

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 30, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:37

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Welcome to our guests

Members of the Church of God Big Sandy welcome all guests as we worship on the first day of Unleavened Bread today. Here is the schedule for today.

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

The format for our church service is to have a break between the two sermons. There will be a kids' class and a Bridges class during the first sermon.

Order of service

Song leader	Neil McIver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Offertory	Piano solo
First sermon	Stan West
Bridges class—Classroom #1	Carol Bald
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Leslie Harroff
Second sermon	Dave Havar

Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to all the people who served at the Passover service in the building on Sunday evening.
2. Thank you—Thank you to everyone who participated with the meal in our building last night. (We had 110 people sign up.)
3. Thank you—Thank you to all who made unleavened treats for today.
4. Bible study on Wednesday evening—Dave Havar is scheduled to give the Bible study at the regular time on Wednesday evening.

5. Potluck meal next Sabbath—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service next Sabbath.
6. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—The congregation will worship on the seventh day of Unleavened Bread on Monday, April 5.
 - 11:00 a.m. Church service
 - 1:00 p.m. Potluck meal
 - 2:15 Seminar by Colleen Bailey

Seminar topic for Monday, April 5

“Psalm 23 Through a Child’s Eyes” by Colleen Bailey

“He’s here to teach you,” the counselor advised her. When her little boy began reciting Psalm 23 at the age of 4, she discovered he too had a song in his heart: a song to teach, a song to inspire, a song to change hearts.

Prayer updates

On Saturday, **James Moran** was moved from ICU at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler to Room 5545. He hopes to go home this week.

By way of a reminder, **Nancy Sharp** is scheduled to visit a doctor in Dallas today. (**David** and **Laurie Fisher** were able to administer the symbols of the Passover for Nancy in the nursing home on Sunday evening. **Dave Havir** reassured her that if she is admitted for surgery today he will travel there to see her.)

By way of a reminder, **Sharon Burgin** is scheduled to have colon surgery on Thursday at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

As was announced orally last Sabbath, **Mac Overton** reports that his cancer has returned. (When Mac underwent the CyberKnife procedure last autumn, the lump disappeared. If he can undergo the CyberKnife again, he will probably do that.)

Please continue to remember **Carrol Bryant** (who is suffering from cancer of the mouth) and his wife, **Valerie**, in your prayers.

As was announced orally last Sabbath, **Linda Salmon** of Drexel, Mo., had a stent placed in her artery on Friday and began kidney dialysis. (She had resisted dialysis for several days before changing her mind.) She is scheduled for dialysis on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The combination of chemo and radiation treatments (18 of 28 in the last four weeks) for **Janice Spieker** of Willow Lake, S.D., has reduced the swelling around the tumor, which has lessened her dizziness.

As was announced orally last Sabbath, **Jeanie Snook** (wife of **Jim Snook** and mother of **Aaron Dean**) died last Wednesday. Please remember the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Whaid Rose, president of the Church of God (Seventh Day) headquartered in Denver, is recovering after taking a leave of absence in 2009 because he was losing his eyesight. Doctors at the time could not determine the cause. But now Mr. Rose is slowly recovering his sight. Doctors discovered that the problem was caused by two root canals he had when he was a teenager living in Jamaica. Four small metal rods in the two teeth were disintegrating and leaching a toxic substance into his bloodstream, which affected his eyesight. Mr. Rose is back at work.

Neil Blomberg of Saint Paul, Minn., is suffering the effects of a weak heart. Recently, his implanted defibrillator engaged nine times to correct irregular heart rhythms. (Also, his kidneys are not functioning properly.)

“Do You Remember the Spring Memorial?”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy Web site, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of March 27–28.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Jesus called it a memorial. It is natural to think about it every spring. You are probably willing to confess that you have been thinking about it and speaking about it this spring.

Jesus said that whenever the gospel was preached throughout the whole world this event should be mentioned as a memorial of her (Mark 14:9). Of her?

I bet you thought I was talking about the death and resurrection of the Christ. Of course, you were thinking about Jesus being our Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7) and about Him being raised from the dead. That is a powerful memorial.

But have you been thinking of her and of what she did?

When Jesus went to Bethany, He went to the home of Simon the leper (Mark 14:3). While He was eating, Mary (identified in John’s account in John 12:3) took some expensive ointment and poured it on Jesus.

As you remember, some of the men scolded her for “wasting” the ointment (verse 4). They pointed out that this money could have been used to help the poor (verse 5). They murmured against her.

Well, Jesus came to her defense (verse 6). He said that she was justified in spending the money in this fashion.

Was there a noble purpose in this pouring of ointment? Jesus said there was. He mentioned that she was anointing His body in preparation for His burial (verse 8).

She believed what Jesus had said.

Earlier, when Jesus began to tell His disciples about His coming suffering, death and resurrection (Mark 8:31), Peter rebuked Him (verse 32). Jesus rebuked Peter back (verse 33). Peter had trouble believing Jesus was going to die.

A little later, Jesus again told them that He was going to die and be resurrected (Mark 9:31). But His disciples didn’t comprehend what He was saying and they were afraid to ask (verse 32).

When it was recorded that He told them a third time, Luke mentioned that they did not understand (Luke 18:34).

Later, after the resurrection, Luke wrote that Jesus gave them understanding (Luke 24:44-47).

When Judas came to identify Jesus to the chief priests and elders (Matthew 26:47-49), Peter used his sword to defend his friend and leader. Again, I believe that Peter had trouble believing that Jesus was going to die.

Yet Mary believed and poured the ointment. And we are supposed to remember it and talk about it as a memorial.

Scriptures for the season

Matthew 13:33—Another parable He spoke to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.”

Acts 2:22-24—“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”

1 Peter 1:20-21—He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 3:21-22—There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

Matthew 16:11-12—“How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8—Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Exodus 12:33-34—And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, “We shall all be dead.” So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders.

Exodus 12:39—And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.

Luke 17:31-36—“In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife. Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.”