

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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July 17, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:27

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Clay Forrestier
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	Bernie Monsalvo
Teen class—Classroom #1	Holli Mischnick
Bridges class—Library	Carol Bald
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Leslie Harroff
Interactive Bible study—Foyer	Canceled
Second sermon	Reg Killingley

Quick takes

1. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havir is leading an interactive Bible study and giving a sermon in Atlanta, Ga.
2. Swim party at the Mischnicks'—There is a swim party scheduled at the home of Don and Michele Mischnick tomorrow beginning at 11:00 a.m.
3. Water party at the Deans'—There is a water party (swimming pool and tubing on Lake Gladewater) scheduled at the home of Aaron and Michelle Dean on Sunday, July 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4. Teen trip—Clay Forrestier will be meeting with the teens about the upcoming teen trip. The location was originally scheduled to be in Louisiana, but, because of the recent rains, we will be pursuing other options.
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Appreciate Each Other" by Lenny Cacchio.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Was That Really A New Commandment?" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's collection by Dave Havir has 20 pages.

7. Last week's Bible study—On Wednesday, July 14, Dave Havir gave a Bible study titled "Elders in The New Testament."

Prayer Updates

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

Gracie Feaker is scheduled for a follow-up visit with her eye doctor on Monday.

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

Ruth Myrick of Dallas thanks everyone for the prayers following her recent surgery for cancer.

Gerald Gill of Kunkletown, Pa. (father of **Dave Havir**), was scheduled for a stress test last Thursday. He is scheduled for a doctor's appointment this coming Tuesday.

New prayer requests

James West of Oklahoma City, Okla., had triple-bypass surgery on Wednesday. His wife, **Linda**, fell on Tuesday and hit her head on a railing, causing a wound that required 18 staples.

Fred Patton of the local United congregation had a doctor's appointment on Tuesday in preparation for another test. It was reported that he began to have problems with his upper palate swelling again on Wednesday.

Lisa Wenger reports that her mother, **Callie Rivera** of Hawkins, spent four days in the hospital and discovered that she has colon cancer.

"Appreciate Each Other"

This article is from the "Edifying the Body" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's Web site, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of July 17-18, 2010.

By **Lenny Cacchio**

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo.—The disciples walked with Jesus throughout Judea, Samaria and Galilee for 3½ years, yet they seemed to miss the entire purpose of His being. They hoped that Jesus would lead a popular uprising and throw the

Romans out. But their dreams were broken when this Man, who would supposedly lead them, stretched out His arms and breathed His last.

It's trite to use a 1960s pop tune to teach theology, but the lyrics "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what

you've got till it's gone?" is a lesson that applied to the disciples.

Shortly after the crucifixion, two disciples were traveling on the road to Emmaus when someone approached them.

"What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" He asked them.

They related to Him how Jesus, who they had hoped would be the one to redeem Israel, had been betrayed by His own people and was crucified, and then, to add to their consternation, His body was missing and some had even claimed to have seen Him alive!

You'll find this account in Luke 24, and you'll also find that the stranger who approached these two disciples was Jesus Christ Himself. But for some reason they did not recognize Him as such until "He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it

to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight."

What they then said to each other is the lesson for us.

"Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

They had failed to appreciate His company until His presence was no longer there. It was then that they realized how their hearts yearned for His teaching. It was then that they missed what they had.

Losing a loved one brings forth such emotions. Give them hugs while we still have them. Savor the moments we share. Let our hearts burn within us while we break bread together, for one day those moments and hugs will live in our memories and not in our presence.

Appreciate each other while we can.

"Eye on the World"

These short news items, compiled by Dave Havir, are from the "Eye on the World" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's Web site, www.churchofgodbigandy.com. They were posted for the weekend of July 17-18, 2010.

An article titled "Virginia Lawmaker Challenges Feds to Sue His State Over Immigration Enforcement" was posted at foxnews.com on July 11, 2010.

It said: "A Virginia lawmaker looking to enact an immigration law similar to Arizona's is challenging the Obama administration to come at his state with a lawsuit, too, saying he hopes the Justice Department has 'so many targets' they can't focus.

"Prince William Board of County Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart told *The Washington Post* that the Obama administration's lawsuit against Arizona will probably fall flat. He claimed Arizona is on 'firm footing' and encouraged other jurisdictions to follow Arizona's lead."

