

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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May 9, 2020 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:05

### Internet presentations

Here is the schedule of Internet presentations for today.

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

### Order of service

- Song leader** . . . . . Ron Avey
- Pianist** . . . . . Dixon Cartwright
- Scripture reading** . . . . . Acts 1:1–14
- Sermon** . . . . . Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Welcome to our guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Bruce Benedict (son of Eli Benedict) as a guest speaker today. Mr. Benedict is scheduled to give the Bible study at 2:00 p.m.
2. Upcoming guest speakers—The congregation is happy to announce that various guest speakers are scheduled to visit us. They include the following.
  - Today                      Bruce Benedict
  - May 16                     Wynn Skelton
  - May 30                     Ramon Coleman
  - May 31, Pentecost      Ramon Coleman
  - June 6                     Bill Crow
  - June 20                    Scott Hoefker
3. Supporting your freedom of choice—We understand that some of you may choose to delay coming to the building for church at this time, and we certainly support your freedom of choice.
  - Consider if you are in the high-risk population
  - Consider how you are feeling

4. Reminders for attending—Here are some reminders for people who choose to attend the church service in the building.
  - We do not provide masks or gloves. If those are important to you, please bring your own.
  - We expect attendees to make good use of our spacious hall by spreading out.
5. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Responding Like Yesteryear’s Americans?” by Walter Williams.
6. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Father’s Expectations—1 Corinthians 10:6-11” by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 23 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**.

**Eli Benedict** reports that the problem with urination has improved. But he periodically deals with the passing of blood. (**Dave Havir** hopes that Mr. Benedict is able to attend the church service in the building, because Mr. Havir had previously asked **Bruce Benedict** to speak today as a blessing to his father, as well as a blessing to the congregation.)

**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.

On Thursday, **Boyd Payne** was sent to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. After 14 days, he is scheduled to be assigned a room. (He does not have the coronavirus.)

**Laura Moran** had a good week and thanks you for your prayers.

In the April 4 bulletin, we mentioned that **Reg Killingley** was diagnosed with skin cancer. On Thursday, he had surgery to remove a “basal-cell carcinoma.” He thanks you for your prayers.

On Thursday, **Ronnie Shirley** saw his local cancer doctor. The plan is for Mr. Shirley to begin daily chemotherapy and radiation. However, the start date has not yet been established.

**Bruce Graham** mentioned that he had a good week. He also reports that the biopsy of tissue of his prostate and bladder came back negative. He thanks you for your prayers.

**Montrail** and **Shakyra Johnson** of Lindale thank you for your prayers as she has been dealing with her heart challenges.

## New prayer requests

**Marie Hirschler** of Council Bluffs, Iowa (widow of **Vince Hirschler**), received biopsy results. Following are excerpts from an update: "It was not what I was hoping for. Both the nodule on the thyroid and the lump are malignant papillary thyroid carcinoma. Though this feels a bit surreal, I have had relative peace. The doctor was quick to recommend surgery for the removal of the thyroid and the tumor in the neck. I have not decided to go that route. I ask for continued prayers."

**Doris Cole** of Happy Camp, Ore., has been dealing with eye problems. Following are excerpts of a report from Mrs. Cole: "Last week I began losing my eyesight for about 15 to 20 minutes at a time. This was happening several times a day. After going to my eye doctor and primary-care doctor, I have been diagnosed with giant-cell arteritis, also known as temporal arteritis. It causes an inflammation of the large blood vessels and temporal artery. If left untreated it can lead to permanent blindness or aneurysm. My inflammation-test results went from level 2 last Friday to level 9 yesterday. My doctor called early this morning with the result and said I needed to start treatment immediately. The only treatment is large doses of steroids, which I started today. I will see a rheumatologist on Monday and they will probably do further testing."

**Ernest Herzogenrath** of Dormagen, Germany, has been diagnosed with cancer in his right upper jawbone. Following are excerpts from an update: "Doctors are recommending that this portion of the bone along with two teeth in the front area have to be completely removed. The exposed area will be covered with a skin transplant from the forearm. In addition, the lymph nodes on the right side will be removed and a tracheostomy will be necessary for the operation to be performed." The operation is scheduled for May 18 and will take about seven hours.

**Relpha T. Sablas**, who is a nurse at the National Health Service hospital in London, England, has been adversely affected by coronavirus due to the high incidence in her work area.

**Manfred Meier** of Moosdorf, Austria, died on May 2. Please remember his wife, **Ursula**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Eye on the world

■ An article by Erin Blakemore titled "Why Germany Surrendered Twice in World War II" was posted at [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com) on May 6, 2020.

■ Looking back to February, an article by Robert Farley titled "Was There Any Way at All That Nazi Germany Could Have Beaten Soviet Russia?" was posted at [nationalinterest.org](http://nationalinterest.org) on Feb. 12, 2020.

■ An article by Connor Perrett titled "A City in India Is Ordering All of Its Residents to Download the Government's Controversial COVID-19 Contact Tracing App or Face Jail Time" was posted at [businessinsider.com](http://businessinsider.com) on May 6, 2020.

■ An article by Audrey McNamara titled "All Roads Into Gallup, New Mexico, Are Closed Over 'Uninhibited' COVID-19 Spread" was posted at [cbsnews.com](http://cbsnews.com) on May 2, 2020.

## Father's Expectations—1 Corinthians 10:6-11

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 May 9, 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 by looking at 1 Corinthians 10:6-11.

Although the text describes five characteristics that the apostle Paul discouraged, we can also recognize five characteristics that Paul recommends.

### Be content

Paul mentioned that the Israelites lusted after evil things. Many Bible students believe that he was referring to Numbers 11:4-6.

Paul taught disciples in Philippi to be content. See Philippians 4:11-13.

### Avoid idolatry

Paul mentioned that the Israelites were idolaters. He directly referred to Exodus 32:6.

What is noteworthy to me is how Aaron sought to justify his involvement by blaming the people and reporting the occurrence of a supernatural event.

*Exodus 32:22-24*—“So Aaron said, ‘Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. For they said to me, “Make us gods that shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” And I said to them, “Whoever has any gold, let them break it off.” So they gave it to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out.’”

Paul recognized and complimented disciples in Thessalonica for turning from idols to serve the living God. See 1 Thessalonians 1:9.

### Avoid sexual immorality

Paul mentioned that the Israelites committed sexual immorality. He directly referred to Numbers 25:1-9.

Paul taught the disciples in Corinth to avoid sexual immorality. See 1 Corinthians 6:15-20.

### Trust the Lord

Paul mentioned that Israelites “tempted Christ.” What does that even mean?

Here are how some other translations word the phrase “tempted Christ.”

■ Moffatt translation—Not presume upon the Lord

■ New American Standard Bible—Not try the Lord

■ Revised Standard Version—Not put the Lord to the test

■ The New Testament in the Language of Today—Not go too far in testing the Lord’s patience

Paul directly referred to Numbers 21:5-6.

Instead of mentioning one of Paul’s instructions here, I want to remind you about one of the three temptations of the Son of God. See Matthew 4:6-7.

### Recognize your blessings

Paul mentioned that the Israelites complained against God. He directly referred to Numbers 14:2-37.

Paul taught disciples in Philippi to recognize their blessings and to focus on the positive. See Philippians 4:8.

### Written for us

*1 Corinthians 10:11*—“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”