

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 22, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:53

### Bible studies

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

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

(Also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Reg Killingley

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . Luke 24:1–11

Sermon . . . . . Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study this week—April 26.
2. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "New Commandment and Identifying Trait" by Dave Havir.
3. Among Friends—This week's article is "John 13" by Dave Havir.
4. Eye on the World—The version of this week's "Eye on the World" that is distributed in the hall is 36 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different layout program.) This edition has 240 headlines and four articles.

### Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Angela Dunnam** heard the diagnosis that cancer had spread to the lymph node. She is scheduled to see an oncologist on Wednesday.

Since **Gary Wilson** made expected progress at the Tyler facility, he was moved a new facility in Garland for 30 days. (The address is 2301 Campbell Rd. in Garland.) Since his sister (**Patricia**) moved to Tyler, he expects to locate in this area after his rehabilitation.

**Ruth Roe** reports that she is continuing to feel better. She mentioned that she still sometimes has pain in her left leg. She thanks you for your prayers.

On Monday, **Sara Dunn** (daughter of **David** and **Joyce Coleman**) saw the doctor. She reported: "I am starting to do some movement with my arm. No lifting, pulling or pushing yet. But I can rotate it and start to bend it some."

On Friday, **Brandi West** (daughter of **Stan** and **Roxanna West**) had laser surgery to remove a 12-mm kidney stone. The doctor said: "Everything went well. I made sand out of her large stones, enabling her to pass them."

## New prayer requests

Weeks ago, we mentioned that **Shirley Spearman** scheduled a stress test. Now, she has progressed to scheduling a heart catheterization on Monday, May 1. As you know, the purpose is to evaluate the situation and to insert a stent if necessary. She appreciates your prayers.

On Thursday, **Shirley West** was diagnosed with afib.

On Thursday, **John O'Brien** (husband of **Carol**) went to an ER with chest pains. Tests ruled out all major heart issues. He returned home on Friday and anticipates additional tests next week. Prayers for answers are appreciated.

On Wednesday, **Ron Avey** met with his orthopedic surgeon, who suggested that Mr. Avey should not consider a knee replacement at this time. After an injection of cortisone, his knee was feeling better. Mr. Avey reported: "We will look at using the chicken-comb injection in three or four months."

**Kathy Murray** of East Texas recently fell and had surgery to repair torn ligaments in her shoulder.

**Pam Havir** requests prayers for her friend **Rebecca Castillo** of Lamesa, whose house burned to the ground on Monday. It is apparently the work of an arsonist, but the neighbors awoke the sleeping family (including her elderly mother and her two children) so they were able to escape—although all their possessions were destroyed.

**Charles Marsh** of Big Sandy died on April 19. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## Thought for the week

"Truth is a liberal value, and truth is a conservative value.  
It is not a left-wing value."—*Dennis Prager*

## Thought with a twist

"I've always had an irrational fear of speed bumps,  
but I'm slowly getting over it."

## “John 13”

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 April 22, 2023.

### By Dave Havir

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a six-part series leading up to the Day of Pentecost. I have chosen to study some of the words spoken by the Son of God. The specific section was John 13.

### Remember foot-washing

■ John 13:1-17—This section of Scripture is familiar to us, because we just focused on those verses during the Commemoration of the Suffering and Death of our Lord.

While John 13:1-17 is an instruction about a way of life (for every day of the year), many choose to follow the actual example in an annual gathering that pictures the night in which the Son of God was betrayed (1 Corinthians 11:23).

### Judas fulfilled Scripture

■ John 13:18—The Son of God mentioned how Judas was chosen to fulfill Scripture (Psalm 41:9).

■ John 13:19—The Son of God foretold events to increase people’s belief.

### Receive who is sent

■ John 13:20—It is important to receive whom the Son of God sends.

As a Bible student, you are probably aware that the Greek word for *apostle* (*apostolos*) means “person sent.”

