

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 3, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:39

**Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.**

### Order of service

|                          |       |                  |
|--------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Song leader              | ..... | Ron Avey         |
| Pianist                  | ..... | Dixon Cartwright |
| First sermon             | ..... | Reg Killingley   |
| Teen class—Classroom #1  | ..... | Clay Forrestier  |
| Bridges class—Library    | ..... | Carol Bald       |
| Kids' class—Classroom #2 | ..... | Leslie Harroff   |
| Interactive Bible study  | ..... | Bernie Monsalvo  |
| Second sermon            | ..... | Dave Havir       |

### Quick takes

1. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Ron Feaker is giving a sermon at the Tyler Sabbath Fellowship, and Dave Havir is giving a sermon at the Tyler congregation of the Church of God International. (Mr. Havir is scheduled to be back for our church service.)
2. Potluck meal today—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service today.
3. 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
4. Upcoming guest speaker—Dave Havir wanted to inform the congregation that Tony Stith is scheduled to give both sermons on April 17.
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The Worst Kind of Bondage" by David Maas.

6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Jesus Told Them to Beware of the Leaven" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's collection is by Jeanine Case and Dave Havir.

## 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.

## Update about the Feast of Tabernacles

Dave Havir gave the congregation some news about the 2010 Feast of Tabernacles.

### Not sponsoring Harrisburg site

Although we were considering the feasibility of sponsoring a Feast site in the building of the Harrisburg, Pa., congregation of the Church of God (Seventh Day), we are no longer proceeding with those plans. That congregation, which had sponsored a Feast site for years and was planning to skip this year, decided to sponsor its own site again. We support their decision.

### Change in Seattle hotel

While plans for the cruise are progressing well, we have changed to a different hotel in Seattle for attendees before they enter the ship. We have moved to the Edgewater Hotel in Seattle. The opening-night reception on Wednesday, Sept. 22, and the church services on Sept. 23 and 24 will be held at the new hotel. If you have already made your reservation, please contact Kathy Summers at (800) 860-7155, and she will help you change your hotel booking.

## Prayer updates

**James Moran** is still recovering in Room 5545 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

**Sharon Burgin** had colon surgery (removal of a tumor and a section of her colon) on Thursday at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. No cancer was found in her liver. The lab reports (to determine if there is cancer in the lymph nodes) are expected back this week. She is in Room 5551.

**Nancy Sharp** went to her doctor's appointment in Dallas on Tuesday. She is scheduled to return to Dallas for a CAT scan on April 28.

**Mac Overton** went to Dallas on Thursday and heard “there is something in my pancreas at the same place as the one last year.” The doctor said Mac was not a candidate for a repeat of the CyberKnife procedure, recommending the Whip-ple procedure, which Mac is not inclined to do.

**Jeannie Roden** reports that her mother, **Melba Evers** of Albertville, Ala., went home on Tuesday. Mrs. Evers is gaining strength but can't walk by herself yet. A nurse came initially to give her antibiotics twice a day. A home-health nurse was scheduled to visit on Friday. This nurse is scheduled to visit three times a week. Jeannie is hoping to return on next Friday. As Jeannie said on Thursday: “Mom is improving by leaps and bound, but she still has a long way to go.” The family appreciates your prayers for continued progress.

**Linda Salmon** of Drexel, Mo., who has been in the hospital for 26 days, continues to be weak from the dialysis she had this week.

Here are excerpts from a report on Thursday by **Mark Welch** of Tulsa about his mother, **Marie Welch**: “Your prayers are requested for my mom. She was doing very well and improving nicely, but she fell and bruised her lower-back vertebrae very early this morning. She was in quite a bit of pain and is finding it very difficult to move around and be comfortable except while lying down. She slept a lot today and ate very little . . . Her blood pressure is still quite high on a regular basis.”

Here are excerpts from a report on Friday about **Leon Roeth** of Arcanum, Ohio: “The brain tumor is basically gone, but a recent PET scan showed scattered spots in the lungs. The doctor says that PET scans pick up everything, so it may not be cancer.”

**Johanna Japhet** of Orlando, Fla., died on Sunday. Please remember her husband, **Ted**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

At Bible study this Wednesday evening, we heard of a 5-year-old girl from Hawkins (**Kodi Tutt**) who apparently has “cancer all over and it is stage 4.”

**Martha McIver** was involved in an automobile accident in Longview on Wednesday. Although she visited the emergency room of Longview Regional Hospital, she was not admitted. Although no serious injuries were reported at this time, she has been very sore since Wednesday.

**Jordyn Petty** of Fletcher, Okla., was in a single-car accident on Wednesday night and was transported by LifeFlight to OU Medical Center in Norman, Okla. A report said: “The doctor said this morning that they feel she is probably out of the woods for anything life threatening. She has two fractured vertebrae in her neck and two fractured ribs and deep bruising on her lungs.”

A coworker of **Stan West** asked that we include his wife in our prayer requests this week. **Scherry Jones** of the Carthage community is scheduled to have surgery on Tuesday for precancerous endometriosis.

## Update from Thailand

Here are excerpts from a report on Wednesday from Nathan Kimmons: “Happy Feast from Thailand! I have just returned from the Mae Rama Luang refugee camp on the Thailand-Burma border. I went with a former Legacy student to hold Passover and the first day of Unleavened Bread with the church brethren there. During my visit, one family received some exciting news that they will hopefully be able to immigrate to the U.S.A. in the next couple months. While this would still not be ‘home’ for them, it’s still a great opportunity to start a new life outside of the camp where they have been for almost 20 years. Please keep them in your prayers.

“Currently Leon Sexton and his wife, Gloria (along with a Legacy graduate), are in another refugee camp close by here holding the Feast with some other brethren and doing baptism counseling for several others in that camp who have expressed an interest.

“As for me personally, I will be returning to the States on April 19. I look forward to seeing you all quite soon. I wish you all a great festival season.”

## Bible study on March 30

On Tuesday, March 30, Bernie Monsalvo gave a Bible study titled “First Day of Unleavened Bread 2010.”

**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.

## Bible study on March 31

On Wednesday, March 31, Dave Havar gave a Bible study titled “Why Do You Obey God?—Part 3.”

### ■ *To willingly honor God, now*

**Romans 12:1-2**—I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**2 Timothy 2:20-21**—But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.