

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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June 27, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:33

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Mark Weiss
Presentation study—2:00 Rod Lewis
(also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading John 8:1–11
Sermon Kenneth Lewis

Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havir is returning to a sister congregation in Bullard to lead another interactive discussion. (Mr. Havir was just there on June 6. He rarely gets back to a nearby congregation this soon.)
2. The board election ends today—Today is the last day to vote.
3. Board meeting—The next board meeting will be July 12 at 4:00 p.m.
4. Memo about new chairs—Our board is in the process of buying new chairs for the auditorium. To help defray the cost, we are making it possible for anyone to purchase a chair "in honor of" or "in memory of" a friend or loved one. The cost for each chair is \$100. A sign acknowledging the donation will be posted in our hallway. If you are interested in donating in this way, please see one of the board members.
5. Celebration of life for Karl Wilson—Sunday, June 28, at 1:00.
6. Wednesday-night Bible study—July 1 at 7:00.
7. Celebration of life for Linda Avey—Sunday, July 5, 1:00.
8. Edifying the Body—"Choose How to Use Our Freedom" by Star Parker.
9. Among Friends—"2 Thessalonians 3—Part 3" by Dave Havir.

Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Donna Weese** started receiving hospice care and that her son (**Wayne**) came to visit. On Tuesday, Mr. Weese returned to Kansas—as his mother's health remained weak, but steady.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Brandi West** was scheduled for tests last Monday and for discussions concerning M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. The tests seem to indicate a "medium-growing" type of cancer as opposed to a rapidly growing type of cancer. More plans will be formulated after a family trip to Wyoming on July 1. (The family will be attending the wedding of Christian Roberts and Denali Berquist in Wyoming on July 3. Christian is the son of Graham and April West, thus the grandson of Stan and Roxanna West.)

On Tuesday, **Jerry Thompson** had successful bypass surgery.

Timberly Dunnam is still having pain from a degenerative disk in her back. And she has a scheduled virtual appointment with a representative in Austin on Aug. 3.

Lisa Smith continues to deal with pain in her back. On Monday, **Dave Havir** is taking her car to a mechanic to replace her brakes.

Gary Wilson talked to **Dave Havir** about moving his sister (**Patricia**) in July from her place in Tyler to Mr. Wilson's home in Lindale.

New prayer requests

On Friday, **Karen Willingham** returned home after a five-month stay in rehab. Mrs. Willingham is the daughter of **Sonny** and **Pauline Rosenberger**—who were members of our congregation from our founding in 1995. (We believe that Mrs. Rosenberger died in 2002 and Mr. Rosenberger died on June 7, 2024). When **Dave Havir** was their pastor at the AC campus, he was also the pastor of Mrs. Willingham. Although Mrs. Willingham (who is a member of Mr. Havir's texting list) does not attend our congregation, she considers Mr. Havir her pastor. (Mr. Havir says: "I consider that an honor.") When Mrs. Willingham had health problems months ago, she asked Mr. Havir to anoint her, but she did not give him permission to talk about it. Now she has given him permission. She has been dealing with neuropathy "based on a lack of B-12." She has been numb from the waist down. She said: "I had to learn how to walk and how to write. I have been in rehab for five months and am now headed home. It is going to be an adjustment using a wheelchair and a walker. But I plan to stay busy with the house [upgrade], so it's all good. I am feeling very positive with my recovery. Some thanks goes to some incredibly skilled physical therapists. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement through this ordeal." Now she has allowed Mr. Havir to pass along the prayer request to the congregation. She greatly appreciates what God has done for her.

On Thursday, **Joe Lingle** went to a hospital when his blood pressure and his heart rate were sporadic. The doctor inserted a pacemaker. He returned home on Friday.

On early Friday morning (June 19), **Ramon Coleman** of the Kansas City area fell and hit his head on the bottom of his couch. Because he is on blood thinner, he called his brother to take him to an ER. There was no brain bleed. However, he is dealing with a concussion, jammed neck and numb right hand. Since he had a headache last Saturday, he missed church. (That made the third week in a row that he missed church.) Yesterday, he was feeling better and hoped to attend church today.

Linda Gallia reported: "I am having knee-replacement surgery on Tuesday, June 30, at the Quitman hospital."

On Wednesday, **Joyce Ganepa** asked prayers for her husband, **Frank**: "My husband's eyes are on fire. We are going down to Cottonwood to see an eye specialist." On Thursday, she reported: "Frank has developed an allergic reaction to one of the glaucoma eye-drop medicines. The doctor is taking him off medicine. He also said that Frank needs laser surgery on both eyes, but that will have to wait."

