

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 25, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:15

### Bible studies and classes

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

### Order of service

Song leader	..... Ron Avey
Pianist	..... Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	..... Revelation 3:1-6 by Ron Avey
Sermon	..... Reg Killingley

### Quick takes

1. Community Thanksgiving Church service—Here is a brief report about our congregation's involvement in the community Thanksgiving church service last Sunday evening (5:00). There were 12 people listed on the program to give short (5-7 minute) presentations. Some of the presenters included some live music—instrumental or singing. Dave Havir was scheduled for the 11th position. In his spot, he read comments from Terry Post (which also happened to be printed in last week's bulletin) and then played a musical selection on YouTube ("You Raise Me Up" by Jeffrey Li and Celine Tam).
2. Foster barn dance—The annual barn dance that has been traditionally organized by Morris and Linda Foster during the Thanksgiving season will be held on Dec. 30.
3. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "A Thanksgiving Proclamation" by Michael W. Chapman.
4. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Acts 24" by Dave Havir.
5. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 12 pages.

## Prayer updates

On Monday, **Al Donahue** was released from Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler and went to stay with one of his daughters in Tyler. He is scheduled to see a doctor on Dec. 8. He is awaiting word of when a PET scan is to be scheduled. He appreciates your prayers.

As we mentioned in last week's bulletin, **Eli Benedict** had been dealing with skin cancer around his knee, but a new challenge was the swelling and a rash on his leg and arms. **Jean** mentioned that the spot of skin cancer looks better, so the swelling is the bigger concern at this time. They appreciate your prayers.

**Sonny Rosenberger** had difficulty this week with low energy and troublesome breathing.

**Daniel** and **Helen Botha** were able to go this week with their family to visit the Grand Canyon.

**Gracie Feaker** continues to rehab at Park Place Rehabilitation in Tyler (2450 E. Fifth St.). Last week, we mentioned that she hoped to be home for Thanksgiving, but that did not occur. She expects to be released shortly.

On Tuesday, **Wynn Skelton** saw a neurosurgeon in Longview. He suggested that Wynn have a follow-up visit with the neurosurgeon in San Antonio who saw him in the ER. He explained that that ER doctor saw him immediately after the accident and would be able to see the progress that has occurred in the following weeks. On Wednesday, he returned to the ophthalmologist. **Kim** reports that his vision is almost normal and he has no more double vision. He does not have to see the ophthalmologist for a month. On Monday, he is scheduled to see the neurologist. Here are excerpts from an update: "The neurologist will be the one to order the MRI (that was definitely suggested by the neurosurgeon) and a possible CT angiogram. The neurologist will be the one to see how everything is healing and what could possibly be contributing to the amnesia from a few months ago and the passing out a few weeks ago."

A year ago (in the Nov. 19, 2016, bulletin), we first mentioned some health problems for **Cledice Decker** of Pasadena, Calif. Here are some excerpts from a report that she circulated: "Hopefully this is the final update for this health situation that started Dec. 19. The last full-body scan still indicates two lesions in the lungs and two in the stomach, but they have not increased in size. Thyroid cancer does not usually metastasize in the stomach, so doctors are not concerned about the that. (The lesions are probably just left over from the stomach infection.) Hopefully, it won't metastasize in the lungs either. I am not planning to have any further radiation, and chemo is not an option after thyroid cancer. The throat doctor said he would make the same decision. I haven't noticed any side effects from the daily thyroid and high-blood pressure medication that I take."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Leon Sexton** of Chiang Mai, Thailand, suffered a stroke. His wife, **Gloria**, reports that he has made slow progress—specifically by doing some talking.

Last week, we orally mentioned that **Charles McLendon** suffered a stroke. He is progressing slowly.

Following are excerpts from **Stan West** concerning their 13-year-old grandson, **Christian Roberts**: “Christian is scheduled for surgery and biopsy of his lower jaw on Dec. 8. If pathology confirms a cyst, it will be removed at that time. The jawbone has thinned and he will require a graft/plate. It is likely he will lose three teeth. His parents specifically ask that he will have no pain and a benign cyst.”

## New prayer requests

On Monday, **Patty Bratt** of Portsmouth, Ohio, had a heart catheterization and the insertion of one stent. The doctor had originally hoped to place another stent but decided to wait for a couple of weeks.

**Isaiah Morrison** of Baton Rouge, La., had a bone-marrow biopsy and was diagnosed with mantle-cell lymphoma.

**Rebecca Hollon** of Cincinnati, Ohio, died last Saturday. Please remember her husband, **Glen**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Mark Wine** of Dallas died last Sunday. Please remember his wife, **Heather**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Report about Mark Jauch's killer

Some people have asked whether the woman responsible for the death of Mark Jauch in Branson on Oct. 5 will be charged with a crime for inducing his heart attack. Here are excerpts of a report from a friend of the Jauch family: “She [Mark's assailant] is in trouble. We don't know what charges the DA will bring. Mark died specifically of a heart attack and the DA needed cause of death in order to determine what charges to bring. They were batting around different kinds of murder. She lives in Branson.”

## Scriptures to consider

**Deuteronomy 8:10-14**—“When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**—“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

## “Comments About Acts 24”

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 Nov. 25, 2017.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG 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 24.

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

### **Tertullus the orator**

Last week in Acts 23, we read about a plot by 40 Jews against Paul (Acts 23:12-15), the commander sending Paul to Felix the governor in Caesarea (verses 22-33) and Felix announcing that he would listen to Paul when his accusers also arrived at Caesarea (verses 34-35).

- After five days, the high priest, Ananias, arrived with an orator named Tertullus to present evidence against Paul (Acts 24:1).

- Tertullus presented his case (verses 2-8). Notice an excerpt of his case.

**Acts 24:5-6**—“For we have found this man a plague, a creator of dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. He even tried to profane the temple, and we seized him, and wanted to judge him according to our law.”

- Paul gave his defense (verses 10-21).

Notice some excerpts of his defense.

**Acts 24:14-15**—“But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.”

**Acts 24:20-21**—“Or else let those who are here themselves say if they found any wrongdoing in me while I stood before the council, unless it is for this one statement which I cried out, standing among them, ‘Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you this day.’ ”

### **Felix procrastinated**

- Felix had a greater understanding of the “Way” than many people (verse 22). Other places in the book of Acts that mention the Way include Acts 9:2, Acts 19:9, Acts 19:23 and Acts 22:4.

- Felix adjourned the proceedings and said he would wait for the commander to arrive (also verse 22).

- Felix instructed the centurion to give Paul some liberty as he was watching Paul (verse 23).

- Felix and his wife Drusilla met with Paul and heard about Paul’s faith in Christ (verse 24). After hearing Paul’s comments, Felix delayed any ruling (verse 25).

Notice how Luke (author of Acts) described Paul’s message.

**Acts 24:25**—“Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, ‘Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.’ ”

- Felix continued to send for Paul to have conversations with him—hoping that Paul would pay him for his release (verse 26).

- After two years, Porcius Festus succeeded Felix (verse 27).