

2024 Feast of Tabernacles

October 17–24, 2024

Church of God Big Sandy

Welcome to the Feast

Welcome to the 2024 Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy, Texas! We are pleased to be able to host a Feast site in Big Sandy for the 30th 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 sermons. If you like to participate with special music, please let us know.

“Music Fest” at the Feast

Like most Feast sites, we enjoy music as a part of our worship. Therefore, we appreciate those who volunteer to provide music throughout the week. This year, we have added a “Music Fest” during a church service. (A “Music Fest” is using the church service to concentrate on musical selections in place of a sermon.) The “Music Fest” is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 22.

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. Thank you for helping them.

Speaking Schedule

Thursday Oct. 17	11:00 a.m.	Opening Comments Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Revelation 20:1-6 Sermon: Wynn Skelton
Friday Oct. 18	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Nehemiah 8:13-18 Sermon: Dave Havir
Saturday Oct. 19	11:00 a.m.	Reading—1 Corinthians 15:12-24 Sermon: Dave Havir
Sunday Oct. 20	11:00 a.m.	Reading—1 Corinthians 15:35-58 Sermon: Bert Moers
Monday Oct. 21	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Matthew 25:1-13 Sermon: Ray Hall
Tuesday Oct. 22	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Psalm 100:1-6 Revelation 5:9-13 “Music Fest”
Wednesday Oct. 23	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Matthew 25:14-30 Sermon: Ray Hall
Thursday Oct. 24	11:00 a.m.	Reading—Revelation 21:1-7 Sermon: Richard Crow

Schedule for Congregational Food

■ Light breakfast	Every day—from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
■ After church	Daily—except Monday Thursday—lunch supplied Friday—light lunch Saturday—light lunch Sunday—indoor picnic Monday—no meal Tuesday—light lunch Wednesday—light lunch Thursday—potluck

Fellowship Opportunities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Friday, Oct. 18 ■ Saturday, Oct. 19 ■ Sunday, Oct. 20 ■ Tuesday, Oct. 22 ■ Wednesday, Oct. 23 | <p>Movie: <i>Secondhand Lions</i>
 Dominoes in the classroom
 Interactive Bible study—after church
 Indoor picnic
 Game day & crafts
 Interactive Bible study—after church</p> |
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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.”

- The Lord met with His children at the physical tabernacle.

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.”

- The Son of God was born in Bethlehem.

Luke 2:8-12—“Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.’ ”

Luke 2:13-14—“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’ ”

Matthew 2:1-2—“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.’ ”

- 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.”

- The Son of God went to a physical temple.

Luke 2:41, 46—“His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover . . . Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.”

Luke 20:1—“Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted Him.”

Luke 22:53—“When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

- 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 joined 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 21:1-4—“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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.”