

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 25, 2020 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:55

### Internet presentations

Here is the schedule of Internet presentations for today.

- 2:00 p.m. . . . . Bible study by Wynn Skelton
- 3:00 . . . . . Church service with Ron Avey speaking

### Order of service

**Song leader** . . . . . Neil McIver  
**Pianist** . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
**Scripture reading** . . . . . Luke 24:13–27  
**Sermon** . . . . . Ron Avey

### 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 be worshipping together again.)
2. Prayers for the elderly isolated in nursing homes—Members of the Church of God Big Sandy are praying for the elderly in nursing homes who are isolated from their family. This has been an extremely difficult time for many of them.
3. Prayers for first responders and health-care workers—Members of the Church of God Big Sandy are praying for the first responders and health-care workers who are spending much time seeking to help others who are sick.
4. 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.
5. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Analyzing the Cost and Benefits of Coronavirus Solutions” by Walter Williams.
6. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Father’s Expectations—Galatians 5:19-23” by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 28 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.

Please remember **Laura Moran**, who has been dealing with a foot infection.

**Ronnie Shirley** is scheduled to travel to Dallas on Wednesday to meet with a surgeon to discuss a potential surgery to deal with his cancer.

**Bruce Graham** remains scheduled for prostate surgery on Wednesday. (This past week doctors had been treating him for a bladder infection.)

**Dixon** and **Linda Cartwright** report that their insurance company has been working favorably with them in assessing the destruction of their home as a “total” loss. (While it is unfortunate that the trees destroyed the home, it is appropriate that the insurance company recognized the reality of the situation.) The Cartwrights thank everyone for the prayers and the acts of kindness shown toward them.

## New prayer requests

**Annette Payne** requests prayers for her husband, **Boyd Payne**. As you might remember, Mr. Payne has been dealing with increased dementia. Three developments have recently occurred. First—12 days ago, Mr. Payne was moved to an assisted-living facility in Gladewater (near his son), while Mrs. Payne remains with her children northeast of Gilmer. (The location of the place is Sentinel Gardens Assisted Living at 300 Money St.) Second—six days ago, Mr. Boyd was sent to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview due to high blood pressure. While in the hospital, it was noticed that he couldn’t move his right shoulder. Third—the family expects Mr. Boyd to spend some time in rehab before returning to assisted living.

**Shakyra Johnson** of Lindale has been dealing with serious health matters. **Veronica Miles** requests prayers for Shakyra, **Montrail** and the children. Last Saturday, Shakyra (age 23) was in the hospital diagnosed with pneumonia. On Saturday, Mrs. Miles reported: “Her heart is at 10 percent. They have her sedated until her heart gets stronger.” On Tuesday, Mrs. Miles reported: “She came out of sedation. She no longer has the ventilator.” On Wednesday, Mrs. Miles reported: “Shakyra is on a medicine called c-red. This is a procedure before a possible heart transplant.” On Friday, Mrs. Miles reported: “They are doing a heart catheterization today at noon. We are at our last result before a heart transplant.” The doctor has discussed the possibility of placing Mrs. Johnson’s name on a waiting list for a heart transplant.

**Bernard** and **Gayle Sparks** of Pasadena, Calif., request prayers for their son-in-law **George** (also of Pasadena), who has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

**Larry Whiteley** of Tulsa, Okla., suffered a heart attack on Monday.

**Arleen Salmon** of Hunters, Wash., recently discovered a growth in her abdomen. A biopsy determined that it is cancer.

**Woodie** and **Cheryl McDuffie** of Westwego, La., have been diagnosed with coronavirus.

**Donna Grieves** of Medicine Hat, Alta., Canada, was diagnosed with a cyst (the size of a grapefruit) on her right ovary. She is awaiting the results of a biopsy.

**Peggy Billingsley** of Valley Springs, Calif., died on March 18. Please remember her husband, **Don**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Edward Kleier** of Pasadena, Calif., died on April 17. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Gwen La Ravia** of Tucson, Ariz., died on April 19. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Barbara Hogberg** of Sachse died on April 21. Please remember her husband, **Gene**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Humberto Mojica** of Pembroke Pines, Fla., died on April 24. Please remember his wife, **Melinda**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Eye on the world

■ A letter to the editor by Marjorie Strohsail titled "Let's Put a Candle in the Window to Honor Medical Professionals and First Responders" was posted at tapinto.net on March 31, 2020.

■ An article by Fionna Harvey titled "Coronavirus Pandemic 'Will Cause Famine of Biblical Proportions'" was posted at theguardian.com on April 21, 2020.

■ An article by Aniruddha Ghosal titled "India Plans Wristband Patient Surveillance As Lockdown Eases" was posted at abcnews.com on April 22, 2020.

■ An article by Shawn Tully titled "Who Will Pay for the Coronavirus Bailout? If You're Under 50 and Working, You Will" was posted at fortune.com on April 20, 2020.

■ An article by Chris Edwards titled "Will Government Try Inflation to Combat Corona's Potential \$6 Trillion Debt Addition?" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 21, 2020.

■ An article by Catherine Ngai, Olivia Raimonde and Alex Longley titled "Oil Plunges Below Zero for First Time in Unprecedented Wipeout" was posted at bloomberg.com on April 20, 2020.

■ An article by Dennis Prager titled "If Half the Country's Deaths Were in Montana, Would New York Shut Down?" was posted at townhall.com on April 21, 2020.

## Father's Expectations—Galatians 5:19–23

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 25, 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.

Let’s notice a few of those expectations in Galatians 5:19-23.

### Works of the flesh

When the apostle Paul wrote his letter to the brethren in Galatia, he listed some characteristics that he described as “works of the flesh” in Galatians 5:19-21.

These would be characteristics to avoid or to remove from your life. They were as follows.

- Adultery
- Fornication
- Uncleaness
- Lewdness
- Idolatry
- Sorcery
- Hatred
- Contentions
- Jealousies
- Outbursts of wrath
- Selfish ambitions
- Dissensions
- Heresies
- Envy
- Murders
- Drunkenness
- Revelries

### Fruit of the Spirit

When the apostle Paul wrote his letter to the brethren in Galatia, he listed some characteristics that he described as “fruit of the

Spirit” in Galatians 5:22-23.

These would be characteristics to seek or to maintain in your life. They were as follows.

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Long-suffering
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-control

### Walk in the Spirit

Before Paul wrote the two lists in his letter, he mentioned some comments that are now listed as verses 16-17.

*Galatians 5:16-17*—“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.”

After Paul wrote the two lists in his letter, he added some comments that are now listed as verses 24-25.

*Galatians 5:24-25*—“And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

### Personal struggle

In Paul’s letter to the brethren in Rome he described the personal struggle of believers.

*Romans 7:15-19*—“For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.”