

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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May 22, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:14

**Service tomorrow: 11:00 a.m.**

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

### Order of service

<b>Song leader</b> .....	Clay Forrestier
<b>Pianist</b> .....	Dixon Cartwright
<b>First sermon</b> .....	Nathan Kimmons
<b>Teen class</b> .....	Canceled
<b>Bridges class—Classroom #1</b> .....	Penny Harris
<b>Kids' class—Classroom #2</b> .....	Candace Self
<b>Interactive Bible study</b> .....	Canceled
<b>Second sermon</b> .....	Neil Mclver

### Quick takes

1. Guest speaker—Nathan Kimmons of Brookhaven, Miss. (who has represented our congregation as a volunteer teacher at Legacy Institute in Chiang Mai, Thailand, for the past two years), will be giving the first sermon today.
2. Day of Pentecost—The congregation will observe the Day of Pentecost tomorrow. Here is the schedule.
  - 11:00 a.m. Church service
  - 1:00 p.m. Potluck meal
  - 2:15 Bible study by Bernie Monsalvo
3. Thank you—Representatives of the Hawkins school district thank the congregation for providing the building and for doing the catering for their banquet in the building last Thursday evening. People remarked about the quality provided by members of our congregation.
4. Private function in building on Monday—The Big Sandy school is having a year-end banquet in our building on Monday. Please give participants their privacy.

5. Woodvale function on Thursday—Woodvale School is having a function in the building on Thursday evening. Guests are welcome.
6. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Anacoco, La. (He will be back for our church service tomorrow.)
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Internalizing God's Law" by David Maas.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "Do You Love the Church of God?" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's collection, by Dave Havir, has eight pages.

## Prayer updates

**James Moran** wanted to learn more about his cancer, so **Laura** sent the pathology report to a doctor in Pennsylvania. The doctor there confirmed that James has cancer but was unsure of the location. James was scheduled for a CAT scan on Thursday, but it was canceled when it was determined that a PET scan would be a more conclusive means of discovering the location of the cancer. The PET scan is scheduled for this coming Thursday.

**Karen Kusch** of Cherhill, Alta., Canada, thanks you for your prayers. Although her back pain is still very strong, she believes your prayers have helped in the following ways. First, on Wednesday she had a CT scan due to a cancellation. (You might remember that the doctor originally wanted to do a CT scan but decided that the wait time was too long.) Second, the doctor arranged for her to have her MRI on June 6. (She told **Dave Havir** that a niece has her MRI scheduled in November.) Karen spends much time in bed and uses a walker to get around.

**Ellen Edelbach** was very excited this week as she was able to go 50 feet with her crutches. She is happy that all the hard work is paying off.

**Charles Black** was scheduled yesterday for treatment of a melanoma that has developed in his left eye. Here are excerpts of a report describing the procedure: "They will do a procedure to insert a small packet of an isotope inside the small tumor to kill the tumor cells." At the printing deadline of the bulletin, we had not heard how the procedure went.

**Ron Dart** continues to make progress at the rehabilitation facility. Here are excerpts from a report by **Allie** on Thursday: "Ron is making noticeable improvements every day . . . He was able to count to ten with no help, write Ronald, and complete many familiar sayings after she [the speech therapist] gave the first portion . . . I keep reminding him that he's in therapy so he can start making *Born to Win* broadcasts and speak at the Feast at the end of September. We agreed that he needs to cooperate rather than trying to negotiate with his trainers." Mrs. Dart is hoping that her husband can go home on May 31.

The family of **Mark McClure** of Charleston, W.Va., reports that his surgery in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Friday, May 14, for colon cancer went "extremely well" and that he is scheduled to go home tomorrow.

## New prayer requests

**Kathy Kerby** of Grantsville, W.Va., requests prayer for her great-niece **Ryleigh Kelley** (the 2-year-old daughter of **Scott** and **Nicole Kelley** of Columbus, Ohio), who was rushed on Thursday to the emergency room. Here are excerpts of a report late Thursday evening: "Ryleigh has infected fluid build-up in her left hip and some in her right. Right now (11 p.m.) they are getting ready to do another test for the toxicity level of the fluid . . . They have to aspirate the fluid (like a spinal tap). If the infection is too high, they will have to drain the fluid surgically. If the level is not too high, they will start treating her with antibiotics." Doctors suspect that the toxin is toxic meningitis.

