

Church of God Big Sandy
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August 29, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:53

Bible studies

Interactive study–1:00 p.m.
Presentation study–2:00

Daniel Hammons
Wynn Skelton
(also transmitted live)

Order of service–3:00 p.m.

Song leader
Pianist
Scripture reading
Sermon

Reg Killingley
Dixon Cartwright
Joel 2:1-19
Wynn Skelton

Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel–Today, Dave Havar is speaking in Jacksonville, Arkansas (just north of Little Rock). About a month ago, the main speaker in a congregation left that group, but the majority of the flock did not follow him. Mr. Havar is going there today to help them. (As you know, Mr. Havar has had many opportunities through the years to help a congregation when they go through a disruption.)
2. Dominos–Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.
3. Wednesday-night Bible study–September 2 at 7:00.
 - Last week was “1 Peter 2:4-5 – Part 3”
“You are being built up as a Spiritual House”
 - Next week is “1 Peter 2:4-5 – Part 4”
“You are being built up as a Holy Priesthood”
4. Feast of Trumpets–Saturday, Sept. 12.
5. Day of Atonement–Monday, Sept. 21.
6. Feast of Tabernacles–Saturday, Sept. 26 through Saturday, Oct. 3. Our congregation will be hosting Feast of Tabernacle celebrations at two sites – Big Sandy and Destin, Florida. (In addition, friends in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., have asked Dave Havar to established the speaking schedule for that Feast site.)
7. Edifying the Body–“Prayer Changes” by Max Lucado.
8. Among Friends–“1 Peter 2:4-5 – Part 3” by Dave Havar
9. Eye on the World–Although Dave Havar was too busy to coalesce the material he hoped to present, he still presented some of the material that he had gathered.

Prayer updates

On Thursday, **Stan West** gave the following update about **Brandi**: “Brandi had her fourth round of chemo on Wednesday. Wednesday was our 50th wedding anniversary – 49 years ago, we didn’t trust anyone to babysit our new baby girl – so we took her with us on our first wedding anniversary. We were together again on Wednesday for the chemo treatment and then dinner. Lots of memories and laughter. We appreciate the love and prayers of the brethren.”

On Thursday, **Rocio Bailey** gave a brief report about her husband: “**Mike** is eating by himself and he has begun taking steps with his walker. Thank you for your prayers.”

On Wednesday, **Lisa Smith** had an MRI for her back and head. On Friday, she was scheduled to see a doctor to evaluate her balance issue.

This coming Monday, **Dave McLearen** has an appointment to have a “loop recorder” inserted beneath the skin of his chest to record data.

New prayer requests

On Monday, **Brenda Kennebeck** reported: “My brother **Robert** went to the ER for his shoulder. While at the hospital, they found he has a cancer mass on his kidney, lung and two in his brain lobes. He also has fluid around his heart and brain, and a small brain bleed. They did a biopsy today to find out what kind of cancer and what treatment is needed. We are all in shock because he is the healthiest one of all of us siblings. Please also say prayers for my parents for strength through this trial.” (**Dean Klepfer** is 94 and **Wanda Klepfer** is almost 90.) On Thursday, Mrs. Kennebeck gave the following update: “We have had several miracles this week. What the ER said has been totally changed from ‘he has masses all over his body’ to ‘he has melanoma and they can treat it with radiation.’ They said that should take care of the spot on his kidney, lung, and two spots on his brain. They are still working on getting fluid off from around his heart and brain. He has not been able to talk very well, because of the fluid pressing on his vocal cords. He will be going home with home health care hopefully soon. And from there, start his treatments. Thank you for all your prayers.”

On Tuesday, **Lisa Smith** sent the following prayer request for her mother, **Margaret Pitre**, who is 84: “My mother needs prayers for two issues. One is for a better job or an online job at home. The current job is really causing her stress daily. The other is for her health. Her eyes are still causing her problems and no one has contacted her about her kidneys to see if she’s free of stones. Also, she has been tired more than normal. Thank you so much for all your prayers.”

On Wednesday, **Dixon Cartwright** had fallen in their home and went by ambulance to UT hospital in Tyler. After being evaluated, the doctors were pleased with the test results and his demeanor at the time, so that they were planning to release him. When **Linda** told the doctor about Mr. Cartwright’s disorientation preceding the fall, he was influenced by Mrs. Cartwright to admit Mr. Cartwright for further testing. On Thursday, Mrs. Cartwright mentioned that there was no hospital room available all night, so they spent the entire night in the ER room. (The bed in an ER room is generally not as comfortable as the bed in a hospital room. And worse than that, the chair in an ER room is generally not as comfortable as the seating in a hospital room.) The positive report about the events of that evening was that all of Mr. Cartwright’s reports (tests, MRI, CT, lab work, blood work, etc.) looked good. The doctor did recommend that Mr. Cartwright see a neurologist. The Cartwrights returned home on Thursday.

Wade Johnson of Knoxville, Tennessee, was diagnosed with a blockage (80%) in his heart. He was anticipating the insertion of another stent to restore blood flow.

