texas 75755
11. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Even on COVID-19, Left and Right Are Divided" by Dennis Prager.
12. Among Friends—This week's article is "Luke 22:19-30" by Dave Havar.
13. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 16 pages.

## Prayer updates

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

**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 115.

**Ronnie Shirley** is scheduled for an MRI on April 8. After that, there may be some talk about scheduling surgery for his cancer.

**Becky Bonilla** reports that her husband **Dave's** kidneys are slightly improved.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that a scheduled prostate surgery for **Bruce Graham** was postponed. After having been within 10 hours of the scheduled surgery, a future surgery may not occur until May.

In the July 13, 2019, bulletin, we mentioned that **Tim Lindholm** of Minneapolis, Minn., had a procedure to check for an infection in the stents in his liver, and a surgeon was able to pull out the old stents and place new ones in the same ducts. On Monday, a doctor put in some new stents. Mr. Lindholm texted **Dave Havir**: "Going in for new stents today. [Unfortunately] the time between stents keeps getting shorter. Appreciate your prayers." Mr. Havir called **Hope Lindholm** for some details. She explained that the doctor expected the period between stents to be 12 weeks. Mr. Lindholm had been going six weeks between stents. This present time frame had come down to three and a half weeks between stents. After the procedure, Mr. Lindholm reported: "The procedure went well, but they think the cancer is growing." The family is reviewing options. They appreciate your prayers.

## New prayer requests

**Reg Killingley** has been diagnosed with skin cancer.

**Pistol Cox** of Kilgore has been diagnosed with coronavirus.

**Jenny Franklin** of Calera, Ala., died on March 30. (Mrs. Franklin and many family members have been pillars at our Feast site in Destin, Fla.) Please remember her husband, **Bobbie**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Scriptures to consider

**Matthew 27:46**—"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'"

**1 Corinthians 5:7**—"For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."

## Luke 22:19–30

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 April 4, 2020.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—On April 7, 2020, many people among the Church of God will be commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord on a date representing the night that He was betrayed.

Many will be using symbols that the Son of God instituted in the New Testament. Those symbols are:

- Foot-washing
- Broken bread
- Small portion of wine

In this article, we will consider Luke 22:19-30 to see the value of the three symbols.

### Broken bread

The Son of God mentioned the broken bread.

**Luke 22:19**—“And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’”

The apostle Paul reiterated this comment in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24.

### Cup of wine

The Son of God mentioned a taste of wine.

**Luke 22:20**—“Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.’”

Paul reiterated this comment in 1 Corinthians 11:25.

### Washing feet

Bible students are aware that the Son of God also set an example of washing feet on the night that He was betrayed (John 13:1-17).

I recommend that Bible students continue reading in Luke 22 to see the immense value of the specific foot-washing tradition and the general overall attitude of Christ’s example.

**Luke 22:21-23**—“But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. And

truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!’ Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.”

**Luke 22:24**—“Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.”

**Luke 22:25-27**—“And He said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called “benefactors.” But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.’”

**Luke 22:28-30**—“But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

### Until He comes

Disciples of Jesus Christ are very happy to acknowledge and to appreciate the importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

However, those same disciples understand the importance of first remembering His suffering and His death—before He was raised from the dead.

**Acts 2:23-24**—“Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”

**1 Corinthians 11:26**—“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.”

Disciples remember the suffering and death with the New Testament symbols that Jesus taught on the night that He was betrayed.