

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 24, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:15

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	Dave Havir
Teen class	Jeanine Case

Order of service

Song leader	Ron Avey
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Acts 13:42-52
Sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—At the community Thanksgiving service Sunday night, Stan West and Shirley West represented the following extremely well—(1) God, (2) individual self, (3) family and (4) our congregation. Our thanks to them.
2. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The Blessing of Being Alive" by Shirley Dobbs West.
3. Among Friends—This week's article is "Giving Thanks in New Testament" by Dave Havir.
4. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 16 pages.

Prayer updates

Marilyn Boston has pneumonia and the infection called C-dif.

Laura Moran has pneumonia and a bladder infection.

On Monday, **Vi Lehman** went to a doctor and was diagnosed with bronchitis.

On Wednesday, **Betty Foster** went to a doctor to further evaluate if the intense pain in her back and right side is muscular (as was initially diagnosed). The doctor wants her to have an MRI sometime this coming week.

Eli Benedict continues to have pain in his right leg.

Colleen Atteberry continues to recover at home following her recent triple-bypass surgery.

Sonny Rosenberger reports that he has been chilled this week, even though he has set the temperature high in his home.

On Nov. 29, **Willie Choate** is scheduled to have a port removed. (The purpose of the port was to receive his chemo treatments when he was on that program.)

On Monday, **Larry Foster** of Avinger (son of **Betty Foster**) is scheduled for another cancer treatment (his fifth) in Longview.

Eric Ledy of Austin traveled to Tijuana, Mexico, to explore option treatments for his cancer.

New prayer requests

On Thursday, **Elaine Holloway** fell in her home and broke her hip. She was admitted to ETMC and is anticipating surgery for the insertion of a pin. She is in Room 3516.

On Tuesday, **Gracie Feaker** went to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler and was diagnosed with pneumonia. She is in Room 370.

On Friday, **Ron Feaker** was admitted to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. Although tests were done in the ER, doctors planned to continue additional testing. He is in Room 355.

On Thursday, Nov. 15, **Cassandra Jenkins** was admitted to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler due to pain in her stomach, her foot splitting open and swelling and pain in both legs. Last Saturday, she had surgery to remove the tube that was inserted due to home dialysis. It was suspected that this was the cause of her stomach pain. There was an infection under the skin at the area of the tube. On Wednesday, she went home.

Trey Holcomb of Longview (4-year-old nephew of **Angela Dunnam**) was recently admitted to a children's hospital in Dallas and has been enduring several major challenges. Here are excerpts from Mrs. Dunnam: "Trey's organs are shutting down. Machines are keeping him alive. He is going to be in a paralytic coma so he will quit fighting the machines. He's epileptic. Looks like he also has pneumonia. Trey tested positive for MRSA. He has been diagnosed with delirium. He has been on a ventilator. When he fights the ventilator, his oxygen drops very low. He is still getting a lot of help from the life-support ventilator. They said if they wean him too fast his lungs could collapse."

Jerry Chalmers of Conroe had a stroke on Nov. 16.

Shirley Apartian of Charlotte, N.C., has been diagnosed with cancer.

Margaret Bromfield of Ashley, Pa., died on Nov. 13. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Cindy Wright of Stockholm, N.J. (daughter of Laura Moran and sister of Mickey Voyce), died on Nov. 23. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Children of the Greatest Generation

The following is quite a litany of former times. See how much of the following rings a familiar bell with you.

- If you were born in the 1930s through the 1940s, you exist as a very special age-group.
- You can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world war, which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.
- You are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.
- You saved tinfoil and poured fat into tin cans.
- You saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available.
- You can remember milk being delivered to our houses early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.
- You were the last to see the gold stars in the front windows of our grieving neighbors whose sons died in the war.
- You saw the "boys" home from the war build their little houses.
- You are the last generation that spent childhood without television—instead, you used your imagination from words you heard on the radio.
- With no television, you spent your childhood "playing outside."
- There was no little league.
- There was no city playground for kids.
- Soccer was unheard of.
- With no television, you had reduced understanding of what the world was like.
- On Saturday afternoons, the movies had newsreels (that were at least a week old) sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons.
- Telephones were one to a house—often shared (party lines) and hung on the wall in the kitchen.
- Computers were called calculators.
- Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage and changing the ribbon.
- Internet and Google were words that did not exist.
- Newspapers and magazines were written by adults and the news was broadcast on our radio in the evening by Paul Harvey.
- Your generation can remember both a time of great war and a time when your world was secure (full of plenty and of bright promise)—you lived through both.
- Many people say that you grew up at the best possible time—a time when the world was getting better and not worse.

“Giving Thanks in New Testament”

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 Nov. 24, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—One of the greatest sins in this life is the sin of ingratitude. Our loving Father wants His children to express thankfulness to Him and to each other.

There are many scriptures that mention the importance of giving thanks to God. Let’s look at a few verses from the New Testament about this important quality.

Remember God

As we enjoy meditating about the many blessings (physical and spiritual) in our lives, let’s be sure that we continue to give our appreciation back to God.

Luke 17:11-19—“Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ So when He saw them, He said to them, ‘Go, show yourselves to the priests.’ And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, ‘Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?’ And He said to him, ‘Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.’”

Philippians 4:6—“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”

Hebrews 13:15—“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”

Revelation 4:9-11—“Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and

thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ‘You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.’”

Appreciate people

It is important in this life that we make a habit of the action of showing appreciation to people in our lives.

Romans 16:1-2—“I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.”

Romans 16:3-4—“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.”

Philippians 2:19-23—“But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.”

2 Timothy 1:16-18—“The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me. The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day—and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.”