

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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April 12, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:46

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havis

Presentation study—2:00 Bill Crow
(also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Matthew 27:45–54

Sermon Bill Crow

Quick takes

1. Thank you—Thank you to all who served in the building last night.
2. Meal in the building—The meal in the building tonight will begin at 6:00.
3. The “wave sheaf” and the resurrection—Some church of God members connect the “wave sheaf” (Leviticus 23:9–14) with the resurrection of Christ.
4. Three days and three nights—Many Church of God members start counting three days and three nights (Matthew 12:40 and John 2:19–22) from tonight.
5. Wednesday-night Bible study—April 16 at 7:00
6. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—Saturday, April 19. The church schedule will consist of our normal schedule—1:00, 2:00 and 3:00.
7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Our Passover Lamb” by Dave Havis.
8. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Deliverance From Egypt—Part 3” by Dave Havis.
 - March 19—Part 1—“Shall Know That I AM the Lord”
 - March 26—Part 2—“God Hardened Pharaoh’s Heart”
 - April 9—Part 3—“The Blood of the Lamb”
and “Sandals on Your Feet”

Saved by grace

Before the Memorial of the Suffering and Death of Christ, we focused upon God's grace.

- Ephesians 2:8–9—saved by grace
- Titus 3:4–7—justified by His grace

Reaction to grace

After the Memorial of the Suffering and Death of Christ (as we observe the Days of Unleavened Bread), we focus upon our Father's expectations for us.

- Ephesians 2:10—since saved, good works
- Titus 3:8—since justified, good works
- Exodus 20:1-17—since delivered, Ten Commandments
- Matthew 19:17-19—keep the Commandments
- Matthew 19:20-21—give to the poor
- Matthew 22:36-40—two great Commandments
- Romans 6:1-2—since saved by grace, should we sin?
- Romans 6:3—baptized into Christ's death
- Romans 6:4-5—likeness of His death and of His resurrection
- Romans 12:1—become a living sacrifice
- Romans 12:2—transformed by the renewing of the mind
- Romans 12:9-21—many positive characteristics
- 1 Corinthians 10:5-11—five sins in the wilderness
- Galatians 5:19-21—avoid works of the flesh
- Galatians 5:22-23—reflect fruit of the Spirit
- Colossians 3:1-2—seek those things that are above
- James 1:26—bridle the tongue
- James 1:27—visit the fatherless and widows
- Matthew 5:14-16—good works to glorify the Father
- 1 Peter 2:11-12—good works to glorify God

Three biblical definitions of sin

- 1 John 3:4—based on the law
- James 4:17—based on what we know
- Romans 14:23—based on faith

Three reasons why we obey

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| ■ To avoid consequences | Ezekiel 33:10–11 |
| ■ To receive recompense later | Luke 14:12–14 |
| ■ To glorify our Father | Matthew 5:14–16 |

New prayer requests

On Thursday, **Colleen Atteberry** gave **Dave Havir** permission to send out a prayer request. He wrote: “Colleen had a callus on her toe that was causing her difficulty. When a doctor removed it, it was terribly painful—and did not completely solve the problem.” Upon seeing that report, **Aaron Atteberry** gave more information: “The doctor removed the callus to find an ulcerated sore under it. Because she is a type-1 diabetic, she has poor blood flow in her feet. The blood is needed to heal the sore, and it isn’t really healing. If it’s not healed by her next doctor visit, they will have to figure out how to get blood to her feet with stents and bypasses. Normally, this type of sore is just an inconvenience, but with Mom it could progress into something very serious.”

Last Saturday evening, **Jon Swenson** of Coatsville, Ind., had an accident with a table saw and severely cut his thumb. Mr. Swenson’s in-laws (**Tim** and **Kim Snyder**, who live in Michigan, were visiting). Mrs. Snyder reported on Monday: “Tim and I are here and we were at the house when it happened. It’s by far the worst thing I’ve seen.” Mrs. Snyder reported on Friday: “Jon is tentatively scheduled for surgery on Monday. They will be doing a bone graft, tendon restructuring and skin graft.”

“Deliverance From Egypt—Part 3”

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 April 12, 2025.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with the series leading up to the Spring Feast days. The title of the presentation was: “Deliverance From Egypt—Part 3.”

Since I was not able to give the Bible study last Wednesday and since I wanted to finish this series before the Spring Feast days, I combined two presentations. Therefore, the two subtitles were: “The Blood of the Lamb” and “Sandals on Your Feet.”

