

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 20, 2010 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:08

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

### Order of service

Song leader	.....	Ron Avey
Pianist	.....	Julie Wilkins
First sermon	.....	Neil Mclver
Teen class—Classroom #1	.....	Stan West
Bridges class—Library	.....	Penny Harris
Kids' class—Classroom #2	.....	Leslie Harroff
Interactive Bible study—Foyer	.....	Dave Havir
Second sermon	.....	Dave Havir

### Wedding invitation

Veronica Hildreth and Craig Miles invite you to their wedding in the building on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. Please let Jo Ann Hildreth know if you are planning to attend.

### Quick takes

1. Alaska cruise at the Feast—Plans are coming together for a cruise to Alaska during the 2010 Feast of Tabernacles. Details will be announced next week.
2. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Ron Feaker is giving a sermon in Anacoco, La.
3. Meeting for Women's Conference—There is a meeting about the upcoming Women's Conference scheduled shortly after the church service today.
4. Community variety show tonight—There is a community variety show in the building tonight. If you need tickets to attend, please contact Dave Havir.

5. Friendly debate in Tyler—Dave Havir wanted to inform the congregation about a friendly debate being coordinated by *THE JOURNAL* (published by Dixon and Linda Cartwright) in Tyler tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. The location is at the building of the Tyler Sabbath Fellowship. The subject is “The Nature of the Bible.” The presenters are former WCG pastors Dennis Diehl of Greenville, S.C., and Art Mokarow of Montgomery. The moderator is Reg Killingley.
6. Setup for Pinewood Derby tomorrow—Scout leaders will be setting up the track for the Pinewood Derby tomorrow evening. If you happen to visit the building tomorrow evening or throughout the day on Monday, please do not touch the track. Thank you for your consideration.
7. Scouts’ Pinewood Derby on Monday—The Pinewood Derby of the scout program sponsored by our congregation is scheduled in our building on Monday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m.
8. Senior-citizen meal—There is a senior-citizen meal scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27, at 3:30 p.m. If you are planning to attend, please sign the list at the Information Table.
9. Movie night—There is a movie night scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m.
10. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Building on the Right Foundation” by Judith Biggs.
11. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Do Servant Leaders Ever Show Tough Love?” by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week’s collection is by Dave Havir.

## Prayer updates

Although **Loren Edelbach** continued to grow weaker this week, his attitude was positive. He appreciated the visitors. (Please keep the visits short.)

**James Moran** successfully worked four days this week before having some health issues on Friday. He considered going to the ER but decided to see how things progressed through the weekend.

**Donna Weese** continued to struggle with her anxiety this week. She spent much of the week at her son **Terry’s** home in Longview. She returned home on Friday. A few ladies sat with her this week. Other ladies in the congregation have agreed to sit with her this coming week. If you are interested in helping, please see **Dave Havir**.

**Dorothy Jones** was released from the hospital on Friday, Feb. 12. Since the family did not want her to be alone, she went to Dallas to be with her daughter **Mary**. She had some rough days early in the week that she and other family members concluded was the result of some newer blood-pressure medication. After she went back to the previous medication, she began to feel much better. She appreciates all the prayers.

As was announced orally last Sabbath, **Marty Green** of Waxahachie (son of **Melvin** and **Lou Green**) had a heart attack and went to a hospital in Dallas. The doctor placed a stent in a main artery. He went home on Wednesday. When he first arrived home, he had trouble with his back (from being immobile in the hospital). However, it is reported that he is feeling much better with each passing day.

Here are excerpts of a report about **Harold Rhodes** of Gulf Breeze, Fla.: "Harold Rhodes is still in intensive care. However, he is off the ventilator, breathing on his own and communicating with his wife, **Loree**. Further surgery this week revealed no more bacteria. The surgeons are in the process of grafting skin and closing up the wound from the previous surgeries. Even though he may be in the hospital for at least two more weeks, he should be moved from intensive care in a few more days."

