

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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July 11, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:32

### Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. . . . . David Smith  
Presentation study—2:00 . . . . . Dave Havir  
(also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Wynn Skelton  
Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
Scripture reading . . . . . John 5:19–30  
Sermon . . . . . Mark Weiss

### Quick takes

1. Thank you—The family of Linda Avey (including Sheila, Buck, grandchildren, sisters and others) thanks the congregation for serving the family last Sunday (at the cemetery, at the family meal and at the celebration of Linda's life.)
2. Dominoes—Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.
3. Board meeting tomorrow—There is a board meeting in the classroom tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.
4. Wednesday-night Bible study—July 15 at 7:00.
5. Edifying the Body—"Why Our Kids Don't Learn" by Star Parker.
6. Among Friends—"Zephaniah 3:1–2" by Dave Havir.

### Prayer updates

**Nina Searer** gave the following update about daughter **Meghan**: "She is doing better every week. She is up to 120 pounds and can be off O<sub>2</sub> for extended periods when just sitting around. Thank you for your prayers."

**Angela Dunnam** gave the following information about **Timberly**. Here are three updates. First—In the Aug. 9, 2025, bulletin, we mentioned that the **Dunnams** identified mold in their home. Timberly spent time at her brother's home (**Jake** and **Tiffany** live in Longview). In December 2025, we mentioned that Timberly returned home. Fixing the mold problem was a big help to everyone, although there can be lingering affects. Second—Timberly has resumed working with some crafts again. Since Timberly is allergic to many things, she has been allergic to paper and paint. This had previously caused her to avoid drawing (which is a shame, because she has much talent in this area). Recently, she has been able to use her talent again. Third—On Thursday, she was able to cry. That may seem strange to you. But, for a few years, she has not been able to cry. For whatever reason on Thursday, she began crying. You can probably imagine how this new scenario was somewhat confusing to her and the family. But they dealt with the new development. The family shares this type of information with us to help us offer up some specific prayers. Timberly and her family thank you for those prayers.

While **Donna Weese** remains weak, her condition apparently remains steady.

**Stan** and **Roxanna West** gave the following update about **Brandi**: “On Thursday, Brandi had an oncology visit. On Friday, she had a port placement. Her first chemo is scheduled for Tuesday. A visit to M.D. Anderson is in the offing. She is herself, except during cycle time or ovulation. Then, her cyst becomes very painful. She very much wants to start the school year for her students and to meet the schedule as much as possible. Thank you for your prayers.”

In the Nov. 1, 2025, bulletin, we reported about **Hunter Sharp** being involved in a serious motorcycle accident. His grandmother, **Sandra Sharp**, reports that he continues to do well. Because his knee locks at the joint, he walks with a limp.

In the June 27 bulletin, we reported about **Karen Willingham** dealing with neuropathy (based on a lack of B-12) and returning home after five months in a facility for physical therapy. She reported: “Doing pretty good. Good days and a bad day here and there. Thank you for your prayers.”

On Wednesday, **Jerry Thompson** went to a doctor visit to have a staple removed following his recent bypass surgery.

**Dave McLearn** reports that, most mornings, he hurts due to stiffness from the sleep. But he says he feels better as the day progresses.

When **Dave Havir** called **Gary Wilson** to see if he wanted to give a health update, Mr. Wilson said that he had a good week and wanted to express his appreciation for all your prayers.

**Lisa Smith** reported that she continues to have intense pain in her back.

On June 25, **Jed Drumm** had surgery to repair a hernia. On Thursday, he had a follow-up appointment. He is doing very well—without problems, but retains another six weeks restriction on lifting, pulling or pushing anything.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Linda Gallia** had knee-replacement surgery on June 30. She mentioned that the pain meds make her drowsy and that she has started physical therapy at home.

## New prayer requests

On Monday, **Jim Bald** sent a prayer request to **Dave Havir**. “The last month has been a huge struggle for my wife, **Penny**. I have had to take multiple days off work to care for her. There have been multiple trips to the emergency room, to doctors and to specialists. I request prayers for her that our Father would send her peace, cessation of pain and a path forward.” On Wednesday Mr. Havir requested an update. Mr. Bald reported: “She still cannot drive or go anywhere. She continues to struggle with daily tasks. However, there seems to be slight improvement every day. I am able to leave her alone for me to go to work, funerals, etc. That in itself is a huge burden lifted. Thank you for the continued prayers.”

