

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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July 10, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:29

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

### Order of service

Song leader	Neil Mclver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	Ron Feaker
Teen class—Classroom #1	Neil Mclver
Bridges class—Library	Carol Bald
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Diana Havir
Interactive Bible study—Foyer	Dave Havir
Second sermon	Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Interactive Bible study—Dave Havir will moderate a discussion titled “How Can Christians Best Explain the Existence of Suffering?”
2. Fellowship Club—There is a Fellowship Club scheduled at 4:15 today. Dave Havir and Dixon Cartwright will give a review of Bart Ehrman’s book *God’s Problem*, which is about the subject of suffering.
3. Swim party at Mischnicks’—There is a swim party scheduled at the home of Don and Michele Mischnick on Sunday, July 18, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
4. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Jefferson and Adams” by Lenny Cacchio.
5. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Remember 1 Timothy 2:1-2” by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—This week’s collection by Dave Havir has eight pages.
7. Last week’s Bible study—On Wednesday, July 7, Dave Havir gave a Bible study titled “Elders in the Old Testament.”

## Prayer updates

**Nancy Sharp** is scheduled to go to Dallas for surgery to remove a kidney stone on Monday, July 19.

**James Moran** learned that funding for his chemotherapy by pill was approved. He is scheduled to begin the program this coming week.

**Stan West** reports that his father, **Ben West**, is scheduled for a bone scan on Tuesday.

**Melba Evers** of Albertville, Ala. (mother of **Jeannie Roden**), is scheduled for open-heart surgery on Wednesday. She will have a valve replaced and have a triple bypass. Prayers are appreciated for the whole family.

**Ruth Myrick** of Dallas had her surgery for cancer on Wednesday. The initial reports are that "they got all the cancer." She was scheduled to be released yesterday.

Here are excerpts from a report on Friday about **Janice Spieker** of Willow Lake, S.D.: "The aggressive tumor in her brain has progressed to the point that a medical cure is no longer being pursued. She has moved to hospice care for comfort and pain relief."

## New prayer requests

**Norene Martz** hurt her back five weeks ago while lifting a heavy pot. After being anointed, she began to feel better. However, on Sunday she hurt her back again while lifting an old rug. She mentioned that it's time she learned that she's 80 years old. She and **Jack** appreciate your prayers.

**Kit Holloway** has been dealing with an upper-respiratory infection and conjunctivitis.

**Aaron Lawrence** of Hawkins (son-in-law of **J.L.** and **Jeannie Roden**) was burned on Sunday, June 27. He has second-degree burns on his chest, abdomen, legs and feet. Please pray for a speedy recovery. He is scheduled to be out of work for several weeks.

## Synopsis of board meeting

Here is a synopsis of the board meeting on Tuesday, July 6.

- The board welcomed Neil McIver and Don Mischnick, who were reelected to the board.
- The board chose the officers for the coming year. Bernie Monsalvo indicated that he would be happy if someone else had the opportunity to be president. The new officers are: president—J.L. Roden; vice president—Neil McIver; treasurer—Don Mischnick; and secretary—Melodee Overton.

- In the treasurer's report, Don Mischnick mentioned that the year-to-date income was up 4 percent.
- In old business, J.L. Roden (chairman of the Election Committee) gave a report about the recent election.
- In new business, Diana Havir (representative of the Frontier Girls) asked board members if they would officially sponsor Troop 109. The board voted 5–0, with one abstention, to sponsor the troop.
- In new business, J.L. Roden presented three possible adjustments to the voting procedure. Mr. Roden mentioned that, even though he didn't have a preference to make the changes, he wanted to pass along some ideas he had heard. No action was requested, and no action was taken.
- In the pastor's report, Dave Havir mentioned the following six items: (1) He wanted to publicly compliment some individuals for their work in the technical areas. Those eight people are Anthony Kimmons, David Havir III, Andrew McIver, Scott Mischnick, Shelly Howell, Sonny Rosenberger, David Maas and Bernie Monsalvo. (2) He mentioned that his trips are going well, that he enjoys the opportunity to serve scattered brethren in person and that he enjoys the opportunity to introduce people to our Web site. (3) He mentioned that many people are under financial stress. (4) He mentioned that many people are bringing trials upon themselves by "enabling" their children and grandchildren. (5) He has talked to Anthony Kimmons about the idea of doing a webcast from a location back to our congregation. And (6) he asked for input about whether the oil crisis in the Gulf of Mexico would interfere with the Destin Feast site. We plan to continue with the site at this time.