**David Maas** requests prayers for his brother **Warren** of Brooklyn Park, Minn. Here are excerpts from a report on Wednesday: "Last Sunday morning as he awakened, he noticed that one third of his visual field in his lower left eye was gone. He has been to an optometrist, an ophthalmologist, and today had a CAT scan . . . [Doctors believe] that somehow he has sustained damage to the optic nerve."

**Doris Cole** had a mammogram in the middle of April. After a redo and a biopsy, she was diagnosed with "a ductal carcinoma" in her left breast. She reported: "The good news is that it is small and was found at this early stage. However, it is invasive and has spread outside the duct, which I understand is uncommon." Although she is unsure of her exact treatment path, she is scheduled for surgery on June 23.

**Patricia Forrest** requests prayers for **Cheyenne Worden** of Columbus, Ohio (a 12-year-old relative on her husband's side of the family), who has an infection in her leg that is very serious.

**Lucy Richmond** of the local United congregation went to the emergency room at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler due to chest pains. Initial tests did not prove a heart attack.

**Pat Stewart** of the local United congregation is scheduled for a lumpectomy next Thursday morning as an outpatient procedure at ETMC in Tyler.

**John Van Westen** of the local United congregation had surgery on Wednesday to remove a tumor in his mouth. He is unable to talk right now. He is scheduled to go for a follow-up visit "to see if the skin graft has taken."

**Michelle Grovak** of Lafayette, Ind., who has been suffering with severe anemia and low blood counts since last fall, has had a recent bout with dizziness and overall weakness.

**Sue Crow** of San Jose, Calif., was taken to the ER on Wednesday. She was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation and arrhythmia.

**John Mott**, a 41-year-old police officer of the Monroe, La., area, was killed Sunday when he was hit by a drunk driver. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Dorothy Armstrong Mattson** of Sun City, Ariz., died on Monday. Please remember her husband, **Vern**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## “Do You Love the Church of God?”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s Web site, [churchofgodbigandy.com](http://churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of May 22–23, 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 Church of God.

Do you remember when you previously believed that the Church of God was defined by allegiance to a physical man or to a physical group?

It’s easy to get irritated when watching people promote themselves as prophets like Isaiah or as apostles like Paul to merchandise believers. I wonder how God will apply Matthew 18:6 and Matthew 23:13-15 to those who are hurting His people.

But you learned the truth about God’s church. Jesus Christ is your Apostle and High Priest (Hebrews 3:1). And the Body of Christ is a spiritual organism (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

We see in the Old Testament how God expressed His desire to be with His people.

■ Exodus 25:8 says: “And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.”

■ Exodus 29:42-45 says: “This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet you to speak with you. And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory. So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests. I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God.”

■ Leviticus 26:11-12 says: “I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.”

We see in the New Testament how the Father raised His Son and gave the power of His Spirit to believers—making His disciples a spiritual temple.

■ Acts 17:24 says: “God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.”

■ 1 Corinthians 3:9-11 says: “For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field,

you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

■ 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 says: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”

■ Ephesians 2:19-22 says: “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

■ 1 Peter 2:5 says: “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

■ Revelation 21:3 says: “And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.’”

Please don’t allow people to persuade you that your calling is inferior to their calling, because you don’t give allegiance to their physical leaders or to their physical organization.

While it is generally best to resist the temptation to show people the folly of their foolish theories, be willing to pray for those who limit God with a human perspective.

God has a way of helping people to ultimately see His perspective. Whenever that happens to you, you realize how glorious that awakening is. The awakening can be so spectacular that you can’t help but give thanks back to Him.

Aren’t you thrilled to be a part of God’s Church? I bet you tell Him about it, don’t you?