

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 29, 2019 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:30

Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	.....	Daniel Botha
Teen class	.....	Neil McIver

Order of service

Song leader	.....	Daniel Botha
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Acts 24:1–27
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Summer travel—The congregation welcomes back members of the congregation who have done some of their summer traveling. We realize that some members of the congregation are presently away on trips and that other members of the congregation are anticipating later trips this summer. Isn't it wonderful that families get to spend time together?
2. Interactive study this week—The topic of the interactive Bible study this week is scheduled to be "The Gift of Ministry" (Romans 12:7) moderated by Dave Havir.
3. Interactive study next week—The topic of the interactive Bible study next week is scheduled to be "The Gift of Teaching" (Romans 12:7).
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Freedom From Consequences Isn't Freedom" by Ben Shapiro.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "Comments About Romans 12:10" by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 19 pages.

Prayer updates

On Monday, **Betty Foster** was transferred to Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. That evening, her son **Morris** wrote: “She has really been looking forward to being at Legend Oaks. She said she’s happy.” She is in Room 418-A.

On Tuesday, **Dixon Cartwright** went to his regularly scheduled appointment with his cardiologist. The cardiologist commented that Mr. Cartwright was doing well, and he has delayed any potential colonoscopy until a later time.

On Tuesday, **Neil McIver** had his chemical stress test (which was moved up a day). On Friday, Mr. McIver visited his doctor to hear about the results. Here are excerpts from a report that Mr. McIver sent to **Dave Havir**: “After having an EKG [in mid-May], the doctor said I may have a slight blockage in the left lobe of my heart. After the chemical stress test [on Tuesday], the doctor said I did not have any blockage of the main arteries. But there is something that is causing a blockage of the blood to pump through the left lobe of my heart. (He said that a normal person my age pumps blood through the heart at 55–60 percent and that I am pumping at 38 percent through my heart.) He did say pains that I had were minor heart attacks and that the last one was a strong heart attack. Option No. 1 is to do exploratory heart surgery to see what the blockage is and fix it if they can. Option No. 2 is to be on medication. I have chosen option No. 2 for 90 days. After 90 days if I am about the same, he will do option No. 1. This gives me some time to lose some weight and be in better health.”

Here are excerpts from an update from **Jeff Ledy** about his son **Eric Ledy**: “It has been a long time since I sent out an update on Eric. The only treatments that the doctors can use for this aggressive cancer are chemotherapy, possible radiation on the scapula and/or surgery. (During chemo, Eric is continuing many of the alternative treatments to help protect his organs and mitigate the side effects.) The original goal was that, after round two, they would operate to remove the tumors from his lungs or that the tumors would have disappeared. Radiation is not an alternative for this type of cancer in his lungs. Two weeks ago, they performed another CT scan to see what effects the chemo was having on his tumors. Mainly good news. None of his tumors had grown over the past two months of treatment, and the very large tumor on his scapula was 60 percent of what it was when they started. The egg-sized tumor in his left lung had shrunk minimally. No new tumors were identified. Unfortunately, the largest tumor in his lungs is inoperably intertwined with his pulmonary artery and would require [surgically] removing his entire left lung. So continued chemo is the current path. Eric recently started round 3 of 4, though potentially six rounds of chemo. Each round has three separate hospitalizations. He just finished part 1 of round 3. He is intending to come back to Michigan for the week of the Fourth of July and then return to Austin to begin part 2 of round 3. Thanks for your continued prayers and support.”

Thought for the week

“One ordinance shall be for you of the assembly and for the stranger who dwells with you, an ordinance forever throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.”—*Numbers 15:15*

New prayer requests

On Monday, **Laura Moran** went to the doctor due to extreme weakness. She was diagnosed with water in her ears, a sinus infection and anemia. Her weight is down to 91 pounds. On Thursday, Mrs. Moran went to a previously scheduled appointment with her cardiologist and received a good report (although the doctor is wanting to keep an eye on potential pulmonary hypertension).

Martha McIver has been diagnosed with bronchitis. (On a positive note, she reports that this is the first time in three years she has bronchitis.) This week, she has dealt with a fever, weakness and coughing.

Karel Wynn of Gladewater has been suffering from an acute case of bronchitis.

Larry Pope of Oklahoma City, Okla., has been diagnosed with stage-4 esophageal cancer.

Ella Dennis of Tulsa, Okla. (daughter of **Trevor** and **Krissy Dennis**), was scheduled for an emergency appendectomy on Wednesday.

Miranda Winning of Australia has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Pablito Amarille of the Philippines has been diagnosed with four tumors in his bladder.

Dudley Trone of Grass Valley, Calif., has been diagnosed with malignant melanoma.

Lomax Morris of Uniondale, N.Y., had been diagnosed with an infected right foot—that proceeded to a successful amputation just below the right knee.

Maurice Yurkiw of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, died on June 10. Please remember his wife, **Lorraine**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Al Carrozzo of San Marcos, Calif., died on June 12. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Angeline Andreotta of Middletown, Ohio (100-year-old mother of **Rosemary Crow**), died on June 13. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Invitation to the 2019 Feast of Tabernacles

The Church of God Big Sandy invites people to attend one of the festival sites sponsored by our congregation. Pastor Dave Havir writes: "If you are looking for a small, friendly site that has inspiring messages and excellent fellowship, we invite you to come join us."

Here are the Feast coordinators at the four Feast of Tabernacle sites.

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“Comments About Romans 12:10”

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 June 29, 2019.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a discussion about the words of the apostle Paul found in Romans 12. It is my perspective that Paul’s writings in chapters 1-11 could be classified more as comments about doctrine and spiritual concepts, whereas the words in chapter 12 can be viewed more as Christian-living topics.

Last week, we discussed Romans 12:9. This article will discuss Romans 12:10.

Positive words

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:10.

Romans 12:10—“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.”

Kindness and brotherly love

Here are some verses that discuss kindness and brotherly love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7—“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

Ephesians 4:31-32—“Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.”

Colossians 3:12-14—“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”

1 John 2:9-11—“He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for

stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.”

1 John 3:10—“In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.”

1 John 3:14-15—“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”

1 John 4:20-21—“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.”

Preference to one another

Before we notice some verses about giving preference toward other people, let’s acknowledge the clear teaching that a disciple should have self-respect.

Matthew 22:39—“And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

It is from a foundation of self-respect that true love can flow from you to another person.

If a person does not respect himself, he will not respect others. If a person belittles himself, he will have a tendency to belittle others.

Philippians 2:1-4—“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 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.”