

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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### Welcome to our guests

Members of the Church of God Big Sandy welcome all guests as we worship on the first day of Unleavened Bread. Here is the schedule today.

**Interactive study—1:00 p.m.** . . . . . Dave Havir

**Presentation study—2:00** . . . . . Dave Havir

**Church service—3:00** . . . . . Daniel Hammons  
(Live transmission 2:00 and 3:00)

**Enjoying food together—4:15** . . . . . All welcome

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

**Song leader** . . . . . Neil McIver

**Pianist** . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

**Offertory** . . . . . Piano solo

**Scripture reading** . . . Exodus 12:33-39; Matthew 16:5-12

**Sermon** . . . . . Daniel Hammons

### Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to all the individuals who helped serve in the building at the Memorial of the Suffering and Death of the Son of God on Tuesday evening.

### Prayer updates

**Gary Wilson** (who is staying at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Rehabilitation Hospital in Tyler at 3131 Troup Highway) has moved to room 123.

**Andrew McIver** reported: “**Eloise** and I are feeling better—although we still have sniffles and a small cough.”

**Angela Dunnam** talked with a specialist. Following is an excerpt: “The surgeon said it’s a slow-growing cancer. He was very positive. He believes the pain I had that made me go see the doctor was a sign from God. He said breast cancer lumps do not cause pain. Thank you for all your prayers.”

On Wednesday, **Sara Dunn** of Arlington (daughter of **David** and **Joyce Coleman**) saw the doctor and heard that she is healing well. She has to keep immobile for at least another two weeks—before having another doctor appointment.

## New prayer request

On Tuesday, **Dave McLearn** fell and went by ambulance to an ER. While he did not break his leg, he hurt his knee. Although he and **Theresa** missed the live service commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord, they were able to partake of the service later in the night on the archived section of our website.

On Wednesday night, **Gavin Forrestier** of Louisiana (son of **Clay** and **Mindy Forrestier**) went to the hospital with a possible diagnosis of appendicitis. After we sent out a text to the prayer warriors, Mr. Forrestier said: “All his pain and nausea stopped within an hour or so after the prayer request.”

**Keith Hoppe** has been having pain due to suspected kidney stones.

## Thought with a twist

What do you call a sleepwalking nun? A roamin’ Catholic.

## “2 Timothy 2:19—Part 1”

This article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website ([churchofgodbig sandy.com](http://churchofgodbig sandy.com)). It was posted for the weekend of April 1, 2023.

By **Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—It is my perspective that a verse in 2 Timothy 2:19 has a powerful instruction for children of the Most High God.

2 Timothy 2:19—“Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’”

### The Lord knows, we don’t know

At this time, I would like to give you two warnings.

■ Please don’t give religious leaders power over you—by letting them label who has God’s Spirit. It is not a religious leader’s place to label who is of the Lord.

■ Please don’t imitate the mistake of religious leaders by your labeling who has God’s Spirit. It is not our place to label who is of the Lord.

Let’s fill our minds with the Word of God.

### Every person on earth?

Isn’t every person on earth “His” creation? Absolutely.

John 3:16—“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

### **Know everybody?**

Doesn't the Lord “know” everybody? Of course.

Matthew 10:30—“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”

Is the Lord actively working with every person at this time?

Matthew 7:23—“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

Matthew 25:12—“But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’”

Matthew 22:14—“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

1 Corinthians 15:23—“But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.”

### **Growth involves discerning behavior**

Hebrews 5:14—“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.”

### **Removal involves bad behavior**

Removal of a person from a congregation is a matter of behavior—not a matter of labeling his relationship with God.

1 Corinthians 5:4-5—“In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”

Quit calling people “unconverted” (whether they are former members of a congregation or present weak members of a congregation).

1 Timothy 1:20—“Of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.”

Removal concerns behavior, not labels.

### **Was Noah unconverted?**

Genesis 9:20-21—“And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then

he drank of the wine and was drunk and became uncovered in his tent.”

### **Was David unconverted?**

2 Samuel 11:4—“Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her.”

2 Samuel 11:14-15—“In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, ‘Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.’”

### **To judge or not to judge?**

Matthew 7:1—“Judge not [condemn not], that you be not judged [condemned].”

1 Corinthians 2:15—“But he who is spiritual judges [discerns] all things.”

### **Time will tell**

1 Corinthians 4:5—“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.”

1 Timothy 5:24—“Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.”

Matthew 7:20—“Therefore by their fruits you will [ultimately] know them.”

Matthew 13:30—“Let both [wheat and tares] grow together until the harvest . . .”

### **Do not blaspheme**

While the Bible instructs us to discern behavior, it also warns us about the danger of attributing a lack of the Holy Spirit to other people.

Do you really think it is wise to be giving your opinion about who has the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 12:32—“Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.”

### **Depart from iniquity**

In next week's article, we will focus upon the second part of 2 Timothy 2:19: “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

## “2 Timothy 2:19—Part 2”

This article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of April 8, 2023.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—In last week’s article, I began talking about 2 Timothy 2:19.

2 Timothy 2:19—“Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’”

### **Quick reminder**

The first discussion of this verse (in last week’s article) was establishing the fact that only the Lord knows who are His.

The Lord knows, but people only guess. Arrogant people think they know.

Instead of repeating the seven concepts that we discussed in last week’s article, let me mention only the seventh concept.

The Bible warns us about the danger of attributing a lack of the Holy Spirit to other people (Matthew 12:31-32).

Do you really think it is wise to be giving your opinion about who has the Holy Spirit?

### **Depart from iniquity**

While we should not be spending any time seeking to claim who has the Holy Spirit and who does not have the Holy Spirit, we should be spending our entire time departing from iniquity.

Please do not waste a minute’s worth of time trying to do the Lord’s job.

Please focus your entire attention and energy on departing from sin.

### **Grace does not encourage sin**

Romans 6:1-2—“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”

### **Saved by grace**

Ephesians 2:8-9—“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of

works, lest anyone should boast.”

Titus 3:4-7—“But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, [which] He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

Notice how good works are the proper reaction to grace.

### **Created for good works**

Ephesians 2:10—“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Titus 3:8—“This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.”

### **Good works to glorify God**

■ Matthew 5:14-16

■ 1 Peter 2:11-12

### **Actions demonstrate faith**

■ James 2:14—What profit is there if we say we have faith, but we do not have actions?

■ James 2:18—We show our faith by our actions.

### **3 definitions of sin**

Notice three definitions of sin.

■ 1 John 3:4—Sin is the transgression of the law.

■ James 4:17—Sin is based upon what you know.

■ Romans 14:23—Whatever is not from faith is sin.

### **Search the Scriptures**

■ Acts 17:11

■ 2 Timothy 2:15