

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 23, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:16

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	.....	Daniel Botha
Teen class	.....	Roxanna West
Kids' class	.....	Dave Havir

Order of service

Song leader	.....	Daniel Botha
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	. . .	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 by Stan West
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—The congregation thanks everyone who serves the congregation in a variety of ways.
2. Three areas of service—If you would like to serve in any of the following three areas, please contact the appropriate person.
 - Stan West Building maintenance
 - Neil McIver Property maintenance
 - Linda Avey Kitchen supervisor
3. Thank you—We appreciate the individuals who have spent time helping with the property.
 - Al Donahue—Regular mowing
 - Dwight Holcomb—Two projects: (1) cutting down the large tree and (2) bushhogging the area on the east side of our property
 - Neil McIver—Using his truck and a chain to rotate the fallen large tree that is being cut up for firewood
 - Shane Case—Cleaning up some of the property after it was bushhogged

4. Assistance to hurricane victims—The congregation thanks the sister congregations who have sent funds restricted for needs in the Houston area. (Such people wanted Dave Havir to use his contacts in the Houston area to direct money to people in our network.)
5. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Neil McIver is giving a sermon in Shreveport.
6. Day of Atonement—The congregation will observe the Day of Atonement on Saturday, Sept. 30. Here is the schedule.
 - 2:00 Bible study by Neil McIver
 - 3:00 Church service with Dave Havir giving the sermon
7. Financial assistance for those staying in Big Sandy for the Feast—Anyone in the congregation who is staying at our site here in Big Sandy for the Feast of Tabernacles and who needs financial assistance may contact Dave Havir.
8. Feast DVDs for people who cannot attend a Feast site this year—Individuals in our extended audience who cannot attend a Feast of Tabernacles site due to health or other reasons are invited to receive DVDs with sermons for them to play during the Feast.
9. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Caress” by Stan West.
10. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Comments About Acts 18” by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 20 pages.

Big Sandy Feast site

- Opening-night gathering on Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 6:00 till 8:00—While there will be no church service on this evening, everyone is invited to come to the building for fellowship.
- One church service each day—During the Feast, there will be only one church service per day.
- Morning church service every day of the Feast—10:30 a.m. for the first seven days and 11:00 a.m. for the eighth day.
- Two potluck meals—There will be a congregational potluck meal on the first day (Thursday, Oct. 5) and again on the eighth day (Thursday, Oct. 12).
- Morning refreshments—Light morning refreshments are scheduled to be served every day from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- The activities include:
 - Friday, Oct. 6—Making cards for people
 - Sunday, Oct. 8—Family cookout
 - Tuesday, Oct. 10—Afternoon movie

Prayer Updates

Bea Gusner (who had surgery to repair a leaking heart valve at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota on Friday, Aug. 18) is scheduled to return to the Mayo Clinic on Sept. 25 for evaluation of how to treat the other leaking heart valve.

Stan Roberts (who had been diagnosed with cancer in his lungs and stomach) recently learned that he has gallstones.

In addition to **Martha McIver** visiting a doctor for the healing of her broken left ankle, she also went to a doctor and learned that her oxygen level has only slightly risen.

Please continue to remember **Sonny Rosenberger**.

Please continue to remember **Kit** and **Elaine Holloway**.

Rebecca Hollon of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is dealing with stage-4 abdominal cancer, has recently reported some rough days.

In the Sept. 16 bulletin, we mentioned that **Debra Solesskie** of Redlands, Calif. (daughter of **Norm Bronnum**), has been diagnosed with cancer. On Monday, she had a five-hour surgery (for a hysterectomy and to remove cancer in her colon).

New prayer requests

Emma Lou Bacher of Garland fell and broke her left arm (just above the wrist).

Sharon Edelbach of Kellogg, Minn. (mother of **Jeanine Case**), learned that she has blood clots in her leg.

Louise Canepa of Yountville, Calif., was diagnosed with more cancer on her face.

Ken Brady Sr. of Tamarac, Fla., died on Sept. 14. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Annual reminder from Dave Havir

Please spend some time in the coming days reviewing the biblical accounts of the birth of Jesus Christ. While it is true that believers do not want to acknowledge the birth of Jesus Christ at the wrong time of the year or with the wrong traditions of society, I believe that it is a mistake for believers to ignore one of the greatest events in the plan of God. Jesus had to come into this world before He completed the other segments of the plan—teaching, suffering, dying and being raised from the dead.

Thought for the week

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.—1 Thessalonians 4:13

“Comments About Acts 18”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigsandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of Sept. 23, 2017.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss chapters in the book of Acts. This week, we will talk about chapter 18.

May this project encourage you to review the valuable history found in the book of Acts.

Overview of Paul’s travels

As we entered into Acts 13, we began reading about Paul’s missionary journeys. According to some Bible commentaries, the trips can be categorized in the following manner.

- First missionary journey—Acts 13:1 until Acts 14:28

- Second missionary journey—Acts 15:36 until Acts 18:22

- Third missionary journey—Acts 18:23 until Acts 21:16

- Trip to Rome—Acts 21:17 until Acts 28:31

Ministering in Corinth

In chapter 17, we learned about Paul teaching in Athens.

- Paul left Athens and went to Corinth (Acts 18:1).

- Paul met a Jewish man named Aquila—who was born in Pontus and left Italy with his wife, Priscilla, when Claudius commanded the Jews to depart from Rome (verse 2).

- Aquila was a tentmaker and invited Paul to stay with them (verse 3).

- Paul reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath and persuaded both Jews and Greeks (verse 4).

- Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia and Paul testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ (verse 5).

- When the Jews resisted, he proclaimed that he would preach to the gentiles (verse 6).

- As Paul preached, various people believed (verses 7-8).

- The Lord spoke to Paul in a vision by night (verses 9-10).

Acts 18:9-10—“Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.’ ”

- Gallio, the proconsul of Achaia, mentioned that he wanted the Jews to take care of their own matters (verses 12-17).

Returned to Antioch

- Paul sailed for Syria with Priscilla and Aquila (verse 18).

- Paul had his hair cut off, because he had taken a vow (same verse).

- Paul traveled to Ephesus, Caesarea and Antioch (verses 19-23).

Ministry of Apollos

At this time, a Jewish man named Apollos came Ephesus.

- Apollos was an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures (verse 24).

- Apollos taught the things of the Lord accurately, even though he knew only the baptism of John (verse 25).

- Although Apollos spoke boldly, Aquila and Priscilla took him aside to explain the way of God more accurately (verse 26).

- The brethren wrote to the disciples, encouraging them to receive Apollos because he refuted the Jews publicly—showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ (verses 27-28).

Paul mentioned to the church in Corinth that disciples should not place a wrong emphasis on teachers.

- 1 Corinthians 1:12

- 1 Corinthians 3:1-7

1 Corinthians 3:4—“For when one says, ‘I am of Paul,’ and another, ‘I am of Apollos,’ are you not carnal?”