

Church of God Big Sandy
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October 31, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:31

Bible studies

Seminar–1:00 p.m.	Barbara Lingle
“A Journey Through the Valley”	
Presentation study–2:00	Bill Crow
	(also transmitted live)

Order of service–3:00 p.m.

Song leader	Mark Weiss
Scripture reading	Job 32:1-9
Sermon	Bill Crow

Quick takes

1. Seminar today – On two consecutive Saturdays, Barbara Lingle will conduct a two-part seminar about dealing with grief titled “A Journey Through the Valley.”
 - October 31 – from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m.
 - November 7 – from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m.
2. The 1:00 p.m. presentations – The 1:00 presentations have expanded to include additional formats.
 - Some weeks – We will continue to have some interactive Bible studies
 - Other weeks – We will schedule seminars
3. Pastor’s travel – Today, Dave Havir is giving a presentation in Rocky Mount, Virginia. The first time Mr. Havir spoke there was in 2012. (David Freeman was not originally going to have a church service today, because he was going to use the church hall to produce a podcast message. When he heard that Mr. Havir was coming into the area, they arranged a meeting at 5:00 p.m. – for a sermon, a meal and a game night. After Mr. Havir spends time with his brother (John) on Sunday, the congregation is planning another game night on Sunday night.
4. Guest speaker – The congregation welcomes Bill Crow to give presentations at 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.
5. Dominos tomorrow – Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.
6. Edifying the Body – “Those Who Can’t See” – by Max Lucado
7. Among Friends – “Book of Job – Part 3 – by Dave Havir
8. Eye on the World – Compiled by Stephanie Hammons
9. Because of Dave Havir leaving Big Sandy on Wednesday for his church visit, the bulletin was prepared early and does not include recent information.

Prayer updates

Joyce Coleman (and husband **David**) appreciate your continued prayers as she awaits the laparoscopic hysterectomy on November 11.

In the August 22 bulletin, we mentioned that **Bonne Reed** was having difficulties with a severe eye infection. We saw a report that she cannot see out of her right eye.

On Wednesday, **Rocio Bailey** gave the following report about her husband: “**Mike** is improving step by step. Thank you for continuing to pray for his recovery.”

On Wednesday, **Nina Searer** gave the following report about her husband: “**Mark** is scheduled to be in surgery for nine more days. He is very settled with that, knowing that it will make for good progress.”

In last week’s bulletin, **Martha McIver** reported that **Neil** had an “episode” that caused the doctor to schedule a CT on November 6 to get more information and to rule out blockages. On Wednesday, Mr. McIver mentioned: “I am doing great. Just waiting to get the CT scan.”

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Jimmy Whiteside** (who lives in North Carolina) had a proctocolectomy on Oct. 12 and had a new health challenge on Oct. 22. On Sunday we heard: “Jimmy was in quite a bit of pain yesterday. They placed a nasal drain to help drain the fluid that is not passing through the ostomy.” We did not hear updates later in the week.

New prayer requests

Following is a message from **Veronica Beasley** about a serious auto accident involving a death and a serious injury. At 7:30 p.m. on Sunday night (October 25), there was an automobile accident in Woodland. Mrs. Beasley’s **Aunt Sheryl** was thrown from the car and died. Her **Aunt Sadie** was pulled from the car and was taken to a Tyler hospital diagnosed with a brain bleed, broken hip and crushed pelvis. Surgery was scheduled for Wednesday “to put screws in her pelvis (through the back and side).”

This request may not be new to some of you (and we don’t have much information), but we have heard that **Vaughn Duke** was recently placed on home hospice care. Please remember his wife **Sylvia** and their family.

On Sunday, we heard that **Vonda Ouellette** was admitted to a hospital in Houston to be checked out for a possible heart attack or stroke.

Gary Weber of Wyoming (brother of Big Sandy’s **Lois Peterson**) has been diagnosed with a tumor in his colon and spots on his liver and lungs.

On Monday, **Fran Hope** of Tulsa, Okla. fell and was diagnosed with a “broken shoulder” and a “knot on her head.”

On October 24, **Jimmy Williams** of Tulsa, Okla. was in a serious automobile accident and suffered the following consequences – he lost his hand, burned his retinas and sustained other burns over parts of his body.

Grant Leslie (home town unknown) had a six-hour heart surgery at a Cleveland, Ohio clinic. All four valves were replaced.

Martin Farnsworth of Tyler is recovering from surgery for a detached retina.

Dixon Cartwright of Big Sandy died on October 24. (A Memorial Service is scheduled in our building on Sunday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m.) Please remember his wife, **Linda**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Bettie Huntley of Texarkana, Arkansas died on October 24. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Brenda Johnston of Abilene (grandmother of **Jared Ingram**) died on Oct. 26. Please remember the family in your prayers.

“Those Who Can’t See”

The following quote is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbig sandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of October 31, 2026. (It was posted at maxlucado.com on Oct. 26.)

By Max Lucado

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—From Heaven’s viewpoint, our earth is populated by sightless people. They do not see the meaning of life or the love of God. How else do we explain the confusion and chaos? How else to we explain the threat of nuclear war, plagues of hunger, racism and the Holocaust of the unborn? Billions of people simply cannot see.

The scripture says: “The devil who rules this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe.”

They can not see the light of the good news – the good news about the glory of Christ, who is exactly like God. We need a spiritual ophthalmologist. We need Jesus Christ to do for us what He did for the man on the side of the Jerusalem road. He restored his sight and He will do the same for us.

“Book of Job – 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 October 31, 2026.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a five-part series about the book of Job. The title of that presentation was “Book of Job – Part 3.”

Following are the five anticipated parts of the series.

1. God Started the Trial – (chapters 1-3).
2. Job Responded to His 3 Friends – (chapters 4-11).
3. Elihu Confronted Job – (chapters 32-37).
4. God Confronted Job Twice – (chapters 38-41).
5. Comparison between Job 40:2 and Job 42:1-6.

Elihu confronted Job

It is an interesting story to see how Elihu confronted Job. In the presentation on Wednesday evening, I offered seven foundational points to consider.

After you read the following seven points and few scriptures listed with them, you can read the rest of the verses in chapters 32-27.

1. Was Elihu lumped in with the other three friends?

Job 42:7-8 – After the Lord had spoken to Job, He said to Eliphaz: “My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends [Bildad and Zophar] – for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.”

2. Why did the three friends quit talking with Job?

Job 32:1–“These three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.”

3. Why was Elihu angry at Job?

Job 32:2–“Then the wrath of Elihu . . . was aroused against Job . . . because he [Job] justified himself rather than God.”

4. Why was Elihu angry at the three friends?

Job 32:3–The wrath of Elihu was also against the three friends, “because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.”

5. Why did Elihu originally keep quiet?

Job 32:4–“Because they [the three friends] were years older than Elihu, he had waited to speak to Job.”

Job 32:6-9–Elihu said: “I am young in years, and you are very old. Therefore, I was afraid and dared not declare my opinion to you. I said, ‘Age should speak and multitude of years should teach wisdom.’ But there is a spirit in man. And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding. Great men are not always wise. Nor do the aged always understand justice.”

6. Why was Elihu’s report able to be accurate?

Job 33:8–Elihu heard what Job had said.

Job 33:9-11–Elihu quoted Job’s words.

7. Elihu confronted Job

Job 35:2–Elihu asked: “Do you think this is right? Do you say ‘My righteousness is more than God’s?’”

Job 35:4–Elihu said: “I will answer you and your companions with you.”