

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 20, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:30

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Welcome to our guests

The Church of God Big Sandy welcomes guests who are here because of the Women's Conference, which began with some activities in our building last night. The ladies had morning sessions in the building today. Although some ladies are attending a Bible study at the home of Michele Mischnick, other ladies are here for our church service this afternoon. The rest of the ladies will be back in the building today at 4:30 p.m. and tomorrow morning. Please give them privacy for their event.

Order of service

Song leader	David Havir III
Pianist	Julie Wilkins
First sermon	J.L. Roden
Teen class—Classroom #1	Neil McIver
Bridges class—Library	Penny Harris
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Leslie Harroff
Interactive Bible study—Foyer	Bernie Monsalvo
Second sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—Craig and Veronica Miles (of our congregation) and Roy and Kathy Freer (of the local Living Church of God) thank the Forrestier family and everyone else who participated in the benefit concert last Saturday evening.
2. Summer church time—With the advent of daylight-saving time last Sunday, our church service has returned to the summer starting time of 2:00 p.m. beginning today.

3. Servers tonight—Stan West thanks all the men who have volunteered to serve at the evening meal of the Women's Conference. If anyone else would like to participate, please see Stan today. (Dark slacks and dress shirts are appropriate attire.)
4. Sign up for the meal on the eve of the Feast of Unleavened Bread—If you plan to attend the meal in the building on March 29, please sign the list on the Information Table.
5. Edifying the Body—For the next two weeks, the article is "Try Reading Ecclesiastes Before Passover" by Dave Havir.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "They Drank a Cup of Wine" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's collection is by Dave Havir.

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.

The church will provide the meat along with a green salad. We ask families who attend the meal to bring items from the following categories: (1) vegetables, (2) bread, (3) potatoes or rice and (4) dessert.

If you plan to attend the meal in the building, please sign the list on the Information Table.

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

James Moran, who was scheduled for a colonoscopy on Wednesday, had it postponed due to some problems in the preparation of the procedure. Then, on early Thursday morning, he went to the emergency room at the Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. (No additional details were available at the print deadline on Thursday afternoon.)

As was announced orally last Sabbath, **Sharon Burgin** learned of a tumor in her colon on Friday, March 12. Here are excerpts from a report sent on Thursday: “**Ken** and Sharon met with Sharon’s surgeon on yesterday (Wed., March 17th). Her colon surgery is scheduled for April 1 at 2:00 p.m. at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. No cancer cells were found in her blood or liver. The CAT scan indicates that the malignant cells are contained within the colon. We pray that the test results from the lymph nodes outside the colon will bear this out after the surgery.”

Donna Weese has shown improvement during the past week. She appreciates the visitors and the prayers.

Dorothy Jones reports that, although her blood pressure is still fluctuating more than desired, she is generally happy with the improvement that she has encountered since being in Dallas with her daughter **Mary**. She is scheduled to return home this coming Friday. She is looking forward to enjoying the Spring Feast days with the congregation.

Mac Overton went to Dallas on Thursday, March 11, for a follow-up visit. The doctor was concerned about a “knot” in Mac’s abdomen. Mac was scheduled for an “endoscopic ultrasound” and a CAT scan Thursday (March 18).

Frank Rogers of Ripley, W.Va., returned to the hospital on Monday.

Philip Hufton continues to make wonderful progress. He is talking, walking and eating regular food. He and his family appreciate all your prayers.

Tim Hazelip of Port Richey, Fla., died on Wednesday. Please remember his wife, **Mary Ann**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Leonard Nymeyer of Hamilton, Ont., Canada, has been diagnosed with cancer on the left lung and liver.

Jean Demont of South Africa has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Jack McKinney, formerly of the Big Sandy area, died on Tuesday. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Bible study on March 10

On Wednesday, March 10, Dave Havir gave a Bible study titled “Why Do You Obey God?—Part 1 of 3.”

■ ***To be blessed now***

■ ***Even though obeying God to have His blessings now may not be the ultimate motivation, it can be a good motivation***

Deuteronomy 5:29—“Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!”

Mark 10:29-30—So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands . . .”

Bible study on March 17

On Wednesday, March 17, Bernie Monsalvo gave a Bible study titled “The Education of Jesus Christ.”

Luke 2:46-47—Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

Luke 4:16—So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

■ ***Jesus read the Torah in the synagogue either in Hebrew or its Aramaic translation. Some scholars believe that in those days only the very richest 10 percent of the population could read, so how could Jesus have afforded an education?***

John 8:6—This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

■ ***The word “wrote” in this verse means: to inscribe the characters of a written language on a surface. In the ancient world, it was a skill that took time and commitment to learn***