

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Dec. 31, 2016 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:23

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

Order of service

Song leader	Ron Avey
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	Dave Havir
Teen class—Library	Diana Havir
Kids class—Classroom #2	Mindy Forrestier
Second sermon	Steven Gibson

Quick takes

1. Welcome to guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Steven Gibson, who is scheduled to give the second sermon today.
2. Potluck meal today—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service today.
3. Parade of costumes tonight—There will be a parade of costumes on the stage at 6:15 p.m. We hope many of the older members of the congregation will show their support to the young people who will dress in costumes.
4. Bounce houses in the building tonight—We have rented various bounce houses to be set up in the building tonight.
5. Potluck next week—There is a potluck scheduled after the church service next week.
6. Joint baby shower on Jan. 8—There is a joint baby shower at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8. (Lis and Ryan Eaton are expecting a girl in February, and Celina and Mike Jitjaeng are expecting a boy in April.) There is no need to RSVP, but, if you have any questions, please contact Martha McIver.
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "My Farewell" by Thomas Sowell.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "In the Footsteps of Jeroboam" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 24 pages.

Prayer updates

Please remember **Willie Choate**, who is dealing with a reaction to chemotherapy.

Betty Foster, who is still dealing with a UTI, fell this week. Please remember her in your prayers.

Please remember **Annette Payne**, who is dealing with a sore on her heel and a red streak on her ankle.

Please remember **Gracie Feaker**, who is dealing with some breathing challenges, a hurting ankle and some sleeping challenges.

Please remember **Sonny Rosenberger**, who is dealing with some breathing challenges.

Cledice Decker of Pasadena, Calif., who had thyroid surgery on Dec. 19, had a follow-up procedure for her throat this week.

Cindy McLendon of a local Church of God fellowship had a difficult week.

New prayer requests

Laura Moran has been dealing with an infection this week. The doctors were scheduled to give her more-specific information yesterday afternoon.

On Thursday, **Robert Ferris** went to a VA hospital to evaluate his anxiety level. The doctors decided to increase his medication. He was scheduled to have an EKG yesterday.

Kathy Kerby of Grantsville, W.Va., has been dealing with pain in her side. She is hoping to have a CT scan this coming week.

Wanda Klepfer of a local Church of God congregation is scheduled for knee-replacement surgery on Wednesday. (She recently had a similar surgery on the other knee.)

On Wednesday, **Kevin McAdams** of Fairfield (brother of **Terry McAdams**) went to the Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler due to an injured leg.

Mary Ann Aust of Mobile, Ala., fainted while attending a church winter weekend near Cincinnati, Ohio. A doctor and nurses from the church performed heart compression before the paramedics arrived and took her to a local hospital. She and her family appreciate your prayers.

Mike Roth of Rio Rico, Ariz., has been diagnosed with stomach cancer. This past week he was scheduled to have a PET scan to see if the cancer is contained in the stomach tumor or if it has spread to other organs.

Jeff McDowell of Cleveland, Tenn., had a leg amputated.

Larry Sandberg of Fairview died on Dec. 24. Please remember the family in your prayers.

The death of Jesus Christ

Romans 5:6-8—For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:3-5—Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.

Hebrews 2:14—Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ

Acts 2:22-24—“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”

Acts 2:29-33—“Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.”

Romans 8:11—But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit [that] dwells in you.

1 Corinthians 6:14—And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

1 Corinthians 15:12—Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

“In the Footsteps of Jeroboam”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of Dec. 31, 2016.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—In last week’s article, we briefly discussed some aspects of King Jeroboam—the first king after the northern 10 tribes of Israel separated from Judah.

Have you ever taken a look at the negative influence that King Jeroboam had over the kings of Israel who followed him? In this article, we will notice how kings of Israel were identified with the sins of King Jeroboam.

Early proclamation

As we get started, let’s notice a proclamation from God to Jeroboam.

1 Kings 14:7-11—“Go, tell Jeroboam, ‘Thus says the LORD God of Israel: “Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you ruler over My people Israel, and tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you; and yet you have not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only what was right in My eyes; but you have done more evil than all who were before you, for you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back—therefore behold! I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel, bond and free; I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as one takes away refuse until it is all gone. The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Jeroboam and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field; for the LORD has spoken!” ’”

1 Kings 14:15-16—“For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water. He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their wooden images, pro-

voking the LORD to anger. And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel sin.”

List of Israel’s kings

When a Bible student reviews a list of the early kings of the northern tribes of Israel, he notices that most followed in the footsteps of Jeroboam.

- Nadab—1 Kings 15:25-26
- Baasha—1 Kings 15:33-34
- Elah
- Zimri—1 Kings 16:18-19
- Omri—1 Kings 16:23-26
- Ahab—1 Kings 16:30-31
- Ahazia
- Jehoram—2 Kings 3:1-3
- Jehu—2 Kings 10:29-31
- Jehoahaz—2 Kings 13:1-2
- Jehoash—2 Kings 13:10-11
- Jeroboam II—2 Kings 14:23-24
- Zechariah—2 Kings 15:8-9
- Shallum
- Menahem—2 Kings 15:17-18
- Pekahiah—2 Kings 15:23-24
- Pekah—2 Kings 15:27-28
- Hoshea

Later evaluation

Notice a later evaluation (also unfavorable) about King Jeroboam in the Bible.

2 Kings 17:20-23—“And the LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them from His sight. For He tore Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. Then Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD, and made them commit a great sin. For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them, until the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, as it is to this day.”