

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 6, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:37

### Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. . . . . Daniel Hammons

Presentation study—2:00 . . . . . Daniel Hammons  
(also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Neil McIver

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . Judges 7:2–20

Sermon . . . . . Terry McAdams

### Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havar is giving two presentations in the Fort Worth area.
2. Dominoes—Tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
3. "Honor Our Heroes" event—You are invited to this event on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 4:00 p.m. at the Civic Center
4. Wednesday-night Bible study—Sept. 10 at 7:00. Since there are three Bible studies between last Wednesday night and the Feast of Trumpets (on Tuesday, Sept. 23), Dave Havar began a three-part series. The first presentation was "The Sound of Trumpets—Part 1."
5. Feast of Trumpets—The congregation will be observing the Feast of Trumpets on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Following is the schedule.
  - 1:00 Interactive Bible study
  - 2:00 Presentation Bible study—Dave Havar
  - 3:00 Church service—with Daniel Hammons giving the sermon

6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Trumpet in the Bible" by David Cloud.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "The Sound of Trumpets—Part 1" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—Not available at bulletin deadline.

## Prayer updates

In the Aug. 16 bulletin, we mentioned that **Haley Mason** of Gladewater (a widow with two teenagers) died on Aug. 9. On Aug. 24, **Dave Havir** texted pictures of two quilts that **Barbara Lingle** gave him to pass along to the teenagers. On Monday, **Amy Case** (who had previous contact with Mrs. Mason through a girls' softball team) met with the family (an uncle has stepped up to help the teens) to deliver the quilts and an envelope with financial assistance for the teenagers. Mrs. Case reported: "They were very appreciative and wanted to make sure everyone knows they are thankful."

On Wednesday, **Jon Coffee** went to Tyler to see his primary-care provider (PCP). (Since there was a lockdown as a response to a suspected shooting incident, the appointment was an hour and a half behind schedule.) Mr. Coffee reported: "After a long, productive session, he committed to working with me on trying out some pain relievers until we found one that was a good combination of relief and comfort. I will be starting a new one tomorrow, and the doctor said I could probably see results in two weeks."

On Wednesday, **Gary Wilson** contacted **Dave Havir** while he, Mr. Wilson, was on a bus to Christus Rehabilitation Facility on 3131 Troup Hwy. in Tyler. Mr. Wilson (who suffered a stroke on Feb. 13, 2023) learned on Sept. 1 that he qualified for more Medicare help. So, on Wednesday, he began a 14-day regimen of inpatient care. He said: "I am looking forward to the exercise."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that the doctor of **Morris Foster** performed a biopsy of a "sore" in his bladder. On Tuesday, the doctor told Mr. Foster that the sore was benign.

In the July 26 bulletin, we mentioned that **Ray Hall** had two surgeries—the first to remove the little toe on his left foot and the second to remove infection in that area. On Friday, he reported that he is slowly improving.

## New prayer requests

**Lois Hirschler** of Missouri reports: "My nerves in my face started giving me issues again. Sometimes, just turning my head causes pain."

**Ranae Phelp** (of Gladewater) has been diagnosed with stage-four liver cancer.

**Jim Kelly** of Pensacola, Fla., died on Sept. 5. (Mr. Kelly, who hosted a small weekly group, had welcomed **Dave Havir** to speak there.) Please remember his family in your prayers.

## Feast speaking schedules

### Big Sandy

Tuesday, Oct 7—Wynn Skelton  
 Wednesday, Oct. 8—Dave Havir  
 Thursday, Oct. 9—Dave Havir  
 Friday, Oct. 10—Wynn Skelton

Saturday, Oct. 11—Richard Crow  
 Sunday, Oct. 12—Jon Coffee  
 Monday, Oct. 13—Will Martin  
 Tuesday, Oct. 14—Wynn Skelton

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Oct. 7 Ken Tate (40 minutes)  
 Oct. 8 Clint Ison (10 minutes)  
 Oct. 9 Danny Miller (10 minutes)  
 Oct. 10 Dave Havir (10 minutes)  
 Oct. 11 Mike Wiesman (30 minutes)  
 Oct. 12 Dave Havir (10 minutes)  
 Oct. 13 Dave Havir (10 minutes)  
 Oct. 14 Neil McIver (20 minutes)

Ben Franklin (30 minutes)  
 Chad Tate (30 minutes)  
 Bill Crow (30 minutes)  
 Ramon Coleman (30 minutes)  
 John Havir (30 minutes)  
 Anthony Kimmons—30 minutes  
 Daniel Hammons (30 minutes)  
 Neal Parker (40 minutes)

## “The Sound of Trumpets—Part 1”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website ([churchofgodbig sandy.com](http://churchofgodbig sandy.com)). It was posted for the weekend of Sept. 6, 2025.

