

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 13, 2010 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:25

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Ron Avey
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	Ed Mitchell
Teen class—Classroom #1	Martha Mclver
Bridges class—Classroom #1	Penny Harris
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Diana Havir
Interactive Bible study—Foyer	Canceled
Second sermon	Ed Mitchell

Quick takes

1. Guest speaker today—The congregation welcomes Ed and Margaret Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell will be giving both sermons today.
2. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Neil Mclver is giving a sermon in Anacoco, La., Stan West is giving a sermon in Houston, and Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Knoxville, Tenn.
3. Benefit concert tonight—The benefit concert for Craig and Veronica Miles (of our congregation) and Roy and Kathy Freer of Pittsburg, Texas (of the local Living Church of God), will begin tonight at 7:00.
4. Helping at the concert—Clay Forrestier, his brothers and other family members have done most of the preparatory work for the benefit concert tonight. Since they will be busy performing in one of the bands, they could use some help with some functions during the evening. If you want to help, please see Clay.
5. Daylight-saving time—Daylight saving begins tomorrow.
6. Summer church time next week—With the advent of daylight-saving time tomorrow, our church service will revert to the summer starting time of 2:00 p.m. next week.

7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Graduate of Legacy Training Center Has Big Plans" by Nathan Kimmons.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "He Broke the Bread" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's collection is by Jeanine Case.

Spring Feast schedule

Passover service on Sunday, March 28

The congregation will conduct a traditional Church of God Passover service (foot-washing, unleavened bread and wine) on Sunday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.

- J.L. Roden will help coordinate the physical organization.
- As is customary, we will have a system in place to help people who need assistance during the foot-washing portion of the evening.
- Teenagers and children are welcome to attend.

"Night to Be Much Observed" meal on Monday, March 29

The congregation will have a special meal in the building on Monday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. This meal is on the eve of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (which is mentioned in Leviticus 23:6-7 and 1 Corinthians 5:8). In Exodus 12:42, that evening has been described as a night of observations or watching. More details about the menu will be provided in the coming weeks.

First day of Unleavened Bread on Tuesday, March 30

The congregation will worship on the first day of Unleavened Bread on Tuesday, March 30. Here is the tentative schedule.

- 12:00 noon Bible study
- 1:00 p.m. Tasting of unleavened snacks
- 2:00 Church service

Seventh day of Unleavened Bread on Monday, April 5

The congregation will worship on the seventh day of Unleavened Bread on Monday, April 5. Here is the tentative schedule.

- 11:00 a.m. Church service
- 1:00 p.m. Potluck meal
- 2:15 Seminars

Prayer updates

Nancy Sharp, who was scheduled to visit a specialist in Dallas on Friday, March 5, learned that the appointment has been postponed to March 30.

Ron Feaker, who recently had successful cataract surgery on his left eye, is scheduled to have cataract surgery on his right eye on Tuesday.

James Moran is scheduled for a colonoscopy on Wednesday.

Donna Weese has appreciated the visitors at the Texan Nursing & Rehab of Gladewater (on Money Street). Since the family initially paid for two weeks at the nursing home, a decision will have to be made by Monday about whether she will stay there longer or will return to her son's home in Longview. She is in Room 16A.

Dorothy Jones returned home on Sunday from Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She had appointments with local doctors on Tuesday and Friday. After her appointment on Friday, she returned to Dallas with her daughter **Mary**. She expressed her tremendous appreciation for your prayers.

Roger Bryant of Sulphur Springs reports that his "reversal surgery" (reconnecting the small intestine to the large intestine) on Tuesday was successful.

As was printed in the Aug. 1 and Nov. 21, 2009, bulletins, **Leanna Hollon**, 21, of Franklin, Ohio, was killed in an automobile accident, and the parents (**Glen** and **Rebecca Hollon**) had to deal with an ongoing custody battle for their grandson, **Connor**. Here are excerpts from a report on Wednesday: "The guardian *ad litem* popped in for a surprise visit last week . . . [at the home of the biological father] and is not recommending any unsupervised visits at all, which solidifies our point. [He] is willing to give us full custody and have supervised visits as they are now and has told the guardian *ad litem* and his attorney that."

