

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 16, 2011 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:48

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Neil McIver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	James Moran
Teen class—Classroom #1	Jeanine Case
Bridges class—Library	Angela Dunnam
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Mindy Forrestier
Interactive Bible study—Foyer	Bernie Monsalvo
Second sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Spring feast days—The Spring feast schedule is listed later in this bulletin.
2. Setup for Passover—Ron Feaker invites any volunteers who want to help with the setup for the Passover service to arrive tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.
3. Passover service tomorrow—The Passover service will begin tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. (As is customary, the partaking of the symbols will occur after sunset.)
4. Special meal on Monday—The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m.
5. Bible study on Tuesday at noon—Bernie Monsalvo will give a Bible study on Tuesday at noon.
6. Tasting of unleavened snacks—You are invited to bring some unleavened snacks to share with the brethren at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday.
7. Church service on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.—The speakers at the church service will be Stan West and Dave Havir.
8. Tulsa choir—The Tulsa Fellowship Choir is planning to visit our congregation on Saturday, April 23.

9. Work party—We are planning a work party on Sunday, May 1.
10. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Forecasting Spiritual Turbulence" by David Maas.
11. Among Friends—This week's article is "They Drank a Cup of Wine" by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week's collection has 18 pages.
13. Wednesday-night Bible study—Last Wednesday, Bernie Monsalvo gave a study titled "The Teaching at Passover—John 16-17."

Spring Feast schedule

Passover service on Sunday, April 17

The congregation will conduct a traditional Church of God Passover service (foot-washing, unleavened bread and wine) on Sunday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.

- Ron Feaker will help coordinate the physical organization.
- As is customary, we will have a system in place to help people who need assistance during the foot-washing portion of the evening.
- Teenagers and children are welcome to attend.

"Night to Be Much Observed" meal on Monday, April 18

The congregation will have a special meal in the building on Monday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. This meal is on the eve of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (which is mentioned in Leviticus 23:6-7 and 1 Corinthians 5:8). In Exodus 12:42, that evening has been described as a night of observations or watching.

The church will provide the meat along with a green salad. We ask families who attend the meal to bring items from the following categories: (1) vegetables, (2) bread, (3) potatoes or rice and (4) dessert.

If you plan to attend the meal in the building, please sign the list on the Information Table.

First day of Unleavened Bread on Tuesday, April 19

The congregation will worship on the first day of Unleavened Bread on Tuesday, April 19. Here is the tentative schedule.

- 12:00 noon Bible study
- 1:00 p.m. Tasting of unleavened snacks
- 2:00 Church service

Seventh day of Unleavened Bread on Monday, April 25

The congregation will worship on the seventh day of Unleavened Bread on Monday, April 25. Here is the tentative schedule.

- 11:00 a.m. Church service
- 1:00 p.m. Potluck meal
- 2:15 Bible study

Prayer updates

James Moran went for a treatment at UT Health Center (north of Tyler) on Wednesday.

Katherine Goodchild of Gladewater was released from the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview on Wednesday. Home hospice care was arranged.

Here is an excerpt of a report about **Teagan Gregory** of Alberta, Canada (5-year-old daughter of **Greg** and **Barbara Gregory**), who recently had a two-hour seizure: "Teagan is awake, but almost blind and cannot speak. She may be able to see a little light now, and we hope that improves. She seems to be able to understand and recognize the voice of her parents. She is unable to move her arms and legs to any extent. It does not seem that she is having any more seizures, but the complete extent of the brain damage is still unknown."

New prayer requests

Caleb Fisher went to the Good Shepherd Medical Center on Wednesday and was diagnosed with a serious infection. He was released on Friday. The family appreciates your prayers.

DeLois Kimmons of Walnut Hill, Fla., was scheduled for outpatient surgery on Wednesday to fight the cancer that has returned. When the procedure turned out to be more intrusive than anticipated, the doctors decided to keep her overnight to monitor her. When she awoke on Thursday, she was having trouble with her left leg. The doctors did a CT scan and determined that the main artery down her leg had no blood flow past the hip (at the location where they had performed the procedure), and that she had developed a blood clot in that artery further down the leg at about the knee. Later in the afternoon, they attempted an angioplasty procedure to open up the artery, and were not successful. They left a catheter in the artery and began giving her strong blood thinners. On Friday, her circulation improved. Earlier, the doctors could hear a pulse only in her foot, but they could finally feel it. Mrs. Kimmons truly appreciates the prayers offered on her behalf.

Ruth Mischnick of Little Rock, Ark. (wife of **Al Mischnick**), is having cornea problems.

Wayne Cole of Tyler recently learned that three arteries are clogged. His wife, **Doris**, wrote: "We would not have been surprised at needing another stent, but unfortunately that is not an option in this case." He is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday.

Pat Thomas of Pasadena, Calif., who has been diagnosed with breast cancer, went to the hospital on Monday due to great pain and excessive bleeding. She has been suffering with cancer for many years.

Vernon Thomas of Youngstown, Ohio, has a tumor on his right lung. He is scheduled for surgery in the near future.

Debbie Small of Spokane, Wash., has been suffering with action tremors of her hands and resting-head tremors. She recently had “deep-brain-stimulation surgery,” and she can now write legibly with her right hand. (She is unable to take pain medication due to sensitivity to gluten and to all dairy products.)

Janice Day of Hayden, Idaho, has been suffering from severe chronic abdominal pain.

Katharine Kroeker of Lumby, B.C., Canada (who has suffered with rheumatoid arthritis since she was a young girl), has been diagnosed with a rare form of colitis (called collagenous colitis). Her weight is down to 90 pounds.

Nathaniel Holmes of Indianapolis, Ind., was involved in a seven-car accident on the way to work on Monday. He injured his back and neck.

Sue Lawson of Palm Desert, Calif., who recently had a bone-marrow biopsy, learned that she has acute leukemia. Here are excerpts from a report from her husband, **Don**: “It seems there are seven strains of AML, only one of which is treatable for older people. Sue’s leukemia is called APL and we are told it is curable.”

Jim Thornhill of Sandy, Utah, died on March 19. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Michael Schulz of Duenweg, Mo. (27-year-old stepson of **Tim** and **Debbie Hirschler**), died on April 5 when a semi-truck hit him while he was walking. Please remember the family in your prayers.

“They Drank a Cup of Wine”

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 April 16–17, 2011.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Believers around the world will soon participate in a service that commemorates the suffering and the death of Jesus Christ.

On the night that the Lord Jesus was betrayed, He gave a cup of wine to His disciples and said, “Drink it, for this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matthew 26:26).

When believers meditate upon the cup of wine, we can remember the important lessons about our slain Savior.

He became sin for us (Romans 8:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13).

He became the High Priest and the Sacrifice (various scriptures in the book of Hebrews).

Here’s a question I would like you to ponder: How does your drinking the cup of wine affect your way of life?

Are you being made conformable to His death (Philippians 3:10)?

Are you seeking to be a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2)?

How do you “die daily” for God (1 Corinthians 15:31)?

How do you reflect the “dying of the Lord Jesus” in your body (2 Corinthians 4:10)?

Here’s some good news. Our failures in following His example should not discourage us from drinking the cup of wine.

Rather, partaking of the cup of the wine helps us to remember the way of life we seek to live.