Church of God Big Sandy

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November 7, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:25

Bible studies

Seminar–1:00 p.m.	Barbara Lingle
"A Journey Through the Valley"	
Presentation study–2:00	Dave Havir
	(also transmitted live)

Order of service–3:00 p.m.

Song leader	Neil McIver
Scripture reading	Matthew 7:1-5
Sermon	Ray Hall

Quick takes

1. Seminar today – At 1:00 p.m. today, Barbara Lingle will conduct Part 2 of a seminar about dealing with grief titled "A Journey Through the Valley."

2. Guest speaker – The congregation welcomes Ray Hall, who will give the 3:00 sermon.

3. Dominos tomorrow – Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.

4. Interactive Bible study next Saturday – November 14 at 1:00 p.m.

5. Memorial service for Dixon Cartwright
   - Sunday, November 15 – at 2:00 p.m.
   - Finger foods will be provided

6. Community Thanksgiving service – The annual Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Sunday, November 22.
   - Event – Community Thanksgiving Service
   - Date – Sunday, November 22
   - Time – 5:00 p.m.
   - Location – Sit'em Down Cowboy Church
   - Address – 231 Private Road 3487 – Big Sandy, Texas
   - Food – Please bring your favorite finger food to share
   - Love offering – There is the annual love offering for the Agape House
   - Participation – Our congregation has participated since 2017
   - Hosted in the past – Our congregation has hosted the event on 2 occasions
   - Presentations – In the early years, Dave Havir gave a short presentation – Most of the time however, Mr. Havir has asked someone from the congregation to give a music presentation

7. Edifying the Body – "A Life of Victory" – by Max Lucado

8. Among Friends – "Book of Job – Part 4 – by Dave Havir

9. Eye on the World – Compiled by Dave Havir

Prayer updates

Stan West sent the following prayer update for daughter **Brandi**: "With the upcoming schedule of tests, laparoscopic exploratory surgery and prognosis moving forward, we are asking for specific prayers for Brandi's peace of mind, comfort, spiritual and emotional strength. Our entire family needs your prayers and we are overwhelmed by the generous constant prayers, love and support! We definitely know so many of Christ's disciples, described as 'If you love one another.' The Wests are counting our blessings. Thank you all so much!"

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Sadie Copeland** of Marshall was involved in an accident where her sister in law **Sheryl** died and Mrs. Copeland was diagnosed with a brain bleed, broken hip and crushed pelvis. After immediate surgery, Mrs. Copeland went to rehab in the beginning of this week.

Please remember that **Joyce Coleman** is scheduled for her laparoscopic hysterectomy on Wednesday.

On Friday, **Mark Searer** was scheduled to return home.

On Friday, **Neil McIver** had his scheduled CT scan. He expects to hear a report in five days.

Please remember **Lisa Smith**, who is dealing with constant pain (specifically in her stomach and back) and stress.

Please remember **Margaret Pitre**, who is dealing with pain involving her kidneys.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Grant Leslie** had a six-hour heart surgery (to replace four values). At the time, we did not announce where he lived. (We have since learned from another source that he lives in Elizabethtown, Ky, and has also been dealing with "bad kidneys and breathing problems from hystoplasmosis.") On Thursday, we heard that is making progress in a cardiac ICU.

In the October 24 bulletin, we mentioned a prayer request from **Mark Worthen** about a meeting concerning an immigration visa that his wife **Karen** (who is from Peru) was scheduled to have with an USCIS agent in Irving, Texas on October 30. (Since the October 31 bulletin was finished before that meeting occurred, we could not provide a report in that bulletin.) Last Saturday, Mr. Worthen reported: "The interview went well. Now it is time for USCIS to review the paperwork (and probably ask for more). Thank you for sending out the prayer requests, and thank you to everybody for prayer!."

New prayer requests

On Wednesday, **Jake Dunnam** asked for prayers for his wife, **Tiffany**: "She hasn't been able to keep food down for three days. She started getting weak and feeling like she couldn't catch her breath." On Thursday, he reported: "Doctors aren't sure what is causing the problems. They were most concerned about blood clots in her lungs, but scans showed everything was clear. After many anti-nausea meds, she was able to finally keep food down – which helped her after not being able to eat for three days. She isn't 100%, but is feeling better than she did. We appreciate the prayers."

Sue Jones requests prayers for her brother **Chip Akins**. On Sunday, **Mr. Akins' wife** reported: "He went to an ER. He has severe fluid retention and lots of difficulty breathing. He is in a lot of pain. He needs dialysis. They took him for a catheter procedure and his first dialysis treatment."

