

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 15, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:21

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Mike Bailey

Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havar
(also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading 1 Corinthians 15:12–52

Sermon Daniel Hammons

Quick takes

1. Dominoes tomorrow—Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.
2. Wednesday-night Bible study—Nov. 19 at 7:00.
3. Community Thanksgiving Gathering—Our congregation has the privilege of hosting the 2025 Community Thanksgiving Gathering in our building. (Our congregation became active in this annual event in 2017. Our congregation had the privilege of previously hosting the event in 2019—and now again in 2025.)
 - Date—Sunday, Nov. 23
 - Time—4:30 p.m.
 - Location—in our building
 - Mayor Linda Baggett asked the community to bring snacks
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Jesus Knows How You Feel" by Max Lucado.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "Obey to Be Blessed at the Resurrection—Part 1" by Dave Havar.
6. Eye on the World—Not available at bulletin deadline.

Prayer updates

Following is an update from **Josh** and **Christy Sharp** about **Hunter Sharp** (their 24-year-old son, who was in a serious motorcycle accident): "We want to thank everybody for the prayers for Hunter. He is getting stronger every day. God is good. Thank y'all."

In the Sept. 20 and Oct. 25 bulletins, we requested prayers for **Gary Woodring** of Bullard, who was diagnosed with a tumor on his pituitary (affecting his balance) and was scheduled for a doctor appointment on Nov. 6. Last Saturday (too late for last week's bulletin), Mr. Woodring gave this update: "The doctors don't choose to remove the tumor at the present time but to just keep an eye on it with further testing down the road. They don't believe the issues with my vision and balance are due to the tumor, but possibly due to my fall. They believe the tumor is benign and not life-threatening. So praise the Almighty and thank you for all of your prayers."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Dave McLearen** was diagnosed with gout. On Tuesday, he reported that a home-health person went to the McLearen home and set up six weeks of in-home therapy designed to help his balance and core strength.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Debra Acosta** had a scheduled doctor appointment last Tuesday. She reported: "Apparently, I am diabetic, with my blood-sugar levels dropping at night. At this point we will be treating this with diet change, increased exercise and monitoring blood-sugar levels. Praise God for answered prayer, a diagnosis and a plan of action. Thank you all for your words of encouragement and for your prayers."

Please remember **Timberly Dunnam**, who deals with pain on many days.

Please remember **Nancy Diraison**, who has been dealing with respiratory challenges.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Joyce Canepa** of Flagstaff, Ariz., was dealing with a rash for more than five months—including blisters on her arms and back. On Sunday, she reported: "The itching and blisters have subsided. I so appreciate your continued prayers more than words can say."

New prayer requests

On Friday, **Martha McIver** fell. She reported: "I fell in a parking garage (after my doctor appointment). My shoe caught and I went down hard, hitting my right side—both knees, right hip and right shoulder. I took most of the fall on my right cheek. Another patient saw it happen and she got help—found someone to stay with me so that no one would run over me. They got me to the ER, where they stopped the bleeding, did a CT scan of my head and X-rays of my feet, right hip and ribs. No broken bones! They put a little cast of sorts on my sprained ankle, and cleaned up the blood and road rash on my face. I am fine but very sore. Prayers are appreciated as I heal. Thank you."

Sadie Copeland (who is dealing with stress because her husband, **Alvis**, died on Nov. 2; his funeral is scheduled on Sunday in Marshall) went to a hospital this week to deal with her heart. As it turns out, doctors performed a heart catheterization and inserted a stent (because an artery was clogging). She appreciates your prayers.

On Friday, **Ronnie Shirley** (a long-time member of the congregation who lives in Longview and listens weekly to our church service) informed **Dave Havir** that he is scheduled to go to a hospital on Wednesday to deal with colon cancer. Mr. Shirley reminded us that he was diagnosed with the colon cancer years ago. (Mr. Havir asked what prompted the doctor to address the issue at this time. Mr. **Shirley** mentioned that he has no pain and that there have been no recent incidents. Maybe the doctor saw something in a recent evaluation to convince him that now is the time to schedule a surgery.) Mr. Shirley asked for our prayers.