2026 Feast speaking schedules

- **Big Sandy**

Saturday, 9/26	Richard Crow
Sunday, 9/27	Rod Lewis
Monday, 9/28	Don Smith
Tuesday, 9/29	Ray Hall
Wednesday, 9/30	Anthony Kimmons
Thursday, 10/1	Anthony Kimmons
Friday, 10/2	Will Martin
Saturday, 10/3	Ken Lewis

- **Destin, Florida**

Saturday, 9/26	Ken Tate and Neal Parker
Sunday, 9/27	Dave Havir and Ramon Coleman
Monday, 9/28	Dave Havir and Steven Gibson
Tuesday, 9/29	Ben Franklin and Bill Crow
Wednesday, 9/30	Daniel Hammons and Ken Tate
Thursday, 10/1	Danny Miller and Neal Parker
Friday, 10/2	Neil McIver and Bill Crow
Saturday, 10/3	Richard Crow

- **North Myrtle Beach**

Saturday, 9/26	Anthony Kimmons
Sunday, 9/27	Anthony Kimmons
Monday, 9/28	John Havir
Tuesday, 9/29	John Havir
Wednesday, 9/30	No services – family day
Thursday, 10/1	Dave Havir
Friday, 10/2	Dave Havir
Saturday, 10/3	Ralph Hanahan

“1 Peter 2:4-5 – Part 3”

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 August 29, 2026.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued a five-part series about 1 Peter 2:4-5 before the Day of Trumpets. From time to time through the years, I had spoken about 1 Peter 2:4-5 by mainly concentrating upon three concepts mentioned there. (Those three concepts will be covered in this series as Parts 3, 4 and 5. But Parts 1 and 2 include additional information added to this series.).

- Part 1 – “Christ was chosen by God to be a living stone.”
- Part 2 – “You are to be a living stone.”

- Part 3 – “You are being built up as a spiritual house.”
- Part 4 – “You are being built up as a holy priesthood.”
- Part 5 – “You are to offer spiritual sacrifices – acceptable to God.”

Spiritual house

This article will focus upon part 3–“You are being built up as a spiritual house.”

- 1 Peter 2:5–“You . . . are being built up a spiritual house.”

The tabernacle

Before there was a temple, there was a tabernacle.

- Exodus 25:8–The Lord said: “Let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.”
- Exodus 25:9–The Lord gave them a pattern of the tabernacle and its furnishings.
- Exodus 25:21-22–The Lord said that He would meet with them above the mercy seat.
- Exodus 29:42–The Lord mentioned the door of the tabernacle of meeting, where He would speak with them.

Then, the Lord wanted temples to replace the tabernacle.

Solomon’s temple

- 2 Samuel 7:1-2–David said to Nathan: “I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains.”
- 2 Samuel 7:5-6–The Lord asked David: “Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt (even to this day). But I have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle.”
- 2 Samuel 7:7–When the Lord the children of Israel around, did He ever ask for a house of cedar?
- 2 Samuel 7:12-13–The Lord informed David that his son would build a house for the Lord.

Zerubbabel’s temple

- Ezra 1:1-4
- Ezra 6:15

Herod’s temple

- Luke 2:22-24
- Luke 2:41-46

Christ is the temple

- John 2:14-16—Christ went to the temple, and did not like the merchandising He saw in the temple.
- John 2:17—Christ quoted Psalm 69:9.
- John 2:18—The Jews wanted a sign.
- John 2:19—Christ replied: “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”
- John 2:20—The people responded: “It has taken 46 years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”
- John 2:21—Christ was speaking of the temple of His body.

Major change, but slow transition

When Christ died, there was a major change. But there was a slow transition for some until the temple was destroyed in 70 A.D.

- Matthew 27:51—When Christ died, “the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”
- Acts 21:18-25—James and other elders asked Paul to do some rituals in the temple to comfort some of the troubled brethren.
- Hebrews 8:1-2—The author of the book of Hebrews wrote: “We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens—a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected.”
- Hebrews 9:2—The original tabernacle was prepared and called the sanctuary.
- Hebrews 9:3-5—Behind the second veil (which is called the Holiest of All) were specific items.
- Hebrews 9:6—The first part was for specific service.
- Hebrews 9:7—Into the second part went the high priest alone once a year.
- Hebrews 9:11—“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come – with the greater and more perfect tabernacle (not made with hands).”
- Hebrews 9:12-14—No blood of goats or calves, but the blood of Christ.
- Revelation 21:3—“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them. And they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them, and be their God.”

Saints are called temples

- Acts 7:48—Stephen said: “The Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands.”
- Acts 7:24—Paul said: God “does not dwell in temples made with hands.”

- 1 Corinthians 3:16–“Do you not know that you are the temple of God?”
- 1 Corinthians 3:17–“If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”
- 1 Corinthians 6:19–“Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?”
- 2 Corinthians 6:16–“What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said, ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.’ ”

Fitly framed together

- Ephesians 2:19–You are fellow citizens with the saints. You are members of the household of God.
- Ephesians 2:20–You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets – with Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.
- Ephesians 2:21–In Christ, the whole building is being fitted together and is growing into a holy temple in the Lord.
- Ephesians 2:22–In Christ, you are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

“Prayer Changes”

The following article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbigsandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Aug. 29, 2029. (It was posted at maxlucado.com on Aug. 26.)

By Max Lucado

SAN ANTONIO, Texas–Elijah wasn’t equipped with unique-to-him abilities. He wasn’t embedded with superpowers.

James says: “Elijah was a human being just like us. He prayed that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years!” (James 5:17, NCV).

Elijah became Elijah by praying that way.

- Let a man spend a night fasting and praying at the bedside of his sick child, and that father will not be the same man.
- Let a young mother pour out her complaint to God over the death of her young child, and that young mother will be forever changed.
- Let a church challenge God to purge sin and send revival, and there is no way that church will be the same.

Prayer changes the heart of the one who prays. And prayer touches the heart of the One who hears it.