### By Dave Havir

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—Because many of my friends and I will be celebrating the Feast of Trumpets on Tuesday, Sept. 23, there will be only three Wednesday-night Bible studies between last Wednesday and that Feast day.

So, at our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a three-part series. It was titled “The Sound of Trumpets—Part 1.”

Before the study last Wednesday, I placed an article on the front page of our website ([churchofgodbig sandy.com](http://churchofgodbig sandy.com)). The article was posted at the weekly temporary section for “Edifying the Body,” which appears on the front page. And next week it will go into the archive section of “Edifying the Body.” The title of the article is “Trumpet in the Bible” written by David Cloud. (A version of his article was posted at [wayofflife.org](http://wayofflife.org) on Feb. 24, 2022.)

In the Bible study, I discussed four examples of Old Testament history concerning trumpets.

### Exodus 19:10-20

■ Exodus 19:10-15—The Lord told Moses that He was going to meet them at Mount Sinai, and the signal on the third day would be when they heard the trumpet sound.

■ Exodus 19:16—“The sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.”

■ Exodus 19:19—“When the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him by voice.”

■ Exodus 19:20—The Lord came down to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain.

### Numbers 10:1-10

■ Numbers 10:1-2—The Lord instructed Moses to make two silver trumpets—for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps.

■ Numbers 10:3—When both trumpets were blown, all the congregation gathered

at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

■ Numbers 10:4—When one trumpet was blown, the leaders and heads of the divisions gathered.

■ Numbers 10:5-6—When Moses sounded the advance, the camps on the east side began their journey and when Moses sounded the advance a second time, the camps on the south side began their journey.

■ Numbers 10:7—“When the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance.”

■ Numbers 10:8—“The Sons of Aaron (the priests) shall blow the trumpets.”

In the next two verses, notice the contrast of reasons to blow the trumpet. (It might remind you about scriptures in the book of Revelation.)

■ Numbers 10:9—You shall sound the alarm with the trumpets when you go to war.

■ Numbers 10:10—You shall blow the trumpets in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts and at the beginning of your months, over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

## Joshua 6:1-25

■ Joshua 6:1-2—The Lord told Joshua that He was going to give victory over the city of Jericho.

■ Joshua 6:3—The Lord instructed Joshua for the men of war to march around the city one time for six days.

■ Joshua 6:4—The priests were instructed to have seven trumpets of ram’s horns, as they walked in front of ark. On the seventh day, they were to walk around the city seven times and to blow the trumpet.

■ Joshua 6:5—The Lord said: “When they make a long blast with the ram’s horn and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great voice.”

■ Joshua 6:10—Joshua commanded the people: “You shall not shout (or make any noise with your voice), until I tell you to shout.”

■ Joshua 6:13—The priests walking in front of the ark (bearing seven trumpets of ram’s horn) blew their trumpets—and the rearguard came after the ark while the priests continued blowing the trumpets.

■ Joshua 6:14—They did this for six days.

■ Joshua 6:15—On the seventh day, they marched around seven times.

■ Joshua 6:16—On the seventh time when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said, “Shout.”

■ Joshua 6:17—Rahab and her family were spared.

■ Joshua 6:20—The people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets—when the people heard the sound of the trumpet.

■ Joshua 6:25—Rahab and her family were spared.

## Judges 7:2-23

■ Judges 7:2—The Lord told Gideon that the army was too big and the people might take credit for their victories.

■ Judges 7:3—For the first reduction in the army, the Lord told Gideon to offer the men the opportunity to return to their families—causing 22,000 men to leave and 10,000 to remain.

■ Judges 7:4-8—For the second reduction in the army, the Lord told Gideon to watch the way the men drank water from a spring—only 300 men scooped the water with their hand.

■ Judges 7:9-15—When Gideon heard about a dream among the Midianites, he told his men, and this gave them confidence.

■ Judges 7:16—When Gideon divided the 300 men into three groups of 100, he provided them with a trumpet and a clay jar with a burning torch inside.

■ Judges 7:17-18—Gideon told the men that when they heard him (and the 300 men with him) blow the trumpet, they should all also blow the trumpets—and yell “The sword of the LORD and of Gideon.”

■ Judges 7:19—When Gideon reached the edge of the camp, they blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands.

■ Judges 7:20—The rest of Gideon’s soldiers blew their trumpets in their right hand and smashed the jars in their left hand—yelling “The sword of the LORD and of Gideon.”

■ Judges 7:22—When the 300 blew the trumpets, a sword fight happened.

■ Judges 7:23—Gideon gathered more men and pursued the Midianites.