**Norma Dick** of the local United congregation died on Thursday. A funeral is scheduled for tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. in United's building. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

**Nancy Sharp** is scheduled to visit a specialist in Dallas on Friday, March 5, to explore what is causing her sores on her legs and her infections. Surgery may become an option.

**Scott Allen** is having difficulty seeing out of his right eye. He would appreciate your prayers for healing.

**Pam Kimmons** of Brookhaven, Miss., will be having outpatient surgery next week to remove a temporary pin from her elbow. This is to help alleviate severe pain she has recently been experiencing in the joint. She and her husband, **Anthony**, would appreciate your prayers for a successful procedure with good results.

**Dave Havir** requests prayers for **Lyle Kerby** of Grantsville, W.Va., who experienced a fainting episode early Thursday morning.

When **Maxine Hill** of Pryor, Okla., had surgery this week for a hysterectomy, she learned that she has endometrial cancer. A report said: "The news was not good. The surgeon found that the cancer was outside her uterus, and not self-contained as we had hoped . . . He [the surgeon] told **Mary** [a daughter] that cancer is rated stage 1-4, and he estimated that hers [Maxine's] is a 3."

**Hugh Buchanan** of Boonsboro, Md., recently learned of a large tumor in his chest that has caused damage to two ribs and has been causing extreme pain. He is scheduled for surgery this coming Tuesday.

**Sam Dungan** of Laurel, Miss., was involved this week in a serious accident at a chemical plant where he works. Several were injured when a hose or pipe burst, spraying them with dangerous chemicals. Sam was airlifted to the trauma unit of a hospital in Mobile, Ala., and was placed on a ventilator because his lungs were filling with fluid, including blood.

**Gertrud Schmid** of Ruston, La., was scheduled for a colonoscopy yesterday.

**Georgia Veller** of Tampa, Fla., went to the hospital on Friday, Feb. 12, because of severe infection in her leg. A report said: "Due to a lifelong and incurable condition of very advanced lymphedema, Georgia opted to have her left leg amputated."

## Bible study on Feb. 17

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, Dave Havar gave a Bible study titled "Broken Bread."

- **Examples of Christ's suffering**
- **Physical suffering**
- **Emotional suffering—false accusation**
- **Emotional suffering—betrayal**
- **Emotional suffering—abandonment**

## "Building on the Right Foundation"

This article is from the "Edifying the Body" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's Web site, [churchofgodbigandy.com](http://churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Feb. 20-21, 2010.

**By Judith Biggs**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—My husband and I bought a fixer-upper 13 years ago. If you are considering doing the same thing, here's some advice for you: Don't.

Of course, the price was right. But there were other factors to consider. Since we are do-it-yourself people, we knew ahead of time what kind of time investment was necessary.

### Unseen challenges

It was easy to see the things we needed to remodel. The problem was all the things we could not see.

Our challenges began after we expanded the living room. This required taking out a whole section of the outside wall. It was at that time that we discovered that the builder had put untreated wood next to the concrete.

In more places than I care to tell you, the 2-by-4s had turned to sawdust or dirt. Many of the studs were eaten up with rot to varying degrees. Some of the walls had to be completely redone, while others had to be mended.

### Spiritual lessons

There are so many spiritual lessons to be learned about the right foundation.

In my own spiritual life I thought I was building on a right foundation.

I started building when I was all of 5 years old. Mamma read the Bible and listened to the preacher. She had to be right. The church I attended had to be right. In many cases Mamma and the church were right. But that is beside the point. I was *not* building on a right foundation.

Through the years I may have looked righteous or even acted righteous with a little remodeling. But what about the foundation?

When my life fell apart and when my church fell apart, I found out that my foundation was rotten.

Little by little I had to shore up the walls and put in a right foundation. This new foundation was based upon God the Father and Christ. I had to build a relationship with Them if I wanted my house to stand up to the storms of life.