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November 14, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:20

Bible studies

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

Order of service–3:00 p.m.

Song leader	Reg Killingley
Scripture reading	Job 42:1-6
Sermon	Wynn Skelton

Quick takes

1. No dominos tomorrow – Due to the Memorial Service for Dixon Cartwright

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

3. 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

4. Thanksgiving meal at the building–Neil and Martha McIver invite anyone in the congregation to join them for a Thanksgiving Meal in the building on November 26.
   - Neil will furnish the meat
   - Other attendees will bring food
   - Sign-up sheet at information table
   - Please tell how many people – and what food you will be bringing
   - There will be table games
   - Football games will be on the big screen after the meal

5. Edifying the Body – “Leave Revenge to God” – by Reg Killingley

6. Among Friends – “Book of Job – Part 5” – by Dave Havir

7. Eye on the World – None this week (due to Dave Havir’s busy schedule)

Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Stan West** sent the following prayer update for daughter **Brandi**: “Colonoscopy is complete. The colon is clear from any tumors or blockages. The doctor removed five small polyps that appear to be benign, but will verify with biopsy. The previous colonoscopy in Tyler couldn’t be completed because the scope could not get past a narrow spot. The current doctor could not even see where that spot had been. He also saw no indication of irregularities with the appendix. Brandi will have four tests tomorrow, pre-op on Thursday and laparoscopy on Friday on the abdomen on Friday. As you can imagine, we are overjoyed so far and giving thanks to our God the creator and healer. Thank you to all for your prayers and support and the effect you are having for Brandi and our family. We know you are continuing and we are very grateful for you all!” On Friday, Mr. West sent the latest update: “While the scans and pathology reports this week looked encouraging, the laparoscopy revealed she is not a candidate for the HIPEC procedure. The small intestine contains too many lesions the entire length. There is not enough healthy intestine to support nutrition after a surgical procedure. Chemo treatments will continue. Please continue to pray for Brandi and the family. We appreciate the prayers, love and support.”

On Wednesday, **Joyce Coleman** had her laparoscopic hysterectomy. When she returned home on Thursday, she was “moving slowly” because “she doesn’t want to strain anything.” They thank you for your prayers.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Margaret Pitre** was dealing with pain involving her kidneys. She has been diagnosed with kidney stones. The doctor is hoping to address the matter next week. The doctor has talked about “blasting” a large stone and also inserting a stent.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Lisa Smith** was dealing with constant pain (specifically in her stomach and back) and stress. She reiterated this week: “I’m just having a hard time. I am in a lot of pain all the time.” Thank you for your prayers.

On Thursday, **Jake Dunnam** gave the following update about his his wife, **Tiffany**: “She has made continuous progress with her stomach issues. She still has days that are worse than others. We are not sure what the shortness of breath issues were, but they have stopped. Possibly a respiratory infection on top of the stomach issues that worked itself out? Thanks so much for the prayers!”

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Chip Akins** (brother of **Sue Jones**) was dealing with severe fluid retention, difficulty breathing, a lot of pain, a catheter procedure and his first dialysis treatment. On Friday, we received the following report: “As of yesterday, we he has done two outpatient dialysis treatments. He is very tired afterwards, but then feels better.”

New prayer requests

Freddie Foy (of the Huntsville congregation) is dealing with high blood pressure.

John Benjamin (of Winston Salem, N.C. and youngest brother of **Gwyn Foy** of the Huntsville congregation) is dealing with a serious condition with his heart and dialysis problems.

Nancy Diraison's mother, **Paulette Cleren** of Brittany, France, just passed on Nov. 12. Please keep the family in your prayers.

"Book of Job – Part 5"

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 14, 2026.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas–At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I conclude the five-part series about the book of Job. The title of that presentation was "Book of Job – Part 5."

Following were the five 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.

Simple descriptions

Here are the simple descriptions of the two verses of that presentation.

- Job 40:2 – Job's sin

- Job 42:1-6 – Job's repentance

Job's sin

Remember that the Lord confronted Job two times. The first confrontation went from Job 38:1 to Job 40:2. A clear description of Job's sin is quoted in Job 40:2.

- Job 40:2–The Lord said: "Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it."

Quite a contrast

Do you recognize how different Job's attitude was from his initial reactions?

- Job 1:20-22–"In all this, Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong."

- Job 2:10–"In all this, Job did not sin with his lips."

- Job 3:1-26–Then, we see the report of Job's strong complaining.

Blame the three friends?

Bible students know that the Lord ultimately cast some blame on the three friends.

- Job 42:7-8–The Lord said to Eliphaz: "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends."

But Job's complaining began before the three friends started talking to him in chapter 4. In fact, the three friends originally set a wonderful example of helping someone with grieving.

- Job 2:13–The three friends sat down with Job for seven days and seven nights without speaking a word to him – for they saw that his grief was very great.

What changed?

What happened to cause Job to go from not sinning with his lips (in chapters one and two) to excessive complaining with his lips (in chapter three)?

While the book of Job is silent about the cause of the transformation, we can learn lessons from the rest of the Bible.

Most Bible students believe that Satan the devil did to Job what he did throughout the Bible.

- Genesis 3:1-4–The cunning serpent was a negative influence upon Adam and Eve – so we also conclude that he was a negative influence upon Job.

- Matthew 4:1-11–The devil sought to be a bad influence upon Christ, but he failed in this attempt.

Job acknowledged some sin

After the first confrontation, Job did acknowledge some sin.

- Job 40:4–Job said: "Behold, I am vile."

This example can help people analyze the subject of God's grace. Some religious people say that people can receive God's grace without ever having to say: "I'm sorry" – yet Job said: "I am vile." and the trial continued.

Was not enough

The second confrontation went from Job 40:7 to Job 41:34. What did the Lord want from Job? God wanted something different or wanted something more.

More than words

In Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus Christ taught that a relationship with Him is more than religious words.

- Matthew 7:21–More than saying "Lord, Lord."

- Matthew 7:22–More than prophecy, more than casting out demons and more than wonders.

- Matthew 7:23–Does the Lord "know" you?

Job's repentance

- Job 42:3– Job said: "I have uttered what I did not understand – things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."

- Job 42:5–Job said: "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but not my eye sees You."

Helpful reminders

- Matthew 20:25–Recognize those who seek to lord it over people. Recognize those who seek to exercise authority over people.

- Matthew 26:37-44–Jesus Christ endured suffering and sought to do His Father's will.