

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Oct. 13, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:50

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir

Bible study (2:00) Neil Mclver

Teen class Jeanine Case

Order of service

Song leader Neil Mclver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Acts 10:34-48

Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you for your continual service—The congregation does not want to be remiss in thanking all the people who serve—including people who serve in clear view and people who serve behind the scenes. Many hands make light work.
2. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Weaponizing Legitimate Suffering for Revenge" by Noelle Mering.
3. Among Friends—This week's article is "Matthew 5:7" by Dave Havir.
4. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 26 pages.

Prayer updates

Vi Lehman continues to deal with a lack of energy.

Elaine Holloway continues to deal with swelling in her legs.

Marilyn Boston continues to rehab at Park Place Rehabilitation Center in Tyler (2450 E. Fifth St.). She is in Room 218.

Ron and **Gracie Feaker** continue to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. They are in Room 306.

Sonny Rosenberger deals with a variety of challenges—including breathing challenges.

Vonda Ouellette has been receiving rehab at home, but that service is scheduled to end on Tuesday.

On Monday, **Ron Avey** is scheduled to return back to work.

On Monday, **Larry Foster** of Avinger (son of **Betty Foster**) is scheduled to go to Longview for his third treatment of chemo and radiation (which is designed to be administered once a month).

New prayer requests

Sharon Edelbach of Kellogg, Minn. (mother of **Jeanine Case**), is dealing with neck pain, head pain and discomfort from a broken rib.

Jordan Cox of Kellogg, Minn. (cousin of **Jeanine Case**), recently suffered two grand-mal seizures resulting in his injuring his shoulder and incurring a concussion.

Will Dunn of Tulsa, Okla., is recovering from a stroke and blood clots.

On Tuesday, **Carolyn Easter** of Wells (mother of **Linda Benton**) was diagnosed with severe bronchitis. Because she had previously been diagnosed with congestive heart failure, she went to a cardiologist on Friday who confirmed she had bronchitis.

Synopsis of board meeting

Here is a synopsis of the board meeting on Saturday evening, Oct. 6.

- The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the congregation's financial-investment portfolio. Board treasurer Neil McIver arranged for a telephone call (on speaker phone) to a financial adviser to discuss possible investment strategies.
- There was no pastor's report since Dave Havir was unable to attend.

Scriptures to consider

■ Passover—Saved by grace

1 Corinthians 5:7—Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

■ Days of Unleavened Bread—Reaction to grace

1 Corinthians 5:8—Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Ephesians 2:8-10—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. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

■ **Pentecost—God calls firstfruits**

Acts 2:1—When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22—Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

■ **Feast of Trumpets—The first resurrection**

1 Corinthians 15:51-52—Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17—For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

■ **Day of Atonement—Christ is the High Priest**

Hebrews 9:7—But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

Hebrews 9:24-25—For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another.

■ **Feast of Tabernacles—Millennial reign of Christ**

John 7:14—Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

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.

■ **Eighth Day—Beyond the Millennium**

2 Peter 3:10, 13—But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up . . . Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Revelation 21:1-3—Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."

"Matthew 5:7"

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 Oct. 13, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Many Bible students enjoy reading scriptures from the section that is generally called the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5 through 7 in the book of Matthew).

When Christ saw the multitude, He went up on a mountain (Matthew 5:1). When He was seated, His disciples came to Him (same verse). Then, He began to teach them (verse 2). Today, let's look at Matthew 5:7.

Matthew 5:7—"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Showing mercy

Some of the most encouraging verses in the Bible demonstrate the mercy of the Father and the Son toward His creation.

Psalms 103:8-10—"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities."

Psalms 103:11-14—"For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust."

Romans 5:8—"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

It should come as no surprise to Bible students that the Bible shows that the Father and Son encourage disciples to be merciful.

Matthew 9:13—"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Matthew 12:7—"But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not

sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless."

Have you ever noticed that "showing mercy" is one of the seven gifts that the apostle Paul mentioned to the congregation in Rome (Romans 12:6-8)?

Romans 12:8—"He who shows mercy with cheerfulness."

They shall obtain mercy

Obtaining mercy is a double blessing— not only by receiving it in the future, but also by receiving it now.

Matthew 7:1-2—"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

James 2:13—"For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment."

James 3:17-18—"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

Luke 18:9-14—"Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess." And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'"