

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 18, 2020 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:50

### Internet presentations

Here is the schedule of Internet presentations for today.

- 2:00 p.m . . . . . Bible study by Ken Tate
- 3:00 . . . . . Church service with Ken Tate speaking

### Order of service

- Song leader** . . . . . Neil McIver
- Pianist** . . . . . Dixon Cartwright
- Scripture reading** . . . . . Luke 24:1–12
- Sermon** . . . . . Ken Tate

### Quick takes

1. Ten-person limit—The congregation continues to follow the 10-person restriction in the building today and until further notice. (We look forward to the time when we can worship together again.)
2. Guest speaker today—We are pleased to announce that Ken Tate is scheduled to visit our congregation today. (His wife, Janice, did not accompany him on this trip.) Mr. Tate explained that this time of the year is good time to come, because the busiest part of his work on the farm has not started yet. Mr. Tate is scheduled to give two Internet presentations today.
3. 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.
4. 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

5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "All Men Are Created Equal; All Ideologies Are Not" by Ian Haworth.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Your Father Expects You to Talk to Him" by Dave Havar.
7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 24 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.

**Laura Moran** reports that she has trouble with her right foot. One factor slowing down the improvement is a small growth on the sole of her right foot.

In the March 28 bulletin we mentioned that **Bruce Graham's** scheduled prostate surgery for March 26 was postponed the previous day. The surgery is now scheduled for April 29.

**Dixon** and **Linda Cartwright** continue to deal with the aftermath of the destruction of their home on April 12. (As was mentioned in the April 15 bulletin, Mrs. Cartwright had moved from two target areas of the trees "mere moments" before the trees caused the damage. Not only did the event come seconds after Mrs. Cartwright moved away, but the distance of the crash that barely missed her was three feet.) They thank everyone for the prayers and the acts of kindness that have already occurred in the massive projects (the cleanup and relocation of salvageable items).

In the April 9 bulletin we mentioned that **Molly Antion** of Pasadena, Calif., suffered a stroke. She died on April 11. Please remember her husband, **David**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

The family of **Tina Elliott** of Independence, Mo., reports that her ovarian cancer has returned.

**Evie Berry** of Tulsa, Okla., had surgery this week to address twisted-bowel syndrome.

**Chelsea Andrews** of Tulsa, Okla., went to a hospital due to "dangerously high blood pressure."

**Frank Brown** of England has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

**Leslie Carlson** of Florida suffered a massive stroke on April 8 and died without ever regaining consciousness. Please remember her family in your prayers.

## Saved by grace

Before the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, we focused 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 observed the Days of Unleavened Bread), we focused upon our Father's expectations of us.

- Ephesians 2:10—since saved, good works
- Titus 3:8—since justified, good works
- Exodus 20:1-17—since delivered, Ten Commandments
- Matthew 19:17-19—keep the Commandments
- Matthew 19:20-21—give to the poor
- Matthew 22:36-40—two great Commandments
- Romans 6:1-2—since saved by grace, should we sin?
- Romans 6:3—baptized into Christ's death
- Romans 6:4-5—likeness of His death and of His resurrection
- Romans 12:1—become a living sacrifice
- Romans 12:2—transformed by the renewing of the mind
- Romans 12:9-21—many positive characteristics
- 1 Corinthians 10:5-11—five sins in the wilderness
- Galatians 5:19-21—avoid works of the flesh
- Galatians 5:22-23—reflect fruit of the Spirit
- Colossians 3:1-2—seek those things that are above
- James 1:26—bridle the tongue
- James 1:27—visit the fatherless and widow
- Matthew 5:14-16—good works to glorify the Father
- 1 Peter 2:11-12—good works to glorify God

## Three biblical definitions of sin

- 1 John 3:4—based on the law
- James 4:17—based on what we know
- Romans 14:23—based on faith

## Three reasons why we obey

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| ■ To avoid consequences       | Ezekiel 33:10-11 |
| ■ To receive recompense later | Luke 14:12-14    |
| ■ To glorify our Father       | Matthew 5:14-16  |

## Your Father Expects You to Talk to Him

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, [churchofgodbigandy.com](http://churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of April 18, 2020.

By **Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I have been talking to my friends about our Heavenly Father’s expectations for us—because He is a God of mercy.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread (Thursday, April 9) I gave a Bible study titled “What Are the Father’s Expectations?” The purpose of the presentation was twofold.

■ I wanted to remind friends that a God of grace has expectations for His children.

■ I wanted to remind friends that the Bible contains many, many examples of the Father’s expectations.

On the seventh day of Unleavened Bread (Wednesday, April 15) I gave a Bible study titled “The God of Grace Wants You to Talk to Him.” The purpose of the presentation was twofold.

■ The God of grace wants us to talk to Him about our needs.

■ The God of grace wants us to talk to Him about the needs of other people.

### Christ taught about prayer

Have you ever focused upon how the Son of God taught His disciples how to pray? Let’s look at two parables in the book of Luke and notice how the instructions match my two points listed above.

■ The parable in Luke 18:1-8 shows that we should be persistent in talking to God about our needs.

■ The parable in Luke 11:5-8 shows that we should be persistent in talking to God about the needs of other people.

### Our needs

It is my perspective that the best example about a person praying for his needs is the example of the Gethesame prayer by the Son of God.

Notice the description of tremendous stress and the openness in His words.

**Matthew 26:37-39, 42**—“And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply

distressed. Then He said to them, ‘My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.’ He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will’ . . . Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.’”

### Needs of others

There are many good examples about people praying for the needs of other people. Notice a few.

■ Genesis 18:23-33—Abraham negotiated with God.

■ Exodus 32:10-14—Moses pleaded with God to reconsider God’s words. (Some people believe that this example shows that Moses had more self-discipline than God. I believe that God was angry but said words to Moses to see if Moses would react with pride or with love.)

■ Luke 15:11-32—Although the example of the father in the prodigal son does not mention the father praying, I believe that the actions of the father reveal a heart that included prayer for both of his sons.

Notice the father’s reaction before his son spoke words to him.

**Luke 15:20**—“And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.”

It is true that the father brought out the best robe, the ring for the hand and the fatted calf for the son after the father heard the son’s apology and remorse (verses 21-24). But the loving father in the parable showed compassion before he saw the son’s remorse.

It is my perspective that this man prayed earnestly for his family. He probably prayed for his friends, coworkers and neighbors. I suspect that this man even prayed for his enemies.