Tim Hazelip of Port Richey, Fla., has been receiving hospice care at home. His wife, **Mary Ann**, has reported that Tim and the rest of the family are at peace.

Here are excerpts from a report on Friday, March 5, about **Hugh Buchanan** of Boonsboro, Md.: "The tests on the tumor indicate that it was a plasmacytoma (tumor made up of out-of-control immune cells affecting bone). It is considered treatable. There will be further tests to see if the cancer is present elsewhere in his body."

Doctors of **Janice Spieker** of Willow Lake, S.D., report that the swelling around the tumor in her brain has reduced, so her dizziness has lessened.

On Wednesday, doctors removed the Ventrux from **Philip Hufton's** head. He was able to sit up and write responses to his family's comments and questions. The plan for Friday was for doctors to make the trachea hole smaller, which would be more comfortable and also allow him to speak.

Barbara Richards of Bend, Ore., died on Sunday, Feb. 28. Please remember her family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Willea Lea Kelley of Grantsville, W.Va. (mother of **Kathy Kerby**), had a heart attack on early Thursday morning and was lifeflighted to a hospital in Morgantown.

Linda Salmon of Drexel, Mo., went to a hospital with renal failure and congestive heart failure. She hopes to go home in a few days.

Here are excerpts from a report Sunday about **Mitchy Smith** (5-year-old son of **Gary** and **Aimee Smith**): “A few weeks ago he saw some specialists and was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. But, today, his doctors called and diagnosed him with Duchenne’s muscular dystrophy. This form of MD attacks the lower extremities and then finally death is usually from lung disorder. Lifespan is about 20 years. His parents, Gary and Aimee Smith, are very distraught by this diagnosis. Aimee’s older brother lived with this disorder and she watched him live a hard life and then die at 24 years of age. She is not ready to watch her only child go through this. Please pray for healing and comfort.”

Cindy McMillan of Morgantown, W.Va., learned of a small growth on her thyroid gland. Here is an excerpt of a report on Wednesday: “Cindy is the recently baptized daughter of **Kevin** and **Linda**. The doctor said the growth is soft so he doesn’t know if it is benign or not.”

“He Broke the Bread”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s Web site, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of March 13-14, 2010.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Believers around the world will soon participate in a service that commemorates the suffering and the death of Jesus Christ.

On the night that the Lord Jesus was betrayed, He gave some bread to His disciples and said: “Take and eat. This is My body.” Before He handed the bread to them, He blessed it and broke it (Matthew 26:26).

When we meditate upon the broken bread, we can remember the broken Savior.

Not only did Christ have to deal with physical abuse, He also had to face emotional suffering.

Before the physical abuse began, He began to be “sorrowful” and “very heavy” (Matthew 26:37). He said: “My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death” (verse 38).

Let’s quickly consider a few examples of Christ’s suffering.

■ Christ endured physical suffering.

Luke mentioned that Pilate wanted to chastise Jesus and to release Him (Luke 23:16,22).

The various gospel writers talked about people scourging Him.

■ Christ endured emotional suffering from false accusation.

Long before the night He died, Jesus faced the accusations from the scribes and

Pharisees (Luke 11:53-54).

As His death approached, the accusations intensified. Luke 23:2 shows how His accusers mixed truth and error. The accusers were right when they said that Jesus acknowledged Himself as a king. But they were wrong when they said that Jesus taught the people to withhold Caesar’s taxes.

■ Christ endured emotional suffering from betrayal.

At the meal, Christ expressed His awareness that one of the 12 would betray Him (John 13:10-11).

Jesus said: “He that eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me” (verse 18).

Judas received the sop (John 13:26), left the room and later identified Christ with a kiss (Matthew 26:47-50).

■ Christ endured emotional suffering from abandonment.

Before Judas identified the Christ, Jesus foretold that “all of you shall be offended this night and shall be scattered” (Matthew 26:31).

After Judas identified Jesus, all the disciples forsook Him and fled (verse 56).

You all remember the account of Peter proclaiming his intention of standing by his friend but later denying Jesus three times (Luke 22:33-62).

■ When you partake of the broken bread, do so in remembrance of Him.