

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 14, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:25

Bible studies and classes

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

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader	.....	Neil McIver
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Exodus 8:1–32
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Not canceling church service for coronavirus—As it is the custom of our congregation to avoid canceling our church service due to inclement weather, we will apply the same principle to the forecast of the reported health concerns of the coronavirus by not canceling church services. We expect people to make the choices that best serve themselves and their family.
2. Interactive this week—The interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be “Examine Yourself” moderated by Dave Havir.
3. Matching days of the week—Dave Havir wants to remind the congregation that the days of the week for the celebration of the spring feast days this year correspond to the days of the week as how most Church of God congregations view the timing of the death and resurrection of the Son of God. The timing of that week helps disciples to see a correlation between Luke 23:54 and Luke 23:56.
 - Tuesday—Night He was betrayed
 - Wednesday—His death
 - Thursday—Feast day of Luke 23:54 and John 19:31
 - Saturday—Sabbath of Luke 23:56

4. Commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord—There will be a service in our building to commemorate the suffering and death of our Lord with New Testament symbols (picturing the night He was betrayed).
 - Tuesday, April 7
 - 7:45 p.m.
5. Remembering the time of Christ's death—The pastor recommends that you individually remember the time picturing Christ's death—He died at 3:00 p.m. the next day.
 - Wednesday, April 8
 - 3:00 p.m.
6. Traditional meal—For years, the Church of God has had a traditional meal on the eve of the first day of Unleavened Bread. (Although individuals may have varying reasons for this tradition, Dave Havir encourages brethren to consider the events of the resurrection of the Son of God.)
 - Wednesday, April 8
 - 6:30 p.m.
 - If attending in the building, please sign up.
7. First day of Unleavened Bread—The congregation will be observing the first day of Unleavened Bread with the following schedule.
 - Thursday, April 9
 - 2:00—Bible study—TBA
 - 3:00—Church service—Dave Havir
 - 4:00—Potluck meal
8. Remembering the time of Christ's resurrection—The pastor recommends that you individually remember the time picturing Christ's resurrection—three days and three nights after His death.
 - Saturday, April 11
 - Beginning in the evening
9. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—The congregation will be observing the seventh day of Unleavened Bread (combined with the Church of God International) with the following schedule.
 - Wednesday, April 15
 - 1:00—Bible study—Dave Havir
 - 2:00—Church service—Richard Crow
 - 3:00—Potluck meal
10. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "How Coronavirus Compares With the Flu" by Alexandra Thompson.
11. Among Friends—This week's article is "13 Outlandish Questions by Paul" by Dave Havir.
12. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 20 pages.

Thought for the week

“If you don’t stand for something, you’ll fall for anything.”—*Source disputed*

Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who live at home but are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran, Boyd Payne, Annette Payne, David Bonilla** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

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. He is in Room 115.

On Tuesday, **Ronnie Shirley** had a colonoscopy in Longview.

Emma Brown (15-year-old granddaughter of **John** and **Della Worden**), who had heart surgery (“valve-sparing aortic root replacement”) in Dallas on March 10, reports that she is doing better after experiencing significant pain following the surgery.

In the Feb. 22 bulletin, we requested prayers for **Gus Wolf** of Big Sandy. Following are excerpts from an update: “Gus has been feeling better in that he has a bit more energy. He is still yellow and overwhelmed with bilirubin, which causes intense itching and the necessity to keep near a bathroom. His legs are beginning to swell, which is an indication that his liver is slowly failing. No one is able to give us a timeline on how long his liver can last in this state.”

New prayer requests

Shirley West has been diagnosed with a cyst on her left eye.

Bruce Graham has been having prostate challenges.

Dael Baughman of Longview had an MRI and was diagnosed with an abnormal blood vessel in his brain.

Sarah Baker of Hawkins is scheduled to have hip-replacement surgery on March 17.

Barbara Roberts of Ruston, La., has been diagnosed with blockage in her carotid arteries. There was a discussion about surgery yesterday.

Barbara Pebworth of Santa Clara, Calif., died on March 7. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Diana Marx of England died on March 8. Please remember her husband, **Gerhard**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Albert McElhaney of Choctaw, Okla., died on March 9. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Jimmy Friddle of Pasadena, Calif., died on March 11. Please remember the family in your prayers.

13 Outlandish Questions by Paul

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 March 14, 2020.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—Years ago, I gave a Wednesday-night Bible study titled “13 Outlandish Questions by Paul.”

The apostle Paul was a prolific writer. Many of his letters are included in the New Testament of the Bible.

A few of his letters were addressed to specific individuals. However, other of his letters were sent to groups of believers in various cities. In one case (Galatians), the letter was sent to a region (Galatia).

Teaching tool

Whenever a teacher is trying to convey his perspective, he tries to use tools to reach his audience. Effective teachers often use questions in an effort to influence the intended audience to think about the material.

In Paul’s letters, we see him using the method of asking questions. Since he is using a letter as his form of communication, he is not expecting a quick response.

In fact, he may not be expecting a response at all. In the modern world, we call this a rhetorical question. When a person is not expecting return communication quickly, he may be asking the question to make his own perspective clearer.

Outlandish questions

In the following 13 examples, Paul asked a question that he thought was an outlandish question. How do we know that the 13 questions are outlandish?

■ In each example, Paul’s response (in the King James Version of the Bible) to his own question was “God forbid.”

■ In the New King James Version, the following phrase is used all 13 times: “Certainly not!”

■ In the New American Standard, the following phrase is used all 13 times: “May it never be!”

■ In the Revised Standard Version, the

following phrases are used: “By no means!” (10 times), “Certainly not!” (two times) and “Never!” (one time).

■ In the Moffatt translation, the following phrases are used: “Never!” (12 times) and “Not for one moment!” (one time).

The list of 13

Romans 3:3-4—“For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! . . .”

Romans 3:5-6—“But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) Certainly not! . . .”

Romans 3:31—“Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! . . .”

Romans 6:1-2—“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! . . .”

Romans 6:15—“What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!”

Romans 7:7—“What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! . . .”

Romans 7:13—“Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! . . .”

Romans 9:14—“What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not!”

Romans 11:1—“I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! . . .”

Romans 11:11—“I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! . . .”

1 Corinthians 6:15—“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!”

Galatians 2:17—“But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!”

Galatians 3:21—“Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! . . .”