**Aaron Atteberry** gave the following report about his mother **Colleen**: “She’s doing good. We are having to help her with her diabetes. Her A1C [routine blood test to measure the average blood-sugar levels] was high. Her doctor added a new insulin regimen, and Mom isn’t able to manage it, so we are doing it for her.” While Mrs. Atteberry probably doesn’t care for the intrusion into her life, she does understand that it is necessary at this point.

**Margie Weaver** died in an automobile accident that occurred on July 6. Mrs. Weaver was the wife of **Bill Weaver** (retired pastor of the Baptist church in Big Sandy). Mr. Weaver (who was also in the vehicle) went to a Tyler hospital with a crushed pelvis. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## Scriptures to consider

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**—“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

## “Zephaniah 3:1-2”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website ([churchofgodbigandy.com](http://churchofgodbigandy.com)). It was posted for the weekend of July 11, 2026.

### By Dave Havir

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I decided to talk about two scriptures in a book found in the Old Testament. The title was “Zephaniah 3:1-2.”

It is common to recognize that many presenters would use the words in Zephaniah to give a prophecy presentation. But, then

again, those who are accustomed to hearing a presentation from me are aware that I focus more on Christian living than prophecy.

### When written?

■ Zephaniah 1:1—The book talks about the days of King Josiah.

■ Some sources say that King Josiah reigned from 640 B.C. to 609 B.C.

■ Zephaniah 2:13—Indicates that the de-

struction of Nineveh (612 B.C.) was still in the future.

■ Thus, the book of Zephaniah can be dated between 640 and 612 B.C.

### Judgment in the Day of the Lord

Notice comments about judgment.

■ Zephaniah 1:1-3—Judgment on the whole earth.

■ Zephaniah 1:4—Judgment on the nation of Judah.

■ Zephaniah 2:4-15—Judgment on the nations surrounding Judah.

■ Zephaniah 3:1-7—Judgment on the city of Jerusalem.

■ Zephaniah 3:8—Judgment on the whole earth.

### Salvation in the Day of the Lord

■ Zephaniah 3:9-13—The promise of conversion.

■ Zephaniah 3:14-20—The promise of restoration.

### Four reasons for woe

■ Zephaniah 3:1—“Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, to the oppressing city!”

■ Zephaniah 3:2—“She has not obeyed His voice. She has not received correction. She has not trusted in the LORD. She has not drawn near to her God.”

### Not obeyed His voice

■ John 10:1—Thieves and robbers do not come through the door.

■ John 10:2—The shepherd comes through the door.

■ John 10:3—The sheep recognize the shepherd’s voice.

■ John 10:4—The sheep follow Him, because they know His voice.

■ John 10:5—The sheep do not follow a stranger, because they do not know the voice of a stranger.

■ John 10:11—The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

■ John 10:14—The good shepherd knows His sheep and they know Him.

■ John 10:15—He laid down His life for the sheep.

■ John 10:16—Sheep of various flocks know His voice.

### Not received correction

■ Matthew 19:16—“Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

■ Matthew 19:17—He replied: “If you want to enter into life, keep the Commandments.”

■ Matthew 19:18-19—When the man asked “Which ones?,” Christ listed Commandments 5 through 9. (In Matthew 22:37-40, Christ mentioned His support for the first four Commandments and the last six Commandments.)

■ Matthew 19:20—The young man voiced his support for the Ten Commandments and asked: “What do I still lack?”

■ Matthew 19:21-22—The Son of God also gave a specific instruction to the young man.

### Not trusted in the Lord

■ 2 Corinthians 1:3-4—God (called the “Father of mercies and God of all comfort”) comforts us in all our tribulations that we may learn to comfort others who are having trouble.

■ 2 Corinthians 1:8—Paul and his traveling party were burdened beyond measure, burdened above strength and despaired for their lives.

■ 2 Corinthians 1:9-10—Paul and his traveling party trusted in God—who has delivered, who does deliver and who will deliver.

### Not drawn near to God

■ Matthew 7:21-23—Notice what Christ said about people who seemed religious in their talking about the Lord and in their positive deeds: “I never knew you.”

■ Matthew 25:1-13—In the parable about the 10 virgins waiting to meet the groom, notice what the Lord said to half of the people: “I do not know you.”

### Role of the Son

■ John 5:19—The Son does what He sees the Father do.

■ John 5:20—The Father loves the Son.

■ John 5:21—The Son raises the dead and gives life.

■ John 5:22—The Father has given judgment to the Son.

■ John 5:23—We are to honor the Son as we honor the Father.

■ John 5:24—We are to believe in the One who sent Christ.