

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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March 6, 2010 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:19

**Service next Sabbath: 1:00 p.m.**

### Order of service

<b>Song leader</b> .....	Reg Killingley
<b>Pianist</b> .....	Dixon Cartwright
<b>First sermon</b> .....	George Crow
<b>Teen class—Classroom #1</b> .....	Martha McIver
<b>Bridges class—Classroom #1</b> .....	Martha McIver
<b>Kids' class—Classroom #2</b> .....	Leslie Harroff
<b>Interactive Bible study—Foyer</b> .....	Canceled
<b>Second sermon</b> .....	George Crow

### Quick takes

1. Guest speaker today—The congregation welcomes George Crow, who will be giving both sermons today.
2. Potluck today—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service today.
3. Thank you—Thank you to Melodee Overton and those who helped her prepare and serve the senior-citizen meal last Sabbath.
4. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Ron Feaker is giving a sermon in Waco, Neil McIver is giving a sermon in Tyler, and Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Lansing, Mich.
5. Guest speaker next week—Ed Mitchell is scheduled to be the guest speaker next Sabbath.
6. Benefit concert on March 13—The benefit concert for Craig and Veronica Miles and Roy and Kathy Freer of Pittsburg, Texas, will begin at 7:00 on March 13.
7. Alaska cruise at the Feast—An information sheet about the Alaska cruise at the Feast is available at the Information Table.
8. Daylight-saving time—Daylight-saving begins on Sunday, March 14.

9. Summer church time—With the advent of daylight-saving time on March 14, our church service will revert to the summer starting time of 2:00 p.m. on March 20.
10. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Persecution Can Be a Mighty Well-Disguised Blessing" by David Maas.
11. Among Friends—This week's article is "Do You Have a Foot-Washing Attitude?" by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week's collection is by Dave Havir.

## Spring Feast schedule

### Passover service on Sunday, March 28

The congregation will conduct a traditional Church of God Passover service (foot-washing, unleavened bread and wine) on Sunday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.

- J.L. Roden 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, March 29

The congregation will have a special meal in the building on Monday, March 29, 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. More details about the menu will be provided in the coming weeks.

### First day of Unleavened Bread on Tuesday, March 30

The congregation will worship on the first day of Unleavened Bread on Tuesday, March 30. 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 5

The congregation will worship on the seventh day of Unleavened Bread on Monday, April 5. Here is the tentative schedule.

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

## Prayer updates

**Dorothy Jones** had to go to the emergency room on Tuesday due to shortness of breath, irregular heartbeat and high blood pressure. She was admitted to

Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She has fluid around her heart and atrial fibrillation. Her blood pressure is now under control. The doctors are hoping to treat her heart problems with medication, but if that does not work she may need a pacemaker. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

**Donna Weese** went to the emergency room at the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview near midnight on Saturday evening. She was admitted. One of her problems was a low potassium level. On Tuesday, she went to the Texan Nursing and Rehab of Gladewater (on Money Street). She is in Room 16A.

**Nancy Sharp**, who was scheduled to visit a specialist in Dallas on Friday, March 5, learned that the appointment has been postponed to later this month.

**Mac Overton** reports that he has fairly good strength through the day but remains tired at night. He is planning to have a checkup in the near future.

### New prayer requests

**Philip Hufton**, son of **Ian** and **Thalia Hufton**, was in a motorcycle accident last Saturday and has been in ICU in Tyler. Although Philip was wearing a helmet, he sustained head injuries including a crushed nose. He was unconscious until Thursday, when he responded to simple voice commands and gave a thumbs-up sign. He was scheduled for surgery yesterday to repair his nose. Philip has a long recovery ahead of him, so his family would appreciate your continued prayers.

**Mark Goodchild** of Gladewater suffers from strong migraine headaches.

### Bible study on March 3

On Wednesday, March 3, David Maas gave a Bible study titled "Are New Testament Christians Obligated to Keep God's Holy Days?"

**Leviticus 23:1-2**—And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.'"

### "Do You Have Stuffites Syndrome?"

This article is from the "Edifying the Body" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's Web site, [churchofgodbigandy.com](http://churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Feb. 27–28, 2010.

By Judith Biggs

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—If you have a problem getting rid of your stuff, you might have stuffites syndrome. Many people have this malady even though they are in denial about it.

Let me help you determine if you are afflicted with this condition.

#### Various responses

When someone asks you to get rid of your stuff, do you ever say one of the following responses?

- "I'm sick" (even if you aren't).
- "I can't."
- "Not in the mood."
- "Don't overload me."
- "I haven't worn that garment for five

years, but . . .”

- “It’s so cute.”
- “That was a present from \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “I don’t know what it is, but I got it for a bargain.”
- “I paid too much for it, so I must keep it.”
- “I can sell that” (even though you probably won’t).
- “What if I need it someday?”
- “I have other things to do, such as building more storage areas for my stuff.”

### Slave to stuff

It became easier than I thought to become a slave to stuff.

Recently I noticed that we have stacks and stacks of religious material. Doesn’t that make me righteous?

It took me a while to figure that one out. But I finally learned that papers and tapes (religious and otherwise) can overwhelm me. Housekeeping can become an impossible job.

Of course, each person wants to get rid of the other guy’s stuff and not his own.

As you get past 60 years of age, your kids sometimes want you to get rid of everything except maybe a bed and a wheelchair. My husband and I are not quite ready to go to that extreme.

However, there is also a reality. I really don’t want to leave a mess for my kids to clean up.

### Own story

I hope my children and I can reach a compromise. I will try to get rid of things, but I hope they will realize some value in my stuff.

Every item has a story behind it. Our stuff is like an autobiography. Our stuff is who we are.

Several of my friends and I are getting together and encouraging one another to upgrade and get rid of stuff we no longer need.

You might consider joining us. It is more fun to do it together. And it’s better to do it before something happens and you can’t.

## “Do You Have a Foot-Washing Attitude?”

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 March 6–7, 2010.

### By Dave Havir

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—Jesus Christ set a wonderful example in every aspect of His life. One of the most poignant events in the life of Christ is when He washed the feet of the disciples.

You know the story. You remember the exchange that the Messiah had with Peter.

Peter said in John 13:8: “You shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus replied (also in verse 8): “If I don’t wash your feet, you will have no part with Me.”

Then the enthusiastic Peter said in verse 9: “Lord, don’t only wash my feet, but wash my hands and head.”

So Christ washed the feet of His disciples.

After Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, He asked them: “Do you know what I have done” (verse 12)? Then He went on to explain.

He said in verses 13-15: “If I as your Lord and Master have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you an example that you should do as I have done.”

How do those verses apply to disciples today? Let’s consider two ideas.

First, many of His disciples today follow the

actual example and literally wash someone else’s feet at a church service commemorating the death of Jesus Christ.

Second, many of His disciples use Christ’s example to motivate them to practice a foot-washing attitude as a way of life.

Here are four quick concepts to remember as we seek to have a foot-washing attitude.

■ We should not be exalting ourselves. Some good scriptures about this are Matthew 23:5-12, Luke 14:7-11 and Luke 18:9-14.

■ We should seek to be a living sacrifice. Paul mentioned this in Romans 12:1-2.

■ We should not respond to pressure by other people. Do not let people use scriptures about love and a foot-washing attitude to manipulate you into enabling their addiction. (See the next point.)

■ Serve the needs of other people. When you are committed to serving the needs of other people, you will sometimes say *no* to their bad requests, fantasies and addictions.

Christ washed their feet, and then He died for them.

We have the opportunity to wash some feet, and then to be a living example to serve the needs of people around us.