Church of God Big Sandy

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November 21, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:20

Bible studies

Interactive study–1:00 p.m.	Video (preliminary to 2:00)
Presentation study–2:00	Anthony Kimmons (also transmitted live)

Order of service–3:00 p.m.

Song leader	Neil McIver
Scripture reading	Leviticus 19:9-18
Sermon	Daniel Hammons

Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel – Today, Dave Havir is speaking in North Little Rock, Arkansas. (On August 29, Mr. Havir went to a congregation after their main speaker left the group and sought to take the members of the congregation with him. The majority of the flock did not follow him. Mr. Havir went to help the congregation deal with the disruption. At that time, they asked him to return. Today, two small congregations are combining.)

2. Thank you – Linda Cartwright and her family thank the congregation for hosting their Memorial Service for Dixon Cartwright last Sunday.

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

4. Community Thanksgiving service – The annual Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for tomorrow (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

5. There will be a Bible study on Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

6 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

7. Edifying the Body – "Consider the Consequences" – by Max Lucado

8. Among Friends – "Thankful – Part 1" – by Dave Havir

9. Eye on the World – Compiled by Dave Havir

Prayer updates

Joyce Coleman reports that her doctor appointment (which had been scheduled for Monday, November 30) has been rescheduled for Monday, December 7.

The insurance company for **Margaret Pitre** has been slow about approving her anticipated treatment for kidney stones.

Lisa Smith continues to deal with constant pain in her stomach and back.

Gwyn Foy sent the following report about **John Benjamin** (her brother who lives in Winston Salem, N.C): "He is doing much better, steadily improving. He will be going to a rehabilitation center for physical, occupational and speech therapy. He continues to have heart problems and dialysis three times a week. After rehab, he may be going to a nursing facility for constant care. Thank you for your prayers."

New prayer requests

Some people have been aware that **Vaughn Duke** has been dealing with basal cell carcinoma for the past several years. (Basal cell carcinoma is a keratinocyte skin cancer that is described as the most common type of skin cancer – reportedly with approximately 2 million new cases yearly.) Mr. Duke described that his situation actually started 25 years ago with a mole on his back. Mr. Duke reports that he was diagnosed with cancer three or four years ago. Since that time, he and his wife **Sylvia** have been successfully dealing with many of the effects of the disease. Mr. Duke described that he presently has a large hole on the base of his back on the right side. He described it as having significant leaking that needs a bandage change in the morning and evening. One of the challenges they face is that the bandages are not big enough. They are presently using 9-inch bandages (which are often the largest size), when 10-inch bandages would be better. Mr. Duke has been under hospice care for a number of months. Since he does not sleep through the night, he described that his rest pattern is like taking five naps through the night.

Although he feels like he could drive, he has given that up. He acknowledges that his wife is a huge help to him. And he is very appreciative of God's help through this long ordeal. He appreciates your prayers.

"Thankful – Part 1"

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 21, 2026.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas–At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a new series about being thankful. The titled of the presentation was "Thankful – Part 1."

Often when I prepare a series, I have the majority of the material finished – with maybe only a few items to tweak. For this series, I have more work to do. But I decided to discuss this subject as readers in the U.S. celebrate the national holiday of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26.

Thankful for God's vision

Part 1 in this series talked about being "Thankful for God's Vision." In the study, we discussed God's vision in three areas.

- God's Creation
- God's Calling
- God's Children

God's creation

In Genesis 1, Bible students are introduced to some of God's details about His creation.

- Genesis 1:3-5–God called the light "Day" and the darkness "Night."

- Genesis 1:6-8–God divided the waters from the waters, and called the firmament "Heaven."

- Genesis 1:9-13–God called the dry land "Earth" and the waters "Seas."

- Genesis 1:14-19–God made two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night.

- Genesis 1:20-23–God created living creatures.

- Genesis 1:24-31–"God created man in His own image. In the image of God, He created him [mankind]. Male and female, He created them." He gave mankind dominion over the animals.

- Genesis 2:1-3–God rested on the seventh day and sanctified it.

- Psalm 8:3-4–Why did the Lord give special blessings to mankind?

- Psalm 8:5-8–Since the Lord made mankind a little lower than the angels (but higher than the animal kingdom), He gave mankind dominion over the animals.

God's calling

What Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:19 is generally ignored by religious people. (That's right. You read those words correctly.)

Many people (if not most people) ignore the two truths that Paul wrote. I am sure that we can blame the devil for influencing people to think too highly of themselves. But will we humble ourselves and accept these words?

- "The Lord knows those who are His."
- "Let everyone who names the name of Christ, depart from iniquity."

Self-righteous people think that they should be the people to identify those who are His and those who are not His. Beware of arrogance.

- Hebrews 5:12-14–It is certainly true that the Bible teaches that Christians should evaluate behavior – recognizing the difference between bad behavior and good behavior. But it is not the place of a Christian to dogmatically claim who is and who is not God's.

- Matthew 7:21-23–Christ plainly said that not everyone who claims to have a relationship with Him actually has a current relationship with Him

- John 6:44–Christ said: "No one comes to Me unless the Father (who sent Me) draws Him."

- 1 Corinthians 15:20-23–Christ was the firstfruit and there is an order for other firstfruits (who are chosen to serve).

- 1 Timothy 2:3-6–There is an appointed time for God to be united with each person – and the Mediator who makes that happen is Christ.

Being God's children

Do you regularly marvel at the truth that you are considered God's child?

- Romans 8:14–These are the sons of God.
- Romans 8:15–“Abba, Father”
- Romans 8:16-17–Children of God – heirs of God – joint heirs with Christ.
- Hebrews 12:5-11–As sons, we receive the chastening of the Lord.
- 1 John 2:18-22–The Antichrist (and the many antichrists) deny the Father and the Son.
- 1 John 3:1-3–We are called children of God.

“Consider the Consequences”

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 21, 2026. (It was posted at maxlucado.com on Nov. 13.)

By Max Lucado

SAN ANTONIO, Texas–“You are gonna regret it.” I waved away the warning without turning around. What was to regret? I took the shortcut.

I was on my way to a picnic. The table sat on the other side of a marsh. The parks department had kindly constructed a bridge over the marsh. But who needed a bridge?

I ventured in. The mud swallowed my feet. Squiggly things swam past me. I think I saw a set of eyeballs peering in my direction.

I back-peddled. Flip-flops sucked into the abyss. I exited.

- Mud-covered.
- Mosquito-bitten.
- And red-faced.

I walked over and took my seat at the picnic table. It made for a miserable picnic, but it makes for an apt proverb.

- Life comes with voices.
- Voices lead to choices.
- And choices have consequences.