

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 29, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:16

Bible studies

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

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

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading 1 Peter 5:1–11

Sermon Anthony Kimmons

Quick takes

1. Meaningful Thanksgiving—We hope that all of you had a meaningful Thanksgiving Day with people that you love.
2. Thank you from Mayor Linda Baggett—Mayor Baggett thanked our congregation for hosting the Community Thanksgiving Gathering last Sunday night. She concluded with the following statement: “Y’all are so generous and such a blessing to our community (and me!).”
3. Thank you—The congregation thanks the individuals in our congregation who served at the Community Thanksgiving Gathering last Sunday night.
 - Michael Bald—hall setup and sound booth
 - David Coleman—security
 - Joyce Coleman—food service
 - Bernice Burson—food service
 - Linda Cartwright—food service
 - Dixon Cartwright—music
 - Stan West—presentation
4. Thank you—While Jeri Holcomb does not attend our congregation, she arranged with Dave Havis to offer material from *Voice of the Martyrs* to attendees. And Mayor Linda Baggett allowed her to give a short impromptu presentation.

5. Dominoes tomorrow—Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.
6. Wednesday-night Bible study—Dec. 3 at 7:00.
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Psalms of Thanksgiving."
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "Obey to Be Blessed at the Resurrection— Part 3" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—There is no "Eye on the World" this week.

Prayer updates

Here is an update about **Hunter Sharp** (who was in a serious motorcycle accident). As the 24-year-old has improved physically, a problem had arisen early in the week. He was more active and physically aggressive at times (attributed to a brain injury). The hospital staff tried restraining him. The staffers preferred to sedate him. On Friday, his father (**Josh Sharp**) mentioned that the situation had gotten better and that he and his family greatly appreciate your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Ronnie Shirley** visited a doctor (who was planning to deal with Mr. Shirley's previously diagnosed colon cancer by removing a polyp with a more-noninvasive way to cut polyps out.) At that visit, the doctor decided to further consider the best approach. Mr. Shirley will see him again to on Dec. 3.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Wendell Benningfield** (brother of **Annette Atteberry**) had a heart attack (on Sunday, Nov. 16) and is scheduled for a doctor's appointment next month to evaluate his progress.

In last week's bulletin, we reported that **Sky Crist** (who was in the hospital diagnosed with "diabetic ketoacidosis") was improving and might get to go home last Friday (Nov. 21). Thankfully, she was able to go home last Thursday (Nov. 20)."

New prayer requests

Risé Fultz reported to **Dave Havir**: "Mom [**Nancy Amburgey**] has been having more trouble breathing, afib, asthma and allergies this fall. Thank you for your prayers. (We both have really appreciated your Bible studies.)"

Sharon Burgin has been dealing with gout since the Feast—which has been extremely painful and has hindered her walking. She appreciates your prayers.

Mike Bailey requested prayers for a friend in Atlanta, Texas. "**Bob St. Clair** had a heart attack a few weeks ago. To get his heart beating again, he suffered five broken ribs and sternum. (He had four stents in 2008. He had three stents added this month.) Please pray for his complete recovery."

Sharon Zehrung of Little Rock, Ark., died on Nov. 27. Please remember her husband, **Warren**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

“Psalms of Thanksgiving”

This excerpted text is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Nov. 29, 2025.

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| ■ Psalm 75:1-10 | ■ Psalm 118:1-29 |
| ■ Psalm 92:1-15 | ■ Psalm 136:1-26 |
| ■ Psalm 95:1-11 | ■ Psalm 146:1-10 |
| ■ Psalm 100:1-5 | ■ Psalm 147:1-20 |
| ■ Psalm 105:1-45 | ■ Psalm 148:1-14 |
| ■ Psalm 106:1-48 | ■ Psalm 149:1-9 |
| ■ Psalm 107:1-43 | ■ Psalm 150:1-6 |

“Obey to Be Blessed at the Resurrection—Part 3”

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 Nov. 29 2025.

By Dave Havar

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a series. The title was “Obey to Be Blessed at the Resurrection—Part 3.” 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. When I covered the concept of being blessed at the resurrection, I gave three presentations. Part 1 of being blessed at the resurrection discussed scriptures involving the words *resurrection* and being *raised*. Part 2 discussed the concepts of the “Kingdom of Heaven” and the “Kingdom of God.” Part 3 discussed the rewards of the seven congregations mentioned in Revelation 2 and 3.

Foundational scriptures

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 peo-

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

I added another foundational scripture for both part 2 and for this presentation.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—The Lord Himself will descend from heaven and the dead in Christ shall rise first—followed by those who are alive.

Angel at Ephesus

- Revelation 2:7—The Son of God said: To him who overcomes, I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the middle of the garden.

■ Genesis 2:16-17—The Lord told Adam that he could eat of every tree in the garden, except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

■ Genesis 3:2-5—The cunning serpent subtly questioned Eve about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—and influenced her and Adam to eat from it.

■ Genesis 3:22—Because Eve and Adam ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the Lord at that time kept them from the tree of life.

- Revelation 22:14—“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life.”

Angel at Smyrna

■ Revelation 2:11—The Son of God said: To him who overcomes, he shall not be hurt by the second death.

■ Hebrews 9:27—It is appointed for men to die once, and then the judgment.

■ Revelation 20:6—Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection—over such the second death has no power.

■ Revelation 20:14—In the vision, Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire—which is called the second death.

■ Revelation 20:15—In the vision, anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

■ Revelation 21:8—This verse mentions the characteristics that cause people to have “their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone”—which is the second death.

Angel at Pergamos

■ Revelation 2:17—The Son of God said: To him who overcomes, I will give him some of the hidden manna and I will give him a white stone (with an unknown name written on it).

Notice two verses concerning manna.

■ Exodus 16:4-35—The original manna was given.

■ John 6:35-58—The Messiah talked about Him being the bread of life.

Notice a definition and a verse concerning the white stone.

■ On the last page of the Greek section in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, the Greek word *psephos* (Number 5586) is listed at two verses—Revelation 2:17 and Acts 26:10. The meaning of the Greek word is described this way: “Stone, vote (cast by stones)—In New Testament times, a white stone usually meant a vote for innocence, a black stone a vote for guilt; the white stone of Revelation 2:17 may picture the innocence of its owner.”

■ Acts 26:10—Paul said: “This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against [No. 5586] them.”

Angel at Thyatira

■ Revelation 2:26-28—The Son of God said: To him who overcomes, I will give power over the nations and I will give him the morning star.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:24-28—The Father will be in charge, supported by the Son and resurrected brethren.

■ Revelation 22:16—The Son of God is the Bright and Morning Star.

Angel at Sardis

■ Revelation 3:5—The Son of God said: To him who overcomes, he shall be clothed in white garments. I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life. I will confess his name before My Father and His angels.

■ Revelation 16:15—Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments.

■ Matthew 10:32—The Son of God said: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.”

Following are 14 verses that have a reference to the Book of Life.

■ Exodus 32:32-33

■ Psalm 56:8

■ Psalm 139:16

■ Daniel 12:1

■ Malachi 3:16

■ Luke 10:20

■ Philippians 4:3

■ Revelation 3:5

■ Revelation 13:8

■ Revelation 17:8

■ Revelation 20:12

■ Revelation 20:15

■ Revelation 21:27

■ Revelation 22:19

Angel at Philadelphia

■ Revelation 3:12—The Son of God said: He who overcomes, I will make a pillar in the temple of My God. I will write on him the name of My God (New Jerusalem). I will write on him My new name.

Angel at Laodicea

■ Revelation 3:21—The Son of God said: To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I have overcome and sat down with My Father on His throne.