

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 5, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:23

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Clay Forrestier
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	.....	Neil Mclver
Teen class—Classroom #1	.....	Martha Mclver
Bridges class—Classroom #1	.....	Martha Mclver
Kids' class—Classroom #2	.....	Mindy Forrestier
Interactive Bible study—Foyer	.....	Bernie Monsalvo
Second sermon	.....	James Ross

Quick takes

1. Guest speaker—The congregation welcomes James Ross from the Dallas area. He will be giving the second sermon today.
2. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Ron Feaker is giving a sermon in Tyler and Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Cincinnati, Ohio. (Mr. Havir is staying with Glen and Rebecca Hollon, who lost their 21-year-old daughter Leanna in an automobile accident on July 30, 2009. As you might recall, the Hollons are seeking to receive permanent custody of their grandson. A court date was scheduled yesterday.)
3. Potluck today—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service today.
4. Private function in building tomorrow—A rehearsal is scheduled in the building tomorrow afternoon. Please give participants privacy.
5. Dance recital in building on Tuesday—There is a community dance recital in the building on Tuesday evening. All are welcome.
6. Senior-citizen meal—There is a senior-citizen meal scheduled in the building at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 19.

- 7. Pool party—There is a pool party scheduled at the home of Don and Michele Mischnick at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 27.
- 8. Nomination results—The following four people have been chosen by the congregation to proceed to the election phase.
 - Marcia Chambers
 - Neil McIver
 - Don Mischnick
 - Travis Self
- 9. Election phase begins today—Members of the congregation are invited to participate in the election phase by filling out a ballot.
- 10. Alaska Feast cruise—Dennis Moulard reports that we have 83 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.
- 11. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “The Politician Made a Decision” by Dave Havir.
- 12. Among Friends—This week’s article is “The Growing Pressure Against Israel” by Dave Havir.
- 13. Eye on the World—This week’s collection has six pages.

Prayer updates

Because Dave Havir left on his trip in the middle of the week, this bulletin does not have the usual listing of prayer and health updates.

Feast coordinators

Here are the 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 June 2

On Wednesday, June 2, David Maas gave a Bible study titled “Fruits of God’s Spirit—Love.”

1 Corinthians 13:1-3—Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7—Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:13—And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Scriptures to consider

Esther 3:13—And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions.

Esther 4:1-3—When Mordecai learned all that had happened, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city. He cried out with a loud and bitter cry. He went as far as the front of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Esther 4:15-16—Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

Daniel 11:40-43—"At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels."

Daniel 11:44-45—"But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. 4And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him."

“The Politician Made a Choice”

This article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s Web site, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of June 5–6, 2010. (Mr. Havir thanks a friend for sending a similar version of this story to him.)

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Once upon a time there a politician who was tragically hit by a truck while walking down the street. As the story goes, the politician died, went to heaven and was met by St. Peter at the entrance.

They began a conversation. Here is what they said.

St. Peter: “Welcome to heaven. Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts. You see, we’re not sure what to do with you.”

Politician: “No problem. Just let me in.”

St. Peter: “Well, I’d like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we’ll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity.”

Politician: “Really, I’ve made up my mind. I want to be in heaven.”

St. Peter: “I’m sorry, but we have our rules.”

And, with that, St. Peter escorted him to the elevator and sent him down, down, down to hell. The doors opened and the politician found himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance was a clubhouse, and standing in front of it were many friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone was very happy and in evening dress. They ran to greet him, shook his hand and reminisced about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They played a friendly game of golf. Then they dined on lobster, caviar and champagne before enjoying a good time on the dance floor.

They were having such a good time that,

before he realized it, it was time to go. Everyone gave him a hearty farewell and waved while the elevator rose. The elevator went up, up, up, and the door reopened in heaven, where St. Peter was waiting for him.

“Now it’s time to visit heaven,” he said.

So the politician joined a group of contented people moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They had a good time, and, before he realized it, the 24 hours had elapsed and St. Peter returned.

St. Peter said to him: “Well, then, you’ve spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now it is time to choose your eternity.”

After reflecting for few seconds, the politician replied: “Heaven has been delightful. And I would never have said it before but I think I would be better off in hell.”

So St. Peter escorted him to the elevator and sent the politician down, down, down to hell. When the doors of the elevator opened, he was in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage.

He saw his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash fell from above.

The devil came over to him and put his arm around his shoulder.

The politician looked at the devil and said: “I don’t understand. Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and a clubhouse. We ate lobster and caviar. We drank champagne and danced. We had a great time. Now there’s just a wasteland full of garbage. My friends look miserable. What happened?”

The devil began to enlighten the politician by saying, “Yesterday we were campaigning.” After a short pause, the devil said, “Today you voted.”