Notice a few reminders about people who are sent.

■ Luke 6:13—The Son of God gathered His disciples and chose 12 whom He named apostles.

■ Acts 1:23-26—Matthias was chosen to replace Judas by the casting of lots.

■ Romans 10:14-15—People are sent to preach the gospel of peace and to bring glad tidings of good things.

### Recognize counterfeits

■ Luke 22:24—Here is a time when the apostles (messengers) disputed among them-

selves about which of them should be considered the greatest.

■ Luke 22:25—The Son of God reminded them about the wrong type of leadership—involving lordship and authority.

■ Luke 22:26-27—The Son of God instructed them to serve people.

■ 2 Corinthians 11:13-14—Beware of false apostles who promote themselves.

■ 2 Corinthians 11:20—Beware of alleged leaders who seek to do the following five behaviors—who seek to take you into bondage; who seek to devour you; who seek to take from you; who seek to exalt themselves over you; and who seek to hit you on the face.

■ Revelation 2:2—Many people who say they are apostles are lying.

### Identified the betrayer

■ John 13:21-24—The Son of God told His disciples that one of them was going to betray Him.

■ John 13:25-30—The Son of God identified His betrayer.

### New commandment

■ John 13:31-32—Both the Son of God and the Father were glorified.

■ John 13:33—The Son of God told the disciples that they could not follow Him immediately on His path.

■ John 13:34-35—The Son of God gave them a “new” commandment.

■ Leviticus 19:18—The Old Testament talked about loving our neighbor by avoiding vengeance and grudges.

■ Romans 12:17-21—The New Testament talked about being a peacemaker, avoiding vengeance, serving the needs of your antagonists and doing good.

### Good intentions

■ John 13:36-37—Peter had good intentions.

■ John 13:38—The Son of God understood Peter’s weakness.

## “New Commandment and Identifying Trait”

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**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—In the Bible study on Wednesday night, I talked about John 13. In this short article, I would like to focus on verses 34 and 35.

### **New commandment**

John 13:34—“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

Is that really a new commandment? Doesn’t the Old Testament use those same words?

Leviticus 19:18—“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.”

Some of those details are mentioned in the New Testament.

Romans 12:19—“Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the LORD.”

So how was the new commandment different?

John 13:34—“... As I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

Children of God today have the example of how our Lord behaved when He walked on the earth.

Let’s notice a few examples of His love.

### **He suffered for us**

■ Isaiah 53:4-5—The Son of God carried our griefs and sorrows, wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our inequities.

■ Matthew 26:36-44—The Son of God faced His sorrow and discussed the matter three times with the Father.

■ Luke 23:34—The Son of God said: “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do.”

■ Hebrews 4:15—The Son of God was tempted in all points—yet without sin.

■ 1 Peter 2:21-24—The Son of God suffered for us, and left an example for us to follow.

### **He died for us**

■ John 1:29—John the Baptist said: “The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

■ Romans 5:6-8—Christ died for the ungodly. God demonstrates His personal love toward us in that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

■ 2 Corinthians 5:21—The Son of God made Himself (who knew no sin) to be sin for us.

■ Galatians 3:13-14—The Son of God has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

### **He gave us liberty**

■ Luke 4:18—The Spirit of the Lord was upon the Son of God to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and to give liberty to those who are oppressed.

### **Accept my compliments**

At this time, I want to compliment my friends who set a great example of loving their neighbors.

■ Good job of not repaying evil for evil (Romans 12:17).

■ Good job of being a peacemaker (Romans 12:18).

■ Good job of taking your justified anger to God, instead of seeking vengeance (Romans 12:19).

■ Good job of being willing to serve needs of your enemies—even as you wisely avoid them (Romans 12:20).

■ Good job of resisting evil, as you overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).

### **Recognizable trait**

There are various traits that the children of God reflect. The Son of God mentioned a recognizable trait in this chapter.

John 13:35—“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”