"2 Thessalonians 3—Part 3"

This article was posted in the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website (churchofgodbig sandy.com) for the weekend of June 27, 2026.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I completed a series about 1 and 2 Thessalonians. The title of the presentation was "2 Thessalonians 3—Part 3."

Throughout most of this series, I have covered a chapter of the book in one presentation. In 2 Thessalonians 2, I covered it in two consecutive presentations. And I concluded the Wednesday-night series with three consecutive presentations about 2 Thessalonians 3.

■ On June 10, we covered 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13.

■ On June 17, we covered 2 Thessalonians 3:6 and 2 Thessalonians 3:14.

■ On June 24, we covered 2 Thessalonians 3:15-18.

Quick reminder

Notice the two main verses from the previous Bible study.

■ 2 Thessalonians 3:6—"We command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us."

■ 2 Thessalonians 3:14—"If anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed."

There is a difference between a person being ashamed and other people trying to shame someone. Let's spend a few minutes noticing the difference.

Being ashamed

It is good for people to learn from their negative actions—oftentimes occurring because people are finally ashamed of what they have done.

It is good for people to learn from their negative actions—which can actually nudge people toward repentance.

Shaming someone

But the consistent habit of shaming people is often rude, disrespectful and sin.

There is a huge difference in people correcting someone and meanly shaming someone.

■ Parents are encouraged to correct their children, but shaming children can be extremely destructive.

■ Employers have the right to correct their

workers, but shaming a worker generally goes beyond protocol.

Instructive example

Would you like to see an example about improper shaming and proper shaming?

Let's look at John 8:3-9.

John 8:3-5 shows the scribes and Pharisees aggressively shaming a woman—and using that situation in an attempt to shame the Lord.

- They brought a sinful woman to Christ.
- They publicly and dramatically set her in front of Christ.
- They publicly and dramatically accused her.

Notice that the scribes and Pharisees were really seeking to shame the Lord.

■ They quoted words of Moses at Christ. (Many people would say that they quoted words of Moses “to” Christ, but I deliberately said they quoted words of Moses “at” Christ.)

■ They publicly demanded that Christ give a public response.

John 8:6-9 shows how the Lord shamed the rude accusers.

■ John 8:6—Christ stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear them. What was He writing?

■ John 8:7—Christ said: “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.”

■ John 8:8-9—Since the religious leaders went slinking away, we assume that Christ was writing about their sins. In my mind, He shamed them!

Therefore, I conclude that the perfect Christ revealed to us that there can be a time to shame people—especially if they are trying to shame someone else.

His actions remind me of the words of Deuteronomy 19:18-19.

Deuteronomy 19:18-19—“If a witness is a false witness (who has falsely testified against his brother), then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother.”

2 Thessalonians 3:15

■ This brings us to 2 Thessalonians 3:15—“Yet, do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.”

■ That verse should help put the “ashamed” comment into an important light.

■ That verse should help put the shunning aspect into a clearer perspective.

Can you spot the approach of the devil?

■ Genesis 3:1-6

■ Matthew 4:1-11

Can you recognize Christ's loving approach?

■ John 10:10-16—The Good Shepherd

lays down His life for the sheep.

■ Matthew 9:10-13—The Son of God taught the concept: “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.”

■ Matthew 12:1-7—When the Son of God defended His disciples, He quoted the phrase: “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.”

Hidden love

We can't see or hear the hidden love of powerful prayer.

■ Genesis 18:23-33—Abraham negotiated with God.

■ Exodus 32:10-13—Moses pleaded with the Lord.

■ Luke 11:5-8—The Son of God taught people to offer persistent prayer.

■ Luke 18:1-8—The Son of God again taught people to offer persistent prayer.

Open love

Can you recognize the examples of open love shown toward you?

■ 1 Corinthians 7:21—Can you recognize people who are trying to free you from slavery?

■ 1 Thessalonians 2:7—Can you recognize people who are like comforting mothers?

■ 1 Thessalonians 2:11—Can you recognize people who are like comforting fathers?

■ 2 Timothy 1:16-18—Can you recognize people who go out of their way to support you?

In conclusion

■ 2 Thessalonians 3:16—“May the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.”

■ 2 Thessalonians 3:17—Paul reminded them how he signed his letters. (Remember that 2 Thessalonians 2:2 discussed letters “as if from us.”)

■ 2 Thessalonians 3:18—“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.”