

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 9, 2020 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:44

No audience activities in the hall today

Cancellation of audience activities in the church hall—Although the Church of God Big Sandy has not cancelled our church services in the church building, we continue to follow the recommendation of limiting the size of audiences in the building to 10 people. This restriction is an effort to help stem the spreading of the recent coronavirus.

Welcome to our guests

Members of the Church of God Big Sandy welcome all guests to the live transmissions (on our website and on our Facebook page) as we worship on the first day of Unleavened Bread. Here is the schedule of Internet presentations for today.

- 2:00 p.m Bible study by Dave Havir
- 3:00 Church service with Reg Killingley speaking

Order of service

Song leader	Neil McIver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Offertory	Piano solo
Sermon	Reg Killingley

Quick takes

1. 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

2. Commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord—We hope that all of you had a meaningful and inspiring commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord in your homes on Tuesday night.
3. Thank you—We thank the 10 people who served in the church building on Tuesday night to provide the live transmission of the commemoration of the suffering and death of our Savior.
4. Remembering Christ's death yesterday—Dave Havir hopes that many of you were able to remember Christ's death yesterday at 3:00 p.m. (based upon noting the night of His betrayal on Tuesday night).
5. Remembering the time of Christ's resurrection—Dave Havir 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
6. 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 by Dave Havir
 - 3:00—Sermon by Stan West
7. 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.
8. 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

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**.

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. He is in Room 115. Following are excerpts from **Karen Dean** about her father: "He is not doing well. He's different than he was two weeks ago. I got to talk with him [recently] and his speech is very slurred and he is disoriented. He can no longer get out of bed by himself, get himself dressed or go to the bathroom by himself. I can't do anything about it because we can't go there. Please continue to pray for him."

Elaine Holloway continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Glade-water. She is in Room 109.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Ronnie Shirley** was scheduled for an MRI on April 8. (It was scheduled for Good Shephard in Longview.) As it turned out, Mr. Shirley was admitted to Longview Regional Hospital with a diagnosis of low blood pressure and possible kidney troubles. He knew that he was expected to stay in the hospital for one night, but he did not know if the doctors had an extended stay in mind.

In the March 21 bulletin, we mentioned that **Lisa Grady** of Apopka, Fla. (daughter of **Annette Payne**) was recently diagnosed with a suspicious spot and was scheduled for a biopsy on April 1. She has now been diagnosed with lung cancer.

New prayer requests

Josh Johns of Vail, Colo. (son of **Jim** and **Sue Johns**), was starting a new job as a nurse in a nursing home and was shadowing a female nurse when she was became sick with the coronavirus. Mr. Johns is waiting to be tested. He is sharing an apartment with his brother **Jimmy**.

Joan Mauck of Gardnerville, Nev., recently fell and broke her left shoulder and wrist.

Molly Antion of Pasadena, Calif., suffered a stroke.

Jeanette Dean of Canberra, Australia, died on March 22. Please remember her husband, **Bruce**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Cary and **Bernice Heuer** of Lowell, Ind., request prayers of comfort for the family. Mr. Heuer's father, **Joseph C. Heuer**, died on March 29, and his step-mother, **Donna Keller Heuer**, died on April 3. Mrs. Heuer wrote: "Since we don't have a local church, you are our church."

Original lesson about leaven

- Exodus 12:11—you shall eat it in haste
- Exodus 12:34—they took their dough before it was leavened
- Exodus 12:39—it was not leavened because they could not wait
- Deuteronomy 16:3—they came out of Egypt in haste

Christ—contrasting metaphors about leaven

- Matthew 13:33—parable with leaven as a good thing
- Matthew 16:6-12—metaphor with leaven as a bad thing

Paul's lesson about leaven

- 1 Corinthians 5:1-8—metaphor of leaven as sin
- Galatians 5:1-9—metaphor of leaven as sin

Saved by grace

Before the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, we focus upon God's grace.

- Ephesians 2:8-9—saved by grace
- Titus 3:4-7—justified by His grace

Reaction to grace

After the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ (as we observe the Days of Unleavened Bread), we focus upon our Father's expectations of us.

- Ephesians 2:10—since saved, good works
- Titus 3:8—since justified, good works
- Romans 6:1-2—since saved by grace, should we sin?
- Matthew 5:14-16—good works to glorify Father
- Matthew 19:17-19—keep the Commandments
- Matthew 22:36-40—two great Commandments

Scriptures about three days and three nights

John 2:18-22—So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

Matthew 12:39-40—But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

Luke 23:54—That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath [John 19:31, an annual sabbath on Thursday] drew near.

John 19:31—Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

Luke 23:56—Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the [weekly] Sabbath according to the commandment.

Matthew 27:62-64—On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.”