## "Remember 1 Timothy 2:1–2"

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's Web site, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of July 10–11, 2010.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—As I watch the onslaught of initiatives attempted by personnel of the United States government, I shake my head in disbelief. I don't know which is more amazing—the tenacity of the administration, the liberal bias of much of the mainstream media or the passivity of the electorate.

There has been an obvious benefit from all this nonsense. Now I have a greater impetus to practice 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Since the decisions of the federal government are making our life more uncomfortable, there is a greater motivation for supplication (which includes fasting).

Do you find yourself praying for a quiet and peaceable life for our country?

Do you find yourself praying for our civil leaders to stand strong against foolish actions?

I find myself admiring a lot of what I see about Jan Brewer, the governor of Arizona. For instance, I appreciated what she wrote on her Facebook page on May 21, 2010. Some management members of the Phoenix Suns professional basketball team gave public dissent to the Arizona law during a play-off basketball game back in May.

Here is how she responded: "What if the owners of the Suns discovered that hordes

of people were sneaking into games without paying? What if they had a good idea who the gate-crashers are, but the ushers and security personnel were not allowed to ask these folks to produce their ticket stubs, thus non-paying attendees couldn't be ejected? Furthermore, what if Suns' ownership was expected to provide those who sneaked in with complimentary eats and drink? And what if, on those days

when a gate-crasher became ill or injured, the Suns had to provide free medical care and shelter?"

I enjoy praying for the civil leaders displaying wisdom.

However, I seek to also pray for the civil leaders who are displaying foolish actions.

In essence, we should pray for all civil leaders—"that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life."

## "Jefferson and Adams"

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**By Lenny Cacchio**

**L**EE'S SUMMIT, Mo.—It's July 4, 1826. On this very day, a lifetime after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, two titans of American history, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, finish the final chapter of their lives.

These two men, one breathing his last in Massachusetts, the other in Virginia, had not been in each other's presence for decades. In fact, for several years these two men who were once close friends and had pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor were bitter political enemies.

In a sense Adams and Jefferson personified two strains of thought that have been a part of the American political landscape from its founding. John Adams supported a strong federal government. Jefferson was the champion of states' rights. Adams supported a strong mercantile class, Jefferson the idyllic world of yeoman farmers and craftsman. Adams represented the world of the Reformation and religion, Jefferson the philosophy of the Enlightenment and the supremacy of reason.

The break between these two patriots began in the early days of the Republic but came to an explosive climax during the Adams administration. Due to a fluke in that day's electoral system, Jefferson, despite his antipathy to Adams' view of the role of the chief executive, was elected

as Adams' vice president. Thus two men with radically different views became political enemies even while they were supposed to serve side by side in the government.

It was only when Jefferson had finished his second term as president that a common friend and fellow signer, Dr. Benjamin Rush, played the role of peacemaker and nudged the two titans to begin a correspondence that would last the rest of their lives, rekindling a friendship and enriching the heritage of our country.

These two warriors of liberty, whose friendship turned to rivalry, then enmity, blossomed in their mutual respect and friendship once again with the coming of old age and the march of time.

Jefferson and Adams provide a model for political rivals. They had two differing views on the role of government, and those differences transformed a friendship into bitterness.

Yet through the influence of a peace-making intermediary they finished their lives with renewed friendship and respect, and our nation is the richer for it.

It was fitting that both of these old patriots who signed the founding document five decades before left this life on the anniversary of the day that changed their lives and our world forever.

July 4, 1826: Two titans passed from the scene. But their republic endures.