

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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May 15, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:09

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

### Order of service

<b>Song leader</b> . . . . .	Travis Self
<b>Pianist</b> . . . . .	Dixon Cartwright
<b>First sermon</b> . . . . .	Ron Feaker
<b>Teen class—Classroom #1</b> . . . . .	David Havir III
<b>Bridges class—Library</b> . . . . .	Carol Bald
<b>Kids' class—Classroom #2</b> . . . . .	Diana Havir
<b>Interactive Bible study—Foyer</b> . . . . .	Dave Havir
<b>Second sermon</b> . . . . .	Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Alaska Feast cruise—Dennis Moulard reports that we have more than 70 people signed up for the Alaska cruise. Our travel agent (Kathy Summers) has informed us that the ship is filling fast with other guests. We strongly suggest that interested individuals complete their reservations in the next couple of weeks. Kathy can be reached at 1-800-860-7135.
2. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Neil McIver is giving a sermon in Anacoco, La., and Bernie Monsalvo is giving a sermon in Waco.
3. Seminar today—There is a seminar scheduled on Saturday, May 15, at 4:15 p.m. The presenter is Dave Havir. The topic is “An Overview of Constructivism.”
4. Election Committee—If anyone wants to serve on the committee, please contact J.L. Roden.
5. Nomination process—Members of the congregation are invited to submit a nomination form. The deadline is Saturday, May 29, at 5:00 p.m.
6. Private function in building on Thursday—The Hawkins school is having its year-end banquet Thursday evening. Please give participants their privacy.

7. Day of Pentecost—The congregation will observe the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, May 23. Here is the schedule.
  - 11:00 a.m. Church service
  - 1:00 p.m. Potluck meal
  - 2:15 Bible study by Bernie Monsalvo
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 "The Battle for the Mind" by David Maas.
10. Among Friends—This week's article is "Do You Love the Spirit of God?" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week's collection is by Dave Havir.

## Prayer updates

**Karen Kusch** of Cherhill, Alta., Canada, reports that her severe back pain is not improving. We reported two weeks ago that she was going to have a CT scan in the coming months. Now the doctor has decided for her to have an MRI instead. She is awaiting to hear when it can be scheduled.

**Ron Dart** continues to make slow progress at the rehabilitation facility. Right now his physical strength and stamina are progressing faster than his ability to communicate. Here are excerpts from various reports about his condition: "Since his injury was on the left side of the brain, it is similar to a stroke on the left side which affects speech and the connection of thoughts . . . If you injure the left side of the brain, you're aware that things aren't working quite right, but are unable to solve complex problems or do a complex activity. People with left hemisphere injuries tend to have more organizational problems and have problems using language . . . Each day Ron's speech becomes a little more understandable, even though his thoughts seem to ramble a bit."

**Carrol Bryant** died on Sunday. Please remember his wife, **Valerie**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

**Anita Rogers** of Ripley, W.Va., who has dialysis three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), had a procedure on Monday to deal with her constant back pain and to help her walk better.

**Mark McClure** of Charleston, W.Va., suffers from colon cancer. He was scheduled for surgery at a hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., yesterday.

**Colin Sutcliffe** of New South Wales, Australia, died on April 25. Please remember his wife, **Pamela**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Peter Whitting** of Pikesville, Md., died on May 1. Please remember his wife, **Charlotte**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Feast coordinators**

Here are the Feast Coordinators of our four Feast sites.

- Big Sandy . . . . . **J.L. and Jeannie Roden**
- Destin, Fla . . . . . **Melodee Overton**
- Myrtle Beach, S.C. . . . . **Lyle and Kathy Kerby**
- Alaska cruise . . . . . **Dennis and Vickie Moulard**

**Bible study on May 12**

On Wednesday, May 12, David Maas gave a Bible study titled “Absolute Blessing of God’s Holy Spirit.”

**Romans 8:9-11**—But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit [that] dwells in you.

**Romans 8:14-17**—For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

**1 Corinthians 12:7-10**—But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

**1 Corinthians 12:11-13**—But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**—Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**Ephesians 1:13-14**—In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Ephesians 4:30**—And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**1 Thessalonians 5:19**—Do not quench the Spirit.

**2 Timothy 1:6**—Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

## “Do You Love the Spirit of God?”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s Web site, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of May 15-16, 2010.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—As we approach the observance of the Day of Pentecost, I would like to recommend that you spend a little time reflecting upon the wonderful Spirit of God.

In Romans 7:15 the apostle Paul described the reality of a believer’s life. He said: I don’t do what I know is right and I do the things I hate.

It is important for us to understand the battle between good and evil that occurs within people (Romans 7:15-25).

We thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord (verse 25).

By being in Christ, we can walk after the Spirit (Romans 8:1).

The law of the Spirit of life (in Christ Jesus) has made us free from the law of sin and death (verse 2).

God sent His Son to die for us that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us and that we might walk after the Spirit (verses 3-4).

There are two tremendous benefits of walking in the Spirit.

First, the Spirit of God should make your life better now.

To be spiritually minded is life and peace (verse 6). How do we find life and peace? If the Spirit of God dwells in us, we can walk in the Spirit (verse 9).

The Spirit of God is one of the greatest gifts we can receive in this life (2 Timothy 1:6).

The Spirit of God can empower us to deal with natural fear.

Notice the three benefits listed in 2 Timothy 1:7.

■ Power.

■ Love.

■ A sound mind. (Here are some translations of this phrase in other versions of the Bible: sobriety, sound judgment, self-control, self-discipline, self-restraint, wise discretion.)

Does the Spirit of God flow through us and change us? Or does the Spirit of God barely trickle through us? None of us wants to stifle the power, do we?

Second, the Spirit of God is the power that will resurrect you from the dead.

Notice Romans 8:11: “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit [that] dwells in you.”

We should never forget that we are children of God (verse 16). We should never forget that we are heirs of God and a joint heirs with Christ (verse 17).

God’s power will change us to incorruptible (1 Corinthians 15:35-56).

We should always be thankful (verse 57). God will make a dramatic change at the last trump. And, until that time, there is a work of God occurring inside our mind and our body right now (verse 58).