

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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April 30, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:59

### Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. . . . . Jerry Thompson

Presentation study—2:00 . . . . . Ken Tate

(Also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Neil McIver

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . Matthew 7:6–12

Sermon . . . . . Ken Tate

### Quick takes

1. Welcome to Ken and Janice Tate—We thank Ken and Janice Tate for visiting our congregation. (Although Mr. Tate has visited our congregation for the past several years, Mrs. Tate's schedule enabled her to join him on this trip.)
2. Pastor's trip—Today, Dave Havir is giving presentations at a congregation in the Houston area. Since Mr. Havir appreciates presentations given in our congregation by speakers from the Crow family (George, Richard and Bill), he is trying to repay their kindness.
3. Traveling speakers—We are pleased to announce the following traveling speakers coming to our congregation.
  - Today            Ken Tate
  - May 7            Terry McAdams
  - May 14          Jim Johns
4. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.
  - Mickey Ashcraft
  - David and Becky Bonilla
  - Timberly Dunnam
  - Elaine Holloway
  - Annette Payne
  - Ruth Roe
  - Sonny Rosenberger
  - Ronnie Shirley
  - Elaine Townsend
  - Donna Weese

5. Wednesday-night Bible study on May 4—Everyone is invited.
6. Board nominations start on May 7—The process for board nominations will start next week. (This is a reminder that the yearly nominations occur in May and the election occurs in June.)
7. Steam-cleaning the building carpet—Ron and Linda Avey want to inform the congregation that we plan to steam-clean the church carpet in July. Although there will be times (at church functions or community functions) where we will have food throughout the church building, we want to develop the habit of generally eating food in the rear of the hall. (Tables have been set up in the back to help accommodate enjoying our regular Saturday treats.)
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “China’s ‘Soft’ War Against America” by Lee Edwards.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “The Ten Commandments Before Exodus 20” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 40 pages. (This edition has eight articles and 319 headlines.)

## Prayer updates

In the April 22, bulletin (on the seventh day of Unleavened Bread), we mentioned that **Timberly Dunnam** was grateful that her kidney stone had stopped moving. However, the kidney stone began moving again this week, which created much pain.

**David Bonilla** had another good week with “small improvements.”

**Roger Daniels** is scheduled to drive to the Dallas Ear Institute for the next couple of weeks for treatment to regain hearing and balance.

## New prayer requests

**Shirley Spearman** has been experiencing a variety of health challenges. She indicated that her challenge with her back may be the most troublesome at this time.

## Feast of Tabernacles

1