

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Dec. 22, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:16

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Jerry Thompson
Bible study (2:00) Neil Mclver
Teen class Roxanna West

Order of service

Song leader Neil Mclver
Pianist Bea Gusner
Scripture reading Acts 15:1-12
Sermon Morris Foster

Quick takes

1. Foster Barn Dance and Chili Supper—The annual Foster Barn Dance and Chili Supper is scheduled in Gladewater on Saturday evening, Dec. 29.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 29
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Antique Capital RV Park
Address: 500 S. Loop 485, Gladewater
Building: Activity barn
Meal: Chili supper
May bring: Here is some food you may bring—chili, hot dogs, shredded cheese, Fritos, veggie trays, desserts, canned drinks, bottled water.
Music: Live dance band
Activities: Square dancing

2. Winter coats—Shirley West invites members of the congregation to donate winter coats (for all ages) to the Agape House in Big Sandy for distribution among the needy.
3. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Peter Was Like a Tube of Tooth-paste” by Lenny Cacchio.

4. Among Friends—This week's article is "Wisdom From Above—Willing to Yield" by Dave Havir.
5. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 22 pages.
6. Bulletin completed on Wednesday—Since this bulletin was completed on Wednesday, it does not have the latest prayer updates.

Prayer updates

As was mentioned orally last Saturday, **Eli Benedict** fell twice recently. The first fall occurred on Saturday night (Dec. 1) while he and his wife, **Jean**, were visiting **Betty Foster**. This first fall resulted in a certain amount of bleeding from a gash on his head. The second fall occurred on Friday (Dec. 7) in their house. The second fall was less traumatic and resulted in soreness in his hip and back.

Betty Foster (who was recently diagnosed with two additional compression fractures and two vertebrae that are pinching a nerve) is still awaiting a call from an orthopedic doctor to set up an appointment. Here are excerpts from a report by her son **Morris**: "Mom and I have agreed on a plan. She wants to stay at home for now. If the pain gets any worse, she is to call 911 (and me) to go by ambulance to Mother Frances Hospital. If so, we expect it would be the same routine as 11 months ago—about five days in Mother Frances and two weeks in rehab."

Elaine Holloway continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. She is in Room 109.

Ron Feaker continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. Caregiving daughter **Karen** reports Mr. Feaker enjoys visitors. He is in Room 111.

Gracie Feaker continues to rehab at the home of caregiving daughter **Karen**.

Marilyn Boston reports that the pneumonia is almost gone and that the infection called C-dif is diagnosed as gone. (This means that she is no longer in isolation.) She continues to rehab in Room 218 at Park Place Rehabilitation Center in Tyler (2450 E. Fifth St.).

On Wednesday, **Laura Moran** went to another doctor's appointment to discuss the anticipated sleep study for her next month.

Sonny Rosenberger appreciates the prayers for his ongoing health challenges.

Boyd Payne is dealing with Parkinson's disease, nerve pain in his head and dementia.

Annette Payne continues to deal with her bad eyesight.

Here is an excerpt from an update from **Angela Dunnam** concerning her recovery from knee surgery: "I got a good report from the surgeon. Everything is going well with my knee. I still have some pain issues, but is normal. Thank you so much for your prayers."

Jake Dunnam is doing well following his recent automobile accident. The family reports that he has cuts on his right wrist, some overall soreness and pain in his thigh.

Here are excerpts from a report that **Morris Foster** gave concerning his brother **Larry** (who has been on our prayer list for weeks): “Larry cannot continue the treatment he has been on. His only hope is a stem-cell transplant. In recent weeks, he has developed a fungus on his lower-right leg—which apparently is going into the bone. This condition has caused him to have to discontinue some of his treatment for now—as the cancer treatment and the drug to treat the fungus are not compatible.”

Here is a report from **Hope Lindholm** concerning the health of her husband, **Tim**: “We are at the Hope4Cancer Clinic in Tijuana. We got here Thursday [Dec. 6] afternoon. We will be here for three weeks getting treatment to shrink the tumors in Tim’s liver so that he can have good bile flow again and that hopefully in the long run he can become free of the cancer completely. It’s a 21-day in-patient treatment program with a year home program. Tim’s jaundice is improving.”

As was mentioned orally last Saturday, **Al Hoppe** died on Dec. 3. Please remember his wife, **Gloria**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Update—In last week’s bulletin, we correctly mentioned that **Gracie Miller** of Keizer, Ore. had died on Dec. 1. What we failed to mention is that Mrs. Miller’s sister is **Elaine Townsend** and Mrs. Miller’s husband is **Dan**. Please remember the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

On Wednesday, **Daniel Botha** visited his cardiologist. Mr. Botha gave the following message to **Dave Havar**: “Results of all tests are bad.” When Mr. Havar asked what the cardiologist advised, Mr. Botha replied that he (1) changed medications, (2) scheduled for more tests on Dec. 31 and (3) scheduled another visit with the cardiologist on Jan. 10.

Bob McKay of Chatsworth, Ga. (brother-in-law of **Linda Cartwright**), is terminally ill with cancer. Please remember Mr. McKay, his wife, **Lou Ann**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Shirley Gill of Broken Bow, Okla., died on Dec. 9. Please remember her husband, **Fred**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Sunday Larson of College Station died on Dec. 12. Please remember her husband, **Dave**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Judy Haines of Weatherford died on Dec. 16. Please remember her husband, **Larry**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

The pastor stole our spoon

A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church. After he left, the wife said to the husband: “I think he stole our spoon!” A year later, the couple invited the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, “Did you steal our spoon last year?” The pastor smiled and replied, “No. But I did put it inside your Bible.”

“Wisdom From Above—Willing to Yield”

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 Dec. 22, 2018.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—There are many sections in the Bible that describe characteristics that disciples seek to inculcate into their lives. On such section is found in James 3:17.

James 3:17—“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.”

Today, we will discuss the subject of willing to yield.

Easy to be entreated

The verse (James 3:17) quoted above is from the New King James Version of the Bible. The King James Version has a different phrase from “willing to yield.” The King James Version says “easy to be entreated.”

■ The English word *entreated* is from the Greek adjective *eupethes* (No. 2138 in *Strong’s Concordance*), which is used only in this verse. While it is generally defined as “submissive,” “obedient” and “compliant,” the King James translators chose to use the phrase “easy to be entreated.”

Not yielding to sin

A Bible student knows that James 3:17 is not encouraging disciples to yield to sin or corruption.

Probably the greatest example of someone not yielding to sin was when the devil tempted the Son of God with three separate traps in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11).

The Son of God did not yield to the devil in any of these traps.

■ **Matthew 4:3-4**—The Son of God did not yield when the devil sought to manipulate Him to use His power at the devil’s beckoning to solve the challenge of hunger.

■ **Matthew 4:5-7**—The Son of God did not yield when the devil sought to manipulate Him to use His power at the devil’s

beckoning to prove the love of the Father and the angels toward Him.

■ **Matthew 4:8-10**—The Son of God did not yield when the devil sought to manipulate Him to use His power at the devil’s beckoning to initiate a shortcut for showing love to this troubled world.

Yielding to God

Although the context of James 3:17 is not about yielding to God, Bible students know that there are many verses supporting the concept of yielding to God.

Yield to people

A Bible student knows that James 3:17 is encouraging disciples to yield to the needs of other people.

■ **Philippians 2:3-4**—“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

■ **1 Corinthians 8:13**—“Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.”

■ **1 Corinthians 9:19-22**—“For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.”

■ **1 Corinthians 10:32-33**—“Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.”