An article by James Gordon Meek and Katie Nelson titled "Cleric Anwar al-Awlaki Puts 'Everybody Draw Mohammed' Cartoonist Molly Norris On Execution Hitlist" was posted at [\[lynews.com\]\(http://lynews.com\) on July 12, 2010.](http://nydai-</p>
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It said: "A charismatic terror leader linked to the botched Times Square car bomb has placed the Seattle cartoonist who launched 'Everybody Draw Mohammed Day' on an execution hit list.

"Yemeni-American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki—the radical who has also been cited as inspiring the Fort Hood, Tex., massacre and the plot by two New Jersey men to kill U.S. soldiers—singled out artist Molly Norris as a 'prime target,' saying her 'proper abode is hellfire.'"

An editorial by Ken Blackwell with Ken Klukowski titled "Obama, the Black Panther and Voter Intimidation" was posted at patriotpost.us on July 13, 2010.

It said: "A situation involving voter intimidation caught on tape has now exploded, as a Justice Department lawyer resigns to be able to tell the truth to the American people that the Obama-Holder Justice De-

partment is allowing voting-rights violations to go unpunished for political reasons. Those responsible must be made to answer for their betrayal of the public trust.”

[The entire article can be seen at the Information Table and on the Web site.]

An article by Andy Barr titled “Black Tea Partiers Rebut NAACP” was posted at politico.com on July 14, 2010.

It said: “Some African-American tea party candidates are displeased by a resolution that the NAACP approved on Tuesday calling the grass-roots conservative movement ‘racist.’”

It quoted Vernon Parker, an African-American Tea Party congressional candidate in Arizona, as saying: “I have not experienced the charges of racism that the NAACP is touting. When I go to tea party events, people don’t look at me any differently. They didn’t judge me on the color of my skin, quite frankly, they judged me on my principles.

“The NAACP should be concerned about bringing jobs to people in depressed areas [and] not [concerned about] the tea party.”

It quoted Tim Scott, a GOP congressional nominee in South Carolina as saying: “I believe that the NAACP is making a grave mistake in stereotyping a diverse group of Americans who care deeply about their country and who contribute their time, energy and resources to make a difference.

“As I campaign in South Carolina, I participate in numerous events sponsored by the tea party, 9/12, Patriot, and other like-minded groups, and I have had the opportunity to get to know many of the men and women who make up these energetic grass-roots organizations.

“Americans need to know that the tea party is a color-blind movement that has principled differences with many of the leaders in Washington, both Democrats and Republicans.”

An article by Yaakov Katz titled “Sending Hizbullah a Message: Israel Is Ready” was posted at jpost.com on July 9, 2010.

It said: “Four years ago, on the eve of the Second Lebanon War, the IDF had just a few hundred designated Hizbullah targets

throughout Lebanon. About 90 of them were long-range missiles that had been stored in the homes of top Hizbullah operatives and these were destroyed by the air force within 36 minutes on the first night of the war.

“While by the end of the war the air force had bombed close to 8,000 targets, the fact that it knew about only a few hundred before the war partially led to failure to stop the rocket fire and fatally hurt the guerrilla group.

“On Wednesday [July 7], top IDF officers revealed that the air force today has thousands of designated targets it can bomb if war were to break out.

“Some of them, like those that appear on the maps of the southern Lebanese village of el-Khiam that were declassified on Wednesday [July 7], are of arms caches, command-and-control centers and rocket launchers; others are likely long-range rockets, likely the highly accurate M600 or Scuds, which Syria recently transferred to Lebanon.

“In the four years that have passed since the Second Lebanon War, both the IDF and Hizbullah have been busy studying their mistakes and implementing the necessary lessons.”

It later said: “The IDF’s decision to declassify intelligence information on Hizbullah should be viewed as the opening shot in a public relations campaign ahead of the next war.”

It later said: “The declassification is aimed at deterring Hizbullah from attacking by demonstrating the IDF’s deep penetration of its most carefully guarded secrets.”

It later said: “Israel’s main problem with Hizbullah continues to be its unprecedented military buildup. In 2006, Hizbullah had 14,000 fighters compared to 30,000 today; it had 15,000 rockets compared to 40,000 today.

“And in 2006, just 10,000 of them were in southern Lebanon compared to 30,000 today.”

It later said: “Israel’s hands are pretty much tied when it comes to stopping the rearmament. Several months ago, when the government debated the possible bombing of a weapons convoy from Syria to Lebanon, the plan was nixed due to the fear that war would erupt—this according to foreign reports.”

It later said: “While deterrence can temporarily postpone a conflict, it ultimately wears off.”