

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

BigSandyChurch.org

Feb. 21, 2009 • Sunset 6:09

Service next Sabbath: 1:00 p.m.

### Order of service

Song leader	David Havir III
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	Rick Frazee
Teen class—Classroom #1	David Havir III
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Leslie Harroff
Interactive Bible study	Bernie Monsalvo
Second sermon	Rick Frazee

### Quick takes

1. Thank you from the Edelbach family—The Edelbach family wishes to thank all of you who attended the fund-raiser event for Melvin Edelbach last Saturday evening (and to those who did not attend the event but made donations). It appears that approximately \$6,100 was collected from East Texas. The family intends to use the money to help make the house wheelchair-ready for Mr. Edelbach. As Jeanine Case wrote: "My parents and us girls are overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone. I have shed tears of gratitude, as has my dad. Dad is way more used to giving than receiving. It is very hard for him to accept this help. Again, thank you and may God bless all of you for your help and for your prayers. With love, the Case and Edelbach families."
2. Guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Rick and Paula Frazee from the Kansas City area. Mr. Frazee will give both sermons today, and Mrs. Frazee will give a seminar at 3:15.
3. Seminar today—Paula Frazee is scheduled to give a seminar today at 3:15 p.m. The topic of her seminar is "The Ultimate Nag." The subject of the seminar is about "listening and responding to the Holy Spirit."
4. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Jackson, Miss. (Before traveling to Jackson, Mr. Havir went to Alabama to conduct some premarital counseling.)

5. Community event tonight—Our congregation will again provide our building for the annual variety show of the Big Sandy Museum Association tonight at 7:00.
6. Pinewood Derby—The local scout pack will host its annual Pinewood Derby in the building on Monday, Feb. 23. Guests are welcome.
7. Movie night—There is a movie night on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 6:30. The title of the movie is *Fireproof*. (This movie was produced by the same people who produced *Facing the Giants*, which we showed in the building on Saturday, Nov. 15.) *Fireproof* is about a heroic fire captain who valued his public service at the expense of his marriage. Ultimately, the healing power of faith strengthened his marriage. The movie is rated PG, probably due to some scenes dealing with firefighters.
8. Camping on March 7—Several families are planning to camp on the church property on the evening of Saturday, March 7. If you would like to join the fun, please see Penny Harris.
9. Women's Conference—The Women's Conference will be the weekend of March 14-15.
10. Thank you from Martha McIver—Martha McIver reports that she received plenty of cans for her project for the upcoming Women's Conference. She doesn't need any more. She appreciates your help.
11. Penny Harris requests your help—Penny Harris will be coordinating a "white-elephant bingo game" to take place at the Women's Conference. She is looking for items to provide as gifts. Items can be old, new, pretty, ugly and even outrageous. Everything is welcome. This is a great opportunity to "regift" that gift that you could never quite find a use for.

## Health updates

Here are excerpts from **Jeanine Case** about her father, **Melvin Edelbach** of Kellogg, Minn. (also the brother of **Loren Edelbach**): "Because of the generosity of our friends in East Texas, my family will use the money from the fund-raiser to help make the house wheelchair-accessible. A wheelchair-accessible bathroom and bedroom need to be built. This means some walls will come down and some new ones will be built. We also need to build a ramp and continue to pay some bills . . . Dad's congregation in Minnesota is planning a fund-raiser to be held on March 21. Please pray for its success. Again, thank you for your prayers."

## Prayer requests

**Robert Davis** of Batavia, Ohio, underwent triple-bypass surgery several weeks ago, but his recovery is not progressing well. He returned to the hospital in critical condition, with his heart extremely feeble and his body very weak.

**Merrill Singh** of Chicago died on Wednesday, Feb. 11. Please remember his family in your prayers.

## Synopsis of Feb. 17 board meeting

Summation by Melodee Overton, secretary:

The Church of God Big Sandy board meeting was called to order by President Bernie Monsalvo. All board members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved (except for the correction of the spelling of a few names). Treasurer Don Mischnick gave an overview of the 2008 financial report. No reports were given for standing committees. Mr. Mischnick then offered the proposed budget that was assembled by the Budget Committee a few weeks earlier. The proposed budget was 10 percent less than the budget from last year's proposed budget. The overall income for 2008 was down about 13 percent. Neil McIver moved to accept the proposed budget. Jim Wilkins seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Melodee Overton made a motion to appoint Carol Bald as charter-organizing representative for Pack 393 and Troop 393 and the Church of God Big Sandy. This was seconded by Ron Avey. This motion passed unanimously. Don Mischnick made a motion nominating Mrs. Overton as election chairman for the 2009 church election. This was seconded by J. L. Roden. The motion passed with six votes for and one abstention.

The matter of Feast sites and contracts was then discussed. Dave Havir and Neil McIver have been working on a Colorado Springs site. The final contract terms were acceptable, and it sounds like a great site. The board encouraged Mr. Havir to consider the feasibility of adding one more Feast site to bring the total up to five. The four are Big Sandy, Texas; Destin, Fla.; Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and Colorado Springs, Colo.

We finished the evening with the pastor's report by Dave Havir. He mentioned eight items: (1) He has received good reports about the men representing our congregation when they go out to speak. (2) The speaker exchange with the Tyler Church of God is going well. (3) He has received good reports concerning the guest speakers who are coming in to speak. (4) We are still hosting community events such as the Big Sandy Museum Association's variety show and the Chamber of Commerce function. (5) Nathan Kimmons comes home March 1 and is scheduled to be here March 7 to speak about Legacy Institute. (6) We want to support Nathan to return next year to Thailand to continue to help Legacy Institute. (7) Mr. Havir has heard favorable comments about the Women's Conference, and he reported that the guest speakers who will be in this area during that event are Dennis Benson and Dennis Moulard. (8) He gave a short review about the possible five Feast sites discussed earlier.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43.

## Bible study on Feb. 18

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, Dave Havir gave a Bible study titled "Matthew 24:15—Part 3 of 3." This particular study focused on two theories about the end-time fulfillment of Matthew 24:15.

■ **Theory #1—The abomination of desolation is a repeat of the physical history of Antiochus Epiphanes and of Titus.**

■ **Where was the holy place? Where was the temple?**

**Daniel 11:31**—“And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.”

**Luke 21:20-21**—“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.”

■ **What was the abomination? The armies approaching? The stopping of the sacrifices? Committing idolatry in the temple? All three of those scenarios?**

■ **If sacrifices have to be stopped, then the sacrifices must be occurring.**

■ **If sacrifices are occurring, then there must be a temple (or at least an altar).**

■ **If idolatry is established in a temple, then there must be a temple.**

■ **Theory #2—The abomination of desolation is a spiritual fulfillment of the physical history of Antiochus Epiphanes and of Titus.**

■ **Where is the holy place? Where is the temple?**

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17**—Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

■ **What are the armies?**

**Ephesians 6:12**—For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

■ **What are the daily sacrifices?**

**Romans 12:1-2**—I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

■ **What is the idolatry in the temple?**

**2 Corinthians 6:16**—And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”