

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 2, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:53

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00) Dave Havir
Teen class Martha Mclver

Order of service

Song leader Neil Mclver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Acts 16:35-40
Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Guest speakers next week—We are pleased that there will be two guest speakers next Saturday—Norm Edwards of Nashville, Tenn., and Steven Gibson of western Tennessee.
1:00 p.m. Norm Edwards—(40 minute study)
2:00 Steven Gibson—(40 minute study)
3:00 Steven Gibson—sermon
2. No interactive Bible study next week—There will be no interactive Bible study in the classroom next week. However, there will be a Bible-study presentation in the main hall at 1:00 next week.
3. The 1:00 Bible study in the main hall next week—The 1:00 Bible study next week will be a Bible-study presentation in the main hall—to electronically capture a message from a guest speaker.
4. Illusionist show next Saturday night—Since Dave Havir knows that the Gibson children will be in the area with their parents next weekend, he invited the Gibson family to see an Illusionist show (by Jonathan Havir) in Gilmer next Saturday night. Jonathan mentioned to his father that other members of the congregation are also invited. If interested, please see the pastor.

5. Very rare to cancel church service—It is the custom of our congregation to avoid canceling our church service due to inclement weather. Even with a lower attendance in the building on a specific day due to weather in our area, we still hope to serve the audience on the website.
6. Main reason for canceling church service—Our main reason for canceling a church service is the loss of electricity.
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Post-Birth Abortion" by Emily Ward.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "Meditate on Whatever Is Noble" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 18 pages.

Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Ves Townsend** (husband of **Elaine Townsend**) was experiencing difficulty sleeping and was dealing with pain (headaches and pain in his abdomen). This week, we can report that Mr. Townsend is sleeping better but that the pain (headaches and pain in his lower abdomen) is worse.

In recent bulletins, we mentioned about **Lisa Smith** having headaches—and difficulty with balance and speech—that were causing her to miss work. (She went back to work on Friday, but she may need to take off extra time to give doctors the opportunity to further evaluate her health.) The diagnosis was not a stroke but rather a buildup of fluid around the cerebellum that produced strokelike symptoms. She greatly appreciates the prayers and kindness of the congregation.

On Tuesday, **Colleen Atteberry** went to two separate doctor's appointments. (While some people advised that scheduling two appointments on the same day might be too much for her, she wanted to get them both done in one day.) She considered coming to church today, but she may wait until next week. (She watches the 2:00 Bible study and the 3:00 church service on the Internet, but she misses the 1:00 Interactive Bible study.) She appreciates your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Betty Foster** was scheduled to go last Friday to begin a rehab stay at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. (The placement at the facility did occur after the print time of the bulletin.) She is in Room 307.

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

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

Early in the week, **Laura Moran** was dealing with pain. On Wednesday, she went for a doctor's appointment. As a nurse, she understands the importance of putting on some of the weight she has lost over the past months.

Sonny Rosenberger appreciates prayers for his breathing challenges and his other ongoing health challenges.

Dorothy Jones (mother of **Shirley Spearman**) told **Dave Havar** that she is doing about the same—still dealing with weakness. She did mention that she is no longer asking her family to spend the night with her. She is doing that as a kindness to them, since they live on the property together.

Please remember **Shirley Spearman**, who is experiencing pain in her right knee.

Please remember **Dorothy Thomas** (sister of **Shirley Spearman**), who is experiencing pain in her back and other parts of her body.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Brenda Hogg** (of a local Church of God congregation) had been dealing with swelling of the legs, fell in her home on Thursday, Jan. 24, and was hospitalized. She was diagnosed with cellulitis and sepsis. She improved enough to return to her home on Friday.

New prayer requests

On Monday, **Daniel Botha** was having difficulty breathing. On Tuesday, he was admitted to a hospital and was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. After having much fluid removed, he was discharged on Thursday.

Tom and **Judi Mitchell** of a local Church of God home fellowship, have had some challenges. Mrs. Mitchell recently had knee-replacement surgery. Mr. Mitchell subsequently fell in the home and went to an ER, where he was diagnosed with cracked ribs and a concussion. He was placed in Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater for rehabilitation.

Dan Salcedo of Santa Ana, Calif., died on Jan. 19. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Thought for the week

Do you really want the government adopting socialism?
 Have you ever noticed how many socialists view money?
 "Need" means wanting someone else's money.
 "Greed" means wanting to keep your own.
 "Compassion" is when a politician arranges the transfer.

Scriptures to consider

1 Samuel 8:7— "And the LORD said to Samuel, 'Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.' "

1 Samuel 8:15—"He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants."

1 Samuel 8:17—"He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants."

“Meditate on Whatever Is Noble”

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 Feb. 2, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Here is one of the best pieces of advice that a mental-health professional can give to people: “Focus upon the positive factors of this life.” It should come as no surprise that this concept is found in the Bible.

One verse that promotes this approach is Philippians 4:8.

Philippians 4:8—“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

We began a series to talk about the characteristics mentioned in this verse. Today, we will talk about things that are “noble.” (I am aware that the King James Version uses the English word *honest*, but I am using the English word *noble* as found in the New King James Version.)

Recognize negative

Before we look at this week’s characteristic, I want to remind you about a realistic approach in life—recognize negative, but dwell on positive.

■ Numbers 13:26-33—Although the other spies became preoccupied with the negative factors, Joshua and Caleb recognized the challenges and focused upon God’s promises.

■ Luke 14:26-33—The Son of God’s instruction to count the cost includes recognizing the challenges and focusing upon God’s promises.

Greek word in Philippians 4:8

Let’s notice the Greek word used in Philippians 4:8.

■ *Semnos* (No. 4586 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is the Greek adjective in Philippians 4:8 translated as “honest” in the King James Version and as “noble”

in the New King James Version. It is used four times in the New Testament.

Philippians 4:8—“. . . Whatever things are noble [No. 4586] . . .”

The King James Version uses the English word *honest*, and the New American Standard Bible uses the English word *honorable*.

In the next three verses, the New King James Version uses the word *reverent*. The King James Version uses the English word *grave*, and the New American Standard Bible uses the English phrase *men of dignity* and English word *dignified*.

1 Timothy 3:8—“Likewise deacons must be reverent [No. 4586] . . .”

1 Timothy 3:11—“Likewise their wives must be reverent [No. 4586] . . .”

Titus 2:2—“The older men be sober, reverent [No. 4586] . . .”

■ *Semnotes* (No. 4587 in *Strong’s Concordance*) is a Greek noun that describes reverence and dignity. It is used three times in the New Testament.

1 Timothy 2:2—“[Pray] for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence [No. 4587].”

The King James Version uses the English word *honesty*, and the New American Standard Bible uses the English word *dignity*.

In the next two verses, the New King James Version uses the word *reverence*. The King James Version uses the English word *gravity*, and the New American Standard Bible uses the English words *dignity* and *dignified*.

1 Timothy 3:4—“One who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence [No. 4587].”

Titus 2:7—“In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works, in doctrine showing integrity, reverence [No. 4587], incorruptibility.”