

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 5, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:41

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havir
(also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading 1 Corinthians 11:17–34

Sermon Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Memorial of the Suffering and Death of Our Lord—The congregation will be hosting the yearly memorial of the suffering and death of the Son of God next Friday night.
 - The service begins at 7:30 p.m.
 - As has been our practice for 30 years, the symbols will be presented after sundown.
 - Christ, our Passover—1 Corinthians 5:7
 - “Night He was betrayed”—1 Corinthians 11:23
 - Foot-washing—John 13:1-17
 - Foot-washing pans are provided—please bring a towel
 - Broken bread and wine—1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 - Our service will also have Scripture reading and music.
 - Live transmission
2. Spring Feast days—A schedule for the rest of the Spring Feast days is listed on page 3 in this bulletin.

3. Dominoes postponed tomorrow—Since many people are busy before the Spring Feast days, there will not be a session of dominoes tomorrow.
4. Wednesday-night Bible study—April 9 at 7:00
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "2 Timothy 2:19—Part 2" by Dave Havir.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Luke 22:19-30" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—Not completed before bulletin deadline.

Prayer updates

Linda Avey is scheduled to meet with a neurologist on April 24.

Shirley West still deals with a lack of energy. She often goes to breakfast and then to a Bible study at the facility, but that generally wears her out.

Rose Ann Terhorst reported on Monday that she was in the hospital waiting on a culture medical personnel took from her leg. She was able to go home on Tuesday. She still doesn't know if the medics will continue with a plan to have her hip-replacement surgery on April 21.

On Monday, **Bea Gusner** reported that she was in the ER in Kernersville medical center in North Carolina. At that time, she said: I would appreciate prayers for the diuretic IV to alleviate the fluid causing my breathing issues and problems with the edema." On Friday, she reported that she was released on Thursday after having three sessions of lasik diuretic. She added that her left leg (which is normally swollen) remained such, but that her right leg was also swollen. And she appreciates your prayers for her breathing to improve.

Terry McAdams reports that he is working on his physical therapy and is getting better day by day.

New prayer requests

A tornado passed through Owasso, Okla., and caused some damage to some homes of brethren in that area.

Charlene Seachord of Plano (age 78) suffered a major stroke. She also mentioned that doctors were installing a gastric port for feeding her husband, **Steve** (who is 80, bedridden and unable to walk).

The family of **Nate Berg** of Keller requests prayers. His wife, **Cherine**, wrote: "He is having two upcoming surgeries on his right foot (charcot foot condition). The first surgery will take place on Friday, April 4, and the second surgery will take place in early May. Please also pray that a quality skilled-care facility can be located for Nate. He will be staying at this facility after each of the surgeries for three to four weeks each time."

Tom Fletcher of Waterford, Mich., has been diagnosed with stage-4 pancreatic cancer.

Carolynn deJaynes of Big Sandy suffers with stage-4 liver failure.

Joanne Koeneke of Big Sandy continues to deal with weakness caused by fibromyalgia.

Mike Sanders of Big Sandy is scheduled for neck surgery in Houston on April 30.

The family of **Darlene Kovacs** (of Tyler) reports that her care protocol has been shifted from home health care to hospice-type care.

Ron Crank of Kansas City is being treated in a facility for his “long-term collapsed esophagus.”

Spring Feast days

1. Memorial on Friday evening—April 11, at 7:30.
 - Memorial of the suffering and death of our Lord
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 - “Night He was betrayed”—1 Corinthians 11:23
 - Foot-washing—John 13:1-17
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 - Broken bread and wine—1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 - Live transmission
2. Remembering the time of Christ’s death—Saturday, April 12, at 3:00 p.m.
 - Since this falls on a Saturday this year, we get to be together.
3. Traditional meal on Saturday evening—April 12
 - Traditional meal—depicting deliverance from Egypt
 - Remember the Old Testament history—gathering in homes.
 - The pastor recommends cozy gatherings in homes.
 - The building will be available for a cozy gathering.
 - Old Testament history and spiritual applications
4. First day of Unleavened Bread—Sunday, April 13
5. Remember the timing of Christ’s resurrection—three days and three nights later.
6. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—Saturday, April 19

Thought for the week

“Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”—1 Corinthians 5:7

“Luke 22:19–30”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of April 5, 2025. It was previously posted on April 4, 2020.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—On April 11, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. 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.