

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 24, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:54

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Clay Forrestier
Pianist	Julie Wilkins
First sermon	Dave Havir
Teen class—Classroom #1	Melodee Overton
Bridges class—Library	Carol Bald
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Diana Havir
Interactive Bible study—Foyer	Bernie Monsalvo
Second sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Neil McIver is giving a sermon in Hope, Ark.
2. Seminar today—There is a seminar scheduled today at 4:15 p.m. Dave Havir is planning to show a 10-minute video about styles of civil government. Afterward, there will be time for comments and discussion.
3. Movie on Sunday—Some of us are going to watch a movie in the building on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Vonda Ouellette recommended *Squanto: A Warrior's Tale*.
4. Board meeting—There is a board meeting scheduled for Monday evening at 7:30. Guests are welcome.
5. Second Passover—If anyone needs to partake of the second Passover, please see Dave Havir.
6. Potluck next week—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service next Sabbath.

7. Campout on Burgin property—Ken and Sharon Burgin and Travis and Candace Self invite you to camp out on their property on Saturday evening, May 1. A handout is available on the Information Table.
8. High-school graduates—All individuals who are graduating from high school this year should contact Neil McIver.
9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Touched by Our Feelings" by Hugh Buchanan.
10. Among Friends—This week's article is "Many Groups Claim They Do 'The Work'" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week's collection is by Jeanine Case.

Prayer updates

James Moran has been gaining his strength due to physical therapy in his home twice a week and his own exercises. On Thursday, he went to the doctor, who told him that he will be able to do sit-ups in four weeks. He is scheduled to see an oncologist on Monday.

Nancy Sharp was released from the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview on Friday, April 16. She is scheduled to see a doctor in Dallas on Wednesday.

Ellen Edelbach, who fell on Wednesday, April 14, and went to the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview, was diagnosed with pelvic fractures in her right hip area and fractures above the elbow of her right arm. She was moved last Saturday to The Clairmont (3201 N. Fourth St. in Longview) for physical therapy. The physical therapy has been in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you want to visit her later in the afternoon, she is in Room 317.

Scott Allen, who recently had a cataract removed from his right eye, is scheduled to have a cataract removed from his left eye on Monday.

Melba Evers of Albertville, Ala. (mother of **Jeanie Roden**), continues to make progress. Thank you for your prayers.

The family of **Bardet Lucas** of Los Angeles, Calif., reports that the brain tumors continue to reappear and he was recently placed on hospice care.

Ron Dart continues to be treated in the ICU in the East Texas Medical Center in Tyler. He had surgery on Monday because of "pooled blood in his brain." Here are excerpts from a report by **Allie** on Thursday morning: "It seems we go from one challenge to another. Ron has become unresponsive again and is now in A-Fib and is having seizures . . . Ron has been facing many, many challenges." Here are excerpts from a report by **Larry Watkins** on Thursday afternoon: "The seizures have diminished in both frequency and strength, but have not completely stopped . . . They [doctors] have stopped the antibiotics for the pneumonia as the lungs are now clear. There are no signs of any blood clots and his vital signs remain normal and stable."

Maxine Neff of the local United congregation is in the latter stages of liver cancer. Here are excerpts from a report on Friday by her son **Larry**: “Some of you have been made aware of my mother’s liver cancer, which metastasized from the previous breast cancer . . . Mom is declining very quickly and is in the latter stages of this dreadful disease. She is pretty much bedfast and sleeps most of the time, eating very little . . . Hospice was called in late last week and they are a big help.”

Johanna Jankowski of Roseburg, Ore., reports the cancer has returned in the stomach area and liver.

Harold Rhodes of Gulf Breeze, Fla., reports that he continues to slowly heal from multiple surgeries to remove flesh-eating bacteria that came very close to taking his life.

Sylvania Gully of Austin (mother of **Mark Gully**) died on Sunday. Mr. Gully told **Dave Havir** how much his mother loved coming to our site in Big Sandy for the Feast of Tabernacles. Please remember the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Roland Ouellette fell on Wednesday, April 7, while cutting wood outside his home. When he wasn’t feeling any better in the past weeks, he went to the doctor on Tuesday.

While **Charles Black** was recently being fitted for a new pair of glasses, he was told that he had melanoma of his left eye. He had a second opinion locally and went to a retina specialist in Dallas last Wednesday. They both confirmed the diagnosis. He is considering his treatment options.

Karen Kusch of Cherhill, Alta., Canada (who with her family regularly attends our church service on our telephone hookup), has been suffering from severe back pain for a number of weeks. The pain got quite a bit worse on Monday but has gotten a little better throughout this week. She would appreciate your prayers.

Camilla Gill of Kunkletown, Pa. (88-year-old mother of **Dave Havir**), has fallen a few times in the past couple of months and has been instructed to walk only with the assistance of other people. Since Mr. Havir was able to spend some time with his parents this past week, he was able to witness the excellent care that his stepfather, **Gerald Gill** (age 81), continues to give. Mr. Havir and his three siblings all prefer that their parents move from the house, which is not as conducive to senior citizens. However, since the parents are not ready to move at this time, they at least agreed for Mr. Havir to meet with representatives of companies concerning the potential purchase of a Stair-Glide for his mother to use on the steps in their home. (They received quotes from three companies.)

Jessica Pilapil of the Philippines, who was diagnosed 15 years ago with a rare disease called scleroderma, had been doing well until recent stress influenced her health to deteriorate.

Daryl Braun of Milwaukee, Wis. (brother of **Penny Urwiller**), was admitted to a hospital last Saturday due to numbness that started on his left side and progressed rapidly to his right side. Early tests revealed that he has Guillain Barre syndrome, an autoimmune disorder affecting the peripheral nervous system (which means that his immune system is attacking his nervous system). On Friday, the diagnosis was altered to be Miller-Fisher syndrome, which is a variant of Guillain-Barre. He began physical and occupational therapy on Thursday and will soon begin speech therapy.

Charles Neff of Ashdown, Ark., was placed on hospice care when it was determined that his chemo treatments were not helping him with his colon cancer.

Charles Posey of New Albany, Ohio, who had surgery to remove a large portion of cancerous intestines and his bladder in September 2008, is having difficulty because his remaining intestines need more internal support.

Salvatore Anastasi of Italy (brother of **Carmelo Anastasi**) recently suffered a stroke but was able to be released from the hospital without surgery.

Wilfredo Salvador of the Philippines died on Tuesday, April 13. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Bible study on April 21

On Wednesday, April 21, Bernie Monsalvo gave a Bible study titled "Jude 14-25."

Jude 16—These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.

Jude 19—These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

Jude 22-23—And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Scriptures to consider

Exodus 16:1-3—And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt. Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

John 6:32-33—Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."