Germaine Chandler of Garland (**Shirley Spearman's** nephew-in-law) died on Nov. 6. Please keep his wife, **Cierra**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

“Obey to Be Blessed at the Resurrection—Part 1”

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 Nov. 15

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a new series. The title was “Obey to Be Blessed at the Resurrection—Part 1.” This series is related to a presentation that I gave on Saturday, Oct. 18. In that presentation, I presented three reasons why we obey God.

Those three reasons were the following.

- To be Blessed Now
- To be Blessed at the Resurrection
- To Glorify and to Honor the Father and the Son

When I covered the concept of being blessed now, I gave two presentations. To cover the concept of being blessed at the resurrection, I expect to give three presentations. This presentation (Part 1) will discuss scriptures involving the words *resurrection* and being *raised*.

Foundational scripture

The foundational scripture for this three-part series is Luke 14:14.

- Luke 14:14—Believers are instructed to do the correct behavior, even when

people cannot repay them—because they will be “repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

A few Old Testament verses

Although the majority of scriptures were from the New Testament, I mentioned a few Old Testament verses.

- Exodus 3:6—(Matthew 22:23-32)
- Job 19:25-27
- Isaiah 26:19
- Daniel 12:1-2

Christ's resurrection

The following 15 references used the word *resurrection* in reference to Christ's resurrection.

- Matthew 22:23-32
- Mark 12:18-27
- Luke 20:27-38
- Matthew 27:53
- John 11:24-25
- Acts 1:22
- Acts 2:31
- Acts 4:1-2
- Acts 4:33
- Acts 17:18, 32
- Acts 23:6-8
- Romans 1:4

- Romans 6:5
- 1 Peter 1:3
- 1 Peter 3:21

Christ being raised

The following 19 references used the word *raised* in reference to Christ's resurrection.

- Matthew 16:21
- Matthew 17:23
- John 2:19-22
- Acts 2:24
- Acts 2:30, 32
- Acts 3:15, 26
- Acts 4:10
- Acts 5:30
- Acts 10:40
- Acts 13:23-37
- Acts 17:31
- Romans 4:24-25
- Romans 6:4, 9
- Romans 7:4
- Galatians 1:1
- Ephesians 1:20-23
- 1 Thessalonians 1:10
- 2 Timothy 2:8
- 1 Peter 1:21

"Resurrection" referring to saints

The following two references refer to a future resurrection of saints.

- Acts 24:21
- 2 Timothy 2:18

"Raised" referring to saints

The following four references refer to a future raising of saints.

- John 6:39-40
- John 6:44, 54
- Acts 26:8
- 2 Corinthians 1:9

"Raised" mentioning both Christ and saints

■ Romans 8:11—If the Spirit of the Father who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies.

■ Romans 10:9—If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- 1 Corinthians 6:14—God both raised

up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

■ 2 Corinthians 4:14—He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Christ.

■ Ephesians 2:5-6—When we were dead in trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up together—to sit together in the heavenly places.

1 Corinthians 15

■ 1 Corinthians 15:12—If people preach that Christ is raised from the dead, how can some say there is no resurrection?

■ 1 Corinthians 15:13—If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:14-15—If Christ is not risen, the preaching was empty and their faith was also empty.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:16—If the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:17-18—If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile (you are yet in your sins) and those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:21—Death came by man and the resurrection of the dead came by the Son of God.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:35-58—How are the dead raised?

Blessed at future resurrection

■ John 5:28-29—Those who have done good will be part of the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil will be part of the resurrection of condemnation.

■ Acts 24:15—Paul had hope in God that there will be a resurrection of the dead—both of the just and the unjust.

■ Philippians 3:10-11—Paul knew Christ and the power of His resurrection—looking forward to attaining the resurrection from the dead.

■ Hebrews 11:35—Some women received their dead raised to life again, while others were tortured (looking forward to a better resurrection).

■ Revelation 20:5-6—Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection.