

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 2, 2010 • 3:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:25

**Service next Sabbath: 1:00 p.m.**

### Welcome to our guests

The Church of God International, the Tyler Sabbath Fellowship and the Church of God Big Sandy welcome everyone to our combined church service today.

Here is the schedule on this Sabbath day. The seminars will be in the main hall.

- 1:00 p.m. Seminar—Dave Havir
- 1:30 Seminar—Gary Woodring
- 2:00 Seminar—Charles Groce
- 2:00 Kids' class in classroom #2—Leslie Harroff
- 2:00 Bridges class in Library—Carol Bald
- 2:00 Teen class in classroom #1—Dave Havir
- 3:00 Church service—sermon by Dennis Moulard
- 4:30 Potluck meal
- 6:00 Variety show

### Seminar topics today

#### *“A Roadblock Called Denial” by Dave Havir*

Have you ever wondered why other people can't see the obvious flaws about themselves? Is there any effective way to truly help them? Hey, wait a minute. Are people saying the same thing about me?

#### *“How Did Jesus Redeem the Elect From the Realm of Death?” by Gary Woodring*

Jesus our Messiah is called the Second Adam. What did Jesus do to fulfill the intent of God's heart?

#### *“People of Conscience” by Charles Groce*

The Bible describes the conscience through progressive terms—from an “evil” to a “good” conscience. Let's consider how your conscience guides you to do what is best, what is right and what is pleasing to God.

**Order of service**

- Song leader** . . . . . Jim Harding
- Pianist** . . . . . Dixon Cartwright
- Special music** . . . . . Summer Moulard
- Music presentation** . . . . . Tulsa choir
- Sermon** . . . . . Dennis Moulard

**Quick takes**

1. Guest speaker today—We welcome Dennis Moulard from Arizona. He will be giving the sermon today.
2. Guest singers today—We welcome Summer Moulard from Arizona and the choir from Tulsa, who will be singing various selections of special music today.
3. Potluck today—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service today. Everyone is invited to stay.
4. Variety show tonight—Participants in the variety show tonight should see Dave Havir before 5:00 p.m.
5. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Conspiracy Theories Are a Waste of Time” by Dennis Moulard.
6. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Root of Bitterness Clouds Good Judgment” by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week’s collection is by Jeanine Case

**Prayer updates**

**James Moran** had some more health challenges this week. On Sunday, he felt severe pain in his stomach. On Thursday, he went to the doctor for relief. (Also, he is scheduled to have a follow-up visit with his surgeon on Jan. 12.) Although **Laura** continues to make progress with her bronchitis and pneumonia, she appreciates your continued prayers.

**Larry Haines** is recovering from his surgery on Wednesday. The doctor removed a bone spur, took out an old plate from vertebrae 5, 6 and 7 and inserted a shorter new plate at vertebrae 4 and 5. He and **Judy** appreciate your prayers.

**Margaret Mitchell** of Tupelo, Miss., is scheduled for surgery (a hysterectomy) on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

**Roger Bryant** of Sulphur Springs had surgery at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler on Wednesday in which the doctor was able to remove cancer without removing the rectum. (The doctor had previously mentioned that if the stage-2 cancer had moved into his rectum the doctor would have removed the rectum during this surgery.) Roger and **Lyna Jane** thank all of you for your prayers and ask you to continue praying for a quick recovery.

**Drytha Little** of Valliant, Okla., reports that her hemorrhaging stopped. She is scheduled for more tests on Monday, Jan. 11.

### New prayer requests

**John Reid** of Bolivar, Mo., recently went to a hospital with a “mysterious” infection that settled in his hands, joints of his wrists and face. His hands had swollen to about twice their normal size. His hands and fingers were so weak that he could not feed himself. His face was swollen and flushed, which made speaking difficult. On Monday, he had surgery to try to drain the infected sites and to release the tremendous pressure. On Wednesday, culture tests revealed that he is dealing with “a massive class-A streptococcus infection.”

**Abby Hicks** of Muskogee, Okla., died on Thursday, Dec. 24 from cancer. Please remember her mother, **Mary**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

### Bible study on Dec. 23

On Wednesday, Dec. 23, Bernie Monsalvo gave a Bible study titled “Civil and Religious Rulers After the Return of Jesus Christ—Part 2.” In this particular study, he discussed the spiritual Israel of God before and immediately after the return of Jesus Christ.

### Bible study on Dec. 30

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, Bernie Monsalvo gave a Bible study titled “Civil and Religious Rulers After the Return of Jesus Christ—Part 3.” In this particular study, he discussed the first 50 years of the Millennium.

### “The Cowboy’s Perspective”

*A version of this story was sent to Dave Havir by his sister. Mr. Havir made some modifications to the story and submitted it to the bulletin for your amusement.*

A cowboy named Colt was overseeing his herd in a remote pasture in Texas when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, “If I tell you exactly how

many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?"

Colt looked at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looked at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answered, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parked his car, whipped out his Dell notebook computer, connected it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone and surfed to a NASA page on the Internet, where he called up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location, which he then fed to another NASA satellite that scanned the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opened the digital photo Adobe Photoshop and exported it to an image-processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he received an E-mail on his Palm Pilot that the image had been processed and the data stored.

He then accessed an MS-SQL database through an ODBC-connected Excel spreadsheet with E-mail on his Blackberry. After a few minutes, he received a response. He printed out a full-color, 150-page report on his high-tech miniaturized HP LaserJet printer.

Finally, he turned to the cowboy and said, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

Colt replied, "That's the right number of animals. Well, I guess you can take one of them."

Colt watched the young man select one of the animals and looked on with amusement as the young man stuffed it into the trunk of his car.

Then Colt said to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my animal?"

The young man thought about it for a second and then said, "Okay, why not?"

Without a moment's hesitation, Colt said, "You're a Congressman for the U.S. government."

"Wow! That's correct," said the yuppie. "But how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required," answered the cowboy.

Colt went on to explain: "You showed up here even though nobody called you. You want to get paid for an answer I already knew to a question I never asked. You used a million dollars' worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are. And you don't know a thing about how working people make a living. Why, you don't know much about cows, for that matter."

The young man responded, "How complicated is it to raise cows, anyway?"

Colt looked the man square in the eye and said: "Mister, I hate to be the one to have to tell you this, but this is a herd of sheep."

The young man started to feel a little embarrassed when Colt added one more comment: "Now, give me back my dog!"