

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Oct. 29, 2016 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:32

Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.

### Order of service

Song leader	Neil Mclver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
First sermon	J.L. Roden
Three classes combined—Classroom #1	Jeanine Case
Second sermon	Reg Killingley

### Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to the coordinators for the four Feast sites that were sponsored by our congregation.
  - Big Sandy Ron and Linda Avey
  - Destin David and Diana Havar
  - Myrtle Beach Lyle and Kathy Kerby
  - Prescott Dennis and Karen Benson
2. Thank you—Thank you to those who helped the Feast coordinators by serving at one of our sites. We appreciate the official functions that you performed at the Feast, and we also appreciate the general friendliness and hospitality that you displayed to all our friends and guests.
3. Thank you—Thank you to David Havar III and Andrew Mclver, who oversaw the live streaming of the daily church service from our Destin Feast site.
4. New look on church website—We want to announce that the new look on our church website was launched on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles (Oct. 17).
5. Thank you—Thank you to Anthony Kimmons, who served as our webmaster for seven and one-half years. He was committed to the congregation and patient with us when his schedule became too busy to continue.
6. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Dave Havar is giving two sermons in Rocky Mount, Va. (Tomorrow, Mr. Havar is scheduled to spend some time with his brother, John, who is traveling to that area.)

7. Community event in building on Tuesday—There is a community event (a dinner sponsored by the Big Sandy Museum Association) scheduled in the building on Tuesday, Nov. 1.
8. Potluck meal next week—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service next Saturday.
9. Teen movie/lock-in—There is a teen movie and lock-in scheduled for next Saturday evening.
10. Daylight-saving time ends—This is a reminder that daylight-saving time ends on Sunday, Nov. 6.
11. Foster barn dance—Morris and Linda Foster are planning their annual barn dance for the evening of Saturday, Nov. 26.
12. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Consider the Platforms" by Jan Ross.
13. Among Friends—This week's article is "2 Chronicles 15:3—Part 1" by Dave Havir.
14. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 22 pages.

## Prayer updates

On Wednesday, **Boyd Payne** had surgery in Plano to replace a heart valve. Unfortunately, Mr. Payne's recovery has been hampered by the fact that he has been bleeding following the surgery, and he has received blood transfusions.

**Vi Lehman** was not able to attend any church service at the local site of the Feast of Tabernacles.

**Kit** and **Elaine Holloway** were able to attend one church service at the local site of the Feast of Tabernacles.

**Gracie Feaker** missed three church services at the local site of the Feast of Tabernacles, while **Ron** missed only one church service.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, **Betty Foster** hurt herself and suspected that she had broken a rib. On Wednesday, a doctor confirmed that such was the case.

**Leon Morris** of Atlanta, Ga. (father of **Pam Kimmons**), was not able to travel to a Feast of Tabernacles site.

Before the Feast of Tabernacles, we asked prayers for **Don** and **Willa Kelley** of Grantsville, W.Va. (parents **Kathy Kerby**, who with her husband, **Lyle**, coordinates the Feast of Tabernacles site in Myrtle Beach). As it turns out, Mr. Kelley had some health challenges during the Feast. Because there were family members able to give care to the Kelleys, Mr. Kelley insisted that the Kerbys finish the Feast in Myrtle Beach. The Kerbys returned home after the Feast and Mr. Kelley has been assigned hospice care. The Kerbys thank you for your prayers that the Kelleys did well enough during the Feast and that they were able to fulfill their serving opportunity.

**Donna Amedee** of Vacherie, La. (mother of **Mindy Forrestier**), died on Sunday. The funeral was on Thursday. (Traveling there from our congregation were **Vern Case, Jeanine Case, Diana Havir** and **Neil McIver**.) Please remember her husband, **Roland**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## New prayer requests

**Jean Rogers** of Denton (age 80) fell on Oct. 13 and tore her right shoulder out of the socket. (She and her husband, **Jimmy**, were planning to attend the Feast of Tabernacles here at our Big Sandy site.) She was scheduled for shoulder-repair surgery yesterday.

**Elva Sedliacik** (formerly of Pasadena, Calif.) died on Oct. 20. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## Scriptures to consider

### ■ Day of Atonement—Christ is the High Priest

**Hebrews 9:7**—But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

**Hebrews 9:24-26**—For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another—He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

### ■ Feast of Tabernacles—Millennial reign of Christ

**Revelation 20:6**—Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

### ■ Eighth Day—Beyond the Millennium

**Revelation 20:11-12**—Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

**Revelation 21:1-3**—Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."

## 2 Chronicles 15:3—Part 1

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of Oct. 29, 2016.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I gave a sermon using 2 Chronicles 15:3 as an outline. In that sermon, I identified three main concepts.

**2 Chronicles 15:3**—“For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law.”

This article will be the first of a three-part series. It will discuss the first concept—they were without the true God.

### **God of Abraham**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). God created Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:15, 21).

Years later, God introduced Himself to Abram (Genesis 12:1-3).

When God later communicated with Isaac, He called Himself the God of Isaac’s father, Abraham (Genesis 26:24).

When God later communicated with Jacob, He called Himself the God of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 28:13).

God later told Moses that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Exodus 3:6).

### **Some descriptions**

Here are a few sections of Scripture that discuss the true God.

**Exodus 12:12**—“For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.”

**Isaiah 45:5-7**—“I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, that they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.”

**Matthew 22:31-32**—“But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”

**Acts 14:14-17**—“But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out and saying, ‘Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.’”

**Acts 17:22-28**—“Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, ‘Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’”