

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 5, 2016 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:26

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Ron Avey
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	Ken Tate recorded
Teen class—Classroom #1	Martha Mclver
Kids class—Classroom #2	Jeanine Case
Second sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to members of the congregation who helped at the community event in building on Tuesday. Although we were not sponsoring the event, we helped the event to be successful.
2. Potluck meal today—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service today.
3. Teen movie/lock-in postponed—Due to the busy schedule of the Havirs and Forrestiers, the teen movie and lock-in scheduled for tonight has been postponed. We look forward to future activities.
4. Daylight-saving time ends tomorrow morning—This is a reminder that daylight-saving time ends tomorrow morning.
5. Foster barn dance—Morris and Linda Foster are planning their annual barn dance for the evening of Saturday, Nov. 26.
 - Starting time is 6:00 p.m.
 - Location is the Activity Barn at the Antique Capital RV Park in Gladewater (500 S. Loop 485)
 - Activities include a chili supper, a live dance band, square dancing and a hayride
 - People are invited to bring crock pots of chili and desserts

6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "My Prediction for the Presidential Election" by Max Lucado.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "2 Chronicles 15:3—Part 2" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 26 pages.

Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Boyd Payne** returned home from a six-day stay in the hospital in Plano following his surgery to replace a heart valve and dealing with some post-op bleeding. He was instructed not to drive for two weeks and to avoid lifting anything bigger than a gallon of milk. He and **Annette** appreciate your prayers.

Vi Lehman, who has been dealing with a lack of energy, hopes to be at the church service today. She appreciates the prayers and cards.

Kit and **Elaine Holloway** do not expect to be at the church service today. He is still dealing with the aftereffects of his recent fall, and she is dealing with cellulitis. They appreciate your prayers.

On Thursday, **Ron Feaker** went to the Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler for a scheduled appointment for his doctor to make an adjustment to his pacemaker. He was able to go home the same day. (If the wires had needed to be replaced, he would have spent one night.) **Dave Havir** provided transportation, because daughter **Karen Dean** stayed with **Gracie**—since Gracie has been dealing with several health matters.

Betty Foster reports that, although her broken rib is better, it is still sore. She thanks you for your prayers.

Jeanine Case appreciates the prayers for her improved anxiety challenges during the recent Feast of Tabernacles. (She and **Vern** spent the Feast in Minnesota with her father. Because of a spotty Internet connection, they decided to watch DVDs from the 2015 Feast in Destin.) She appreciates prayers for her continued improvement in the chemical balance of her brain. (She also asked that we include prayers for their son **Shane**, who also seeks continued improvement in the chemical balance of his brain.)

On Wednesday, **Dave Havir** went to his scheduled visit with his cardiologist in Tyler and received good reports. (An EKG showed his heart pulse to be at 84 and his blood-pressure numbers were good—112/62 for the right arm and 120/70 for the left arm.)

Jean Rogers of Denton (age 80), who fell on Oct. 13 tearing her right shoulder out of the socket and who had shoulder-repair surgery on Oct. 28, reports that she continues to have pain as she is improving.

Don Kelley of Grantsville, W.Va. (father of **Kathy Kerby**), died on Friday, Oct. 28. (The funeral was on Tuesday with **John Havir** officiating.) Please remember his wife, **Willa**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

Brenda Cartwright is being treated for a brown-recluse-spider bite.

Darlene Bows (a 9-year-old girl from Salta, Argentina) is dealing with a condition from birth involving the optic nerves in both eyes that prevents her from seeing normally.

Jim Stokes (formerly of Pasadena, Calif.) died on Oct. 16. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Carl Hubbard of a local Church of God congregation died on Oct. 20. Please remember his wife, **Pat**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Scriptures to consider

Matthew 23:27-28—"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

Luke 11:53-54—"And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail Him vehemently, and to cross-examine Him about many things, lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him."

Luke 20:20—"So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor."

2 Timothy 4:14-15—"Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words."

Matthew 7:2-3—"For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?"

John 8:3-9—"Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?' This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, 'He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.' And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst."

2 Chronicles 15:3—Part 2

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of Nov. 5, 2016.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I gave a sermon using 2 Chronicles 15:3 as an outline. In that sermon, I identified three main concepts.

2 Chronicles 15:3—“For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law.”

This article is the second of a three-part series. It will discuss the second concept—they were without a teaching priest.

A holy priesthood

New Testament believers are looking forward to a time of reigning with Christ as a priest for 1,000 years.

Revelation 20:6—“Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

Yet, New Testament believers are called a holy priesthood at this time.

1 Peter 2:5—“You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2:9—“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Revelation 1:5-6—“And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Not dealing with animals

New Testament believers are happy that they do not live under the First Covenant administration. The Second Covenant is

superior (2 Corinthians 3:6-11 and Hebrews 8:7).

The priests of the First Covenant spent a lot of time dealing with animal sacrifices (Hebrews 10:11).

But Jesus Christ offered Himself as one sacrifice for sins and sat down at the right hand of God (verse 12).

Opportunity to teach

Whenever people prepare to be teachers, they need to consider the following goals.

- Know the material
- Know how to reach people

Here is a section of Scripture that reminds readers to know the material.

2 Timothy 2:15—“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Hebrews 5:12-14—“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Here is a section of Scripture that reminds readers to know how to reach people.

1 Corinthians 9:19-22—“For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.”