

2023 Feast of Tabernacles

Sept. 30–Oct. 7

Church of God Big Sandy

Welcome to the Feast

Welcome to the 2023 Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy, Texas! We are pleased to be able to host a Feast site in our church building for the 29th consecutive year. We are happy to see those of you who make a habit of attending one of our Feast sites. And we are pleased to see those of you who are attending one of our Feast sites for the first time. We will not overwhelm you with activities—but please use your time with us to fellowship with the Lord and with people who are enjoying the same Christian journey. We pray that as you tabernacle with God during these eight days, you will be spiritually uplifted, strengthened and encouraged.

Format for Church Service

The format of the church service is congregational singing, daily scripture reading, special music and a sermon. If you would like to participate with special music, please let us know.

Scripture Reading at the Feast

One of the traditions at the Feast sites that we sponsor is daily scripture reading. The purpose of this practice is for the audience to hear the direct reading of the Bible every day of the Feast. The passages have been chosen in advance. Since this segment of the service is not a sermonette, we do not want the readers to editorialize or to analyze. The only way the reader provides his interpretation is through his choice of translation and through his skill as a reader. Otherwise, you are hearing words from the Bible without interpretation.

Feast Coordinators

The Feast coordinators for this site are David and Joyce Coleman (with assistance from Linda Avey). Thank you for assisting them.

Fellowship Opportunities

- Friday evening, Sept. 29—Meet & Greet (no church service)—6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Every day—Light refreshments—9:30-10:30 p.m.
- Every day—Church service—11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 30—Meal (not potluck)—After church
- Sunday, Oct. 1—Cookout—4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 3—Big Sandy Museum—1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 3—Movie in building—3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 4—Interactive Bible study—shortly after church
- Thursday, Oct. 5—Dominos and cards—1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 6—Interactive Bible study—shortly after church
- Saturday, Oct. 7—Potluck meal—After church

Schedule of Church Services

Saturday Sept. 30	11:00 a.m.	Opening Comments Reading—Leviticus 26:11-12 and Revelation 21:3-4 Sermon: Wynn Skelton
Sunday Oct. 1	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Nehemiah 8:13-18 Sermon: Ed Costanza
Monday Oct. 2	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Isaiah 2:1-22 Sermon: Dean Roberts
Tuesday Oct. 3	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 Sermon: Bert Moers
Wednesday Oct. 4	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Matthew 25:1-13 Sermon: Ed Costanza
Thursday Oct. 5	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Matthew 25:14-30 Sermon: Dave Havir
Friday Oct. 6	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Matthew 25:31-46 Sermon: Jon Coffee
Saturday Oct. 7	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Revelation 20:7-15 and Revelation 21:1-7 Sermon: Dave Havir

Scriptures to consider

- In the book of Leviticus, the Lord mentioned the physical tabernacle to reflect His desire to walk among His children.

Leviticus 26:11-12—"I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people."

- Our Heavenly Father called the physical tabernacle a method of meeting with His children.

Exodus 25:21-22—"You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel."

Exodus 29:42-43—"This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet you to speak with you. And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory."

Exodus 29:45-46—"I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them. I am the Lord their God."

- The tabernacle was replaced by the temple.

2 Samuel 7:6—"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 have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle."

- When the Son of God walked the earth, He spoke about His body as a temple.

John 2:19-21—"Jesus answered and said to them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' Then the Jews said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?' But He was speaking of the temple of His body."

- New Testament writers mentioned the children of God being a temple.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17—"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are."

2 Corinthians 6:16—"And 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.' "

Ephesians 2:19-22—"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

1 Peter 2:4-5—"Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

- In the book of Revelation, the Lord mentioned the concept of the tabernacle to reflect His desire to dwell among His children.

Revelation 21:3-4—"And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, '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. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.' "

Weekly Live Streaming

The Church of God Big Sandy invites you to watch our weekly presentations—Wednesday Bible study (at 7:00 p.m. central time), Saturday Bible study (at 2:00 p.m. central time) and our Saturday church service (at 3:00 p.m. central time) with two options.

1. Go to our website (churchofgodbigandy.com).
2. Or go to our Facebook page (Church of God Big Sandy). If you "like" our page, you will receive notice on Facebook when we are live online.