The blood of the Lamb

The following verses are in the section (Exodus 12:1-20) of the Lord’s message to Moses.

■ Exodus 12:3—On the 10th of the month, every man shall select a lamb for the household.

■ Exodus 12:5—The lamb shall be without blemish.

■ Exodus 12:6—On the 14th of the month, the family should kill the lamb at twilight.

■ Exodus 12:7—The family was instructed to put some blood on the two doorposts.

The following verses are in the section (Exodus 12:21-27) of Moses’ message to the elders.

■ Exodus 12:21-22—Moses instructed them to kill the Passover lamb and to put blood on the two doorposts.

The following verses are in the section (Exodus 12:28-39) describing the actual events.

■ Exodus 12:28—The people followed the instructions.

■ Exodus 12:29—The Lord struck the firstborn of Egypt.

■ Exodus 12:31—Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron.

Blood during Hezekiah’s Passover

■ 2 Chronicles 30:1—King Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah that they should come

to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem to keep the Passover to the Lord God of Israel.

■ 2 Chronicles 30:2-3—The king and his leaders agreed to keep the Passover in the second month, because the people were not consecrated.

■ 2 Chronicles 30:15—They slaughtered the Passover lambs on the 14th day of the second month.

■ 2 Chronicles 30:16—The priests sprinkled the blood received from the hand of the Levites.

■ 2 Chronicles 30:18-20—When the multitude had not cleansed themselves, Hezekiah prayed for them—and the Lord listened to him.

Blood during Josiah's Passover

■ 2 Chronicles 35:1—King Josiah kept a Passover to the Lord in Jerusalem, and they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the 14th day of the first month.

■ 2 Chronicles 35:7—King Josiah provided many animals—30,000 lambs and goats, 3,000 cattle.

■ 2 Chronicles 35:8—Other leaders also gave animals willingly (2,600 sheep and 300 cattle) to the priests for the Passover offerings.

■ 2 Chronicles 35:9—Leaders of the Levites gave animals (5,000 sheep and 500 cattle) for the Passover offerings.

Blood of the Son of God

■ John 1:29—When John saw the Son of God, he said: “Behold, the Lamb of God.”

■ John 19:30-34—After the Son of God died, the soldier did not break His legs. But he did pierce His side with a spear (causing blood and water to come out).

■ Romans 5:6-8—The Son of God died for us while we were sinners.

■ Romans 5:9—We were justified by His blood, and saved from (ultimate) wrath.

■ Romans 5:10—We were reconciled to God through His death, and saved by His life.

■ 1 Peter 1:18-19—We were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ—a Lamb without blemish.

■ Revelation 5:12—Millions of voices said: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.”

■ Revelation 13:8—Those who worship

the Beast do not have their names written in the Book of Life of the Lamb (slain from the foundation of the world).

Sandals on your feet

Although this discussion deserved more time at a Bible study, I wanted to at least discuss it before the Days of Unleavened Bread. This is the historical reason for believers to be concerned about food leaven during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

■ Exodus 12:1-20—These verses are a message from the Lord to Moses.

■ Exodus 12:11—You shall eat with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand—because you shall eat in haste.

■ Exodus 12:14—This shall be a memorial.

■ Exodus 12:28-39—These verses mentioned the actual events.

■ Exodus 12:34—The people took their dough before it was leavened.

■ Exodus 12:39—They baked unleavened cakes of dough, because they were driven out of Egypt.

■ Exodus 13:3—Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt. Eat no leavened bread.

■ Luke 17:31-36—The Son of God talked about the example of Lot's wife and the example of the early New Testament church.

Paul focused on a different lesson

In the New Testament, Paul introduced a different lesson when discussing the Days of Unleavened Bread. Although his teaching was not a part of the historical lesson, his teaching is extremely valuable.

(Paul likened “leaven” to sin. Paul encouraged people to put out sin. Putting out sin should be a response to grace.)

■ 1 Corinthians 5:6—Don't you know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

■ 1 Corinthians 5:7—Purge out the old leaven, since you are truly unleavened (because of the Father and the Son and not by getting crumbs out of your house)—Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.

■ 1 Corinthians 5:8—As you keep the Feast, physical leaven is a symbol of the important lesson—avoid malice and wickedness, while reflecting sincerity and truth.