On Wednesday **Rose Ann Terhorst** requested prayers for her son who was having liver problems. (She reported that the recent problems are due to a previous doctor a few years ago not properly monitoring some medication. She said: "My son ended up with holes on his liver and he nearly died.") She appreciates your prayers.

Joyce Canepa of Flagstaff, Arizona, had a spider bite that resulted in an infection and a surgery.

Jane Cochran of Tulsa, Okla., died on Nov. 4. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Following the election on Tuesday (which did not please many religious people), a friend of **Dave Havir** sent the following text message to him. Mr. Havir wanted to share the message with the congregation: "Our citizenry largely fails to understand that our freedom and the Constitution (that have been the foundation of this country) are at stake. We have frittered away our 'birthright' by ignoring how the Adversary has deceived generations into thinking that God no longer matters. It is God that is the arbiter of our continuation as a free people, and once we as a nation abandon Him and His way of life, we are in for some very difficult times. May He have mercy on us all, and may we redouble our efforts to preach and teach the gospel of His kingdom."

"A Life of Victory"

The following quote 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 November 7, 2026. (It was posted at maxlucado.com on Nov. 3.)

By Max Lucado

SAN ANTONIO, Texas–Think about the Christian you want to be. What qualities do you want to have?

- More compassion?
- More conviction?
- More courage?

What attitudes do you want to discontinue?

- Greed?
- Guilt?
- Endless negativity?

With God's help, you can close the gap between the person you are and the person you want to be. Indeed, the person God made you to be.

You can live "from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

To receive you inheritance is God's vision for your life. Imagine the thought! You, as you were intended. It's a life that is yours for the taking.

- Expect to be challenged. The enemy will not go down without a fight.
- But God's promises outweigh personal problems.
- Victory becomes (dare we imagine) a way of life.
- Isn't it time to change your mailing address from the wilderness to the Promised Land?
- Are you ready to march?

"Book of Job – Part 4"

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website, (churchofgodbigsandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of November 7, 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 4."

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.

Two confrontations

Most Bible students are aware that the Lord confronted Job two separate times during the end of the book of Job. It is fun to watch the face of someone who comes to realize that reality for the first time.

While we can see the words that the Lord spoke during the two comments, we presently cannot hear the tone of the Lord's voice when we read of the two scenarios. Therefore, we are missing some of the picture concerning the exchange.

First confrontation

The first confrontation is found in Job 38:1 through Job 40:2. Notice that this confrontation began with the Lord talking to Job out of the whirlwind (Job 38:1).

Notice the Lord's first sentences in this confrontation (Job 38:2-3) from four translations.

- King James Translation: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I demand of thee, and answer thou me."

- New King James Translation: “Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man. I will question you, and you shall answer Me.”

- God’s Word Translation: “Who is this that belittles my advice with words that do not show any knowledge about it? Brace yourself like a man! I will ask you, and you will teach me.”

- Contemporary English Version: “Why do you talk so much when you know so little? Now get ready to face me! Can you answer the questions I ask?”

Some of the questions

Here are some of the questions listed as subheads in the Contemporary English Version.

- Job 38:12 – Did you ever tell the sun to rise?
- Job 38:31 – Can you arrange stars?
- Job 39:1 – When do mountain goats give birth?
- Job 39:13 – Why does an ostrich proudly flap her wings?
- Job 39:19 – Did you give horses their strength?

Job’s first reply

Job’s reply to the first confrontation is found in Job 40:2 and Job’s reply to the second confrontation is found in Job 42:1-6. Next Wednesday night, we will focus on both of Job’s responses.

Second confrontation

The second confrontation is found in Job 40:6 through Job 41:34. Notice that this confrontation began again with the Lord talking to Job out of the whirlwind (Job 40:6).

Notice the Lord’s first sentences in this confrontation (Job 40:7) from the same four translations.

- King James Translation: “Gird up thy loins now like a man. I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.”

- New King James Translation: “Now prepare yourself like a man. I will question you, and you shall answer Me.”

- God’s Word Translation: “Brace yourself like a man! I will ask you, and you will teach me.”

- Contemporary English Version: “Face me and answer the questions I ask!”

Some of the questions

Here are some of the questions listed as subheads in the Contemporary English Version.

- Can you catch a sea monster?
- What happens when this monster sneezes?

Job’s second reply

Job’s reply to the first confrontation is found in Job 40:2 and Job’s reply to the second confrontation is found in Job 42:1-6. Next Wednesday night, we will focus on Job’s responses.