

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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May 26, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:18

### Bible studies and classes

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

### Order of service

Song leader .....	Reg Killingley
Pianist .....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading .....	Acts 3:1-26 by Ron Avey
Sermon .....	Neil McIver

### Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thanks to the following people who served when our congregation hosted the school music banquet on Monday night.
  - Monday—Carol Bald, Dave Havir and Andrew McIver served at the event
  - Friday—Michael and Thomas Bald mopped the floors
2. Nomination phase—The nomination phase concludes today at 5:00 p.m.
3. Election Committee—Neil McIver (chairman of the Election Committee) invites members of the congregation who want to serve on the committee to please see him.
4. Board meeting on June 5—There is a board meeting scheduled in the building on Tuesday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m.
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Consider Paul's Amazing Transformation" by Lenny Cacchio.
6. Among Friends—The week's article is "Comments About Job 2:11-13" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 26 pages.

## Prayer updates

**Bea Gusner** reports that she was released from the rehab facility in Rochester, Minn., on Tuesday as expected and began her trip back to Texas on Wednesday. (Bea and her husband, **Willie**, spent Wednesday night in Ames, Iowa, and Thursday night in Fort Smith, Ark., with the intention of arriving at their home last night.) She is looking forward to spending the coming days to get rest and to gain energy.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Elaine Holloway** faced the possible amputation of a toe. Here are excerpts from daughter **Cheryl Cain** sent on Friday, May 18: "The doctor is choosing to continue IV antibiotics for several more days in hopes that what at first looked like a bone infection might be osteoporosis instead. If that's the case, then surgery will not be necessary." Mrs. Holloway was discharged on Saturday. On Thursday, she went to a doctor who believes that there is no need to amputate the toe at this time. (By the way, Mrs. Holloway turns 80 tomorrow.)

**Jean Benedict** reports that **Eli's** return to the previous blood-pressure medication has caused some of the symptoms (including dizziness) to go away. She said a challenge this week was to keep a lawn mower working. (**Dave Havar** asked Mrs. Benedict if she minded Eli's mowing around the house. She replied that he is safe and that it provides him with exercise.)

On Wednesday, **Willie Choate** went to a doctor who diagnosed him with a possible inflammation of his prostate. He was considering to go to an ER on Friday to see if someone could be more certain about the cause of pain in his back and his hip.

**Marilyn Boston** is scheduled to leave the rehab facility on June 2. She reports that her daughter **Kathleen Ford** (of the Washington, D.C., area) is scheduled to arrive on June 1 and to spend a couple of weeks with her in her home. The plan is to arrange for Mrs. Boston to have home health care when her daughter leaves.

On Thursday, **Sonny Rosenberger** went to a doctor. He is anticipating having an ultrasound on his left leg to determine if a pinched nerve is causing some pain there.

**Betty Foster** reports that the urinary-tract infection is gone and she is feeling much better.

**Donna Weese** reports that she had some good nights of sleep this week.

**Laura Moran** reports that she had a good week for her health. In the coming days, she is anticipating the renewal of her nursing license and her driver's license.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Brian Biggs** (son of **Judy Biggs**) went home. Judy and **Susan Norvell** continue to provide regular care for him during the day and night.

## Thought for the week

Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about [when the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt]?"—*Judges 6:13*

## New prayer requests

**Dave Havir** requests prayers for **Shirley Spearman**, who fell weeks ago and has been dealing with pain in her left shoulder and her right knee.

**Dave Havir** requests prayers for **Cassandra Jenkins**, who recently had screws removed from a broken arm. (She previously broke her arm and at that time the doctor inserted a plate and screws. Since the screws were affecting her carpal tunnel, they were recently removed.)

On Thursday, **Vonda Ouellette** dealt with apparent food poisoning.

**Jean Rogers** reports that her husband, **Jimmy** (both of Denton), fell on Tuesday. Although he hit his head and hip, the doctor reported that there was no hemorrhaging in his brain and no broken hip. However, there is a problem at the L-4 and L-5 vertebrae, which had been previously injured. The family requests prayers for the pain to subside and for his low blood pressure to rise.

**Chuck Ragland** of Lindale (father of **Diana Havir**) went to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. Here are excerpts from a report by Diana: "He had a severe digestive-tract blockage caused by scar tissue left behind from a surgery he had about a decade ago. Surgery was required to remove the blockage, but an ongoing chronic health condition makes it a more precarious situation. Tomorrow [Friday] will be two weeks since he was admitted. It's been a roller coaster, and yesterday [Wednesday] was an especially difficult day, ending with him returning to the ICU. We're thankful because we are seeing his personality returning today [Thursday], although we are aware everything is still touch and go. Recovery is going to be a long haul."

**Gary Shay** of Glendora, Calif., died on May 20. Please remember his wife, **Janet**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Scriptures to consider

**Acts 3:12-20**—So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before.

## “Comments About Job 2:11–13”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, [churchofgodbigandy.com](http://churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of May 26, 2018.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss the book of Job. There will be times when we talk about (1) a group of chapters, (2) one chapter and (3) a portion of a chapter. Today, we will discuss Job 2:11-13.

I hope this project encourages you to review the valuable history and lessons found in the book of Job.

### Two trials

In the first two chapters of the book of Job, we read about two trials that came upon Job and his wife.

In the first trial, Satan asked God for the freedom to “touch all that he has” (Job 1:11).

In the second trial, Satan asked God for the freedom to “touch his bone and his flesh” (Job 2:5).

Following both trials, Job’s initial reaction was exemplary (Job 1:20-22 and Job 2:10).

### What was Job’s sin?

At this time, I want to mention that Job’s positive reactions did not endure. When I state this observation, I am not saying these words to criticize Job. In fact, I find Job’s reactions to be normal.

Anyone who is quick to condemn Job should remember a few verses that appear later in the Bible.

At a later time when talking about a different situation, the Son of God said: “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first” (John 8:7).

In the message given by the Son of God that is often called the “Sermon on the Mount,” he said: “Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?” (Matthew 7:3).

Here are two verses that give succinct statements about Job’s sin.

■ The servant Elihu said: “Therefore Job opens his mouth in vain; he multiplies words without knowledge” (Job 35:16).

At the end of the book of Job, God is recorded as confronting Job with two presentations—Job 38-39 and Job 40-41.

■ God began his first confrontation by asking: “Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?” (Job 38:2).

In future articles, we will discuss these statements in greater detail.

### Bad influence

As we continue our study of the book of Job, we will recognize that the three friends who came to help Job were a bad influence.

(Although the serpent in the Garden of Eden was a bad influence, Adam and Eve were held accountable for their decision.)

Notice what God said about the three friends.

**Job 42:7**—“And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, ‘My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.’”

### What they did right

What do the words at the beginning of this article have to do with Job 1:11-13?

Although the rest of the book of Job reveals the negative role that the three friends played in their relationship with Job, the fellows started out setting a good example.

■ The three friends came to mourn with him and to comfort him (Job 2:11).

■ When they saw Job, they wept and approached God (verse 12).

■ They sat down with Job for seven days and seven nights—without saying a word to him (verse 13).

The problems started when they opened their mouths. Their words were not helpful.

Here is a valuable lesson: When seeking to help someone who is suffering and mourning, we can do more good with our empathetic actions (listening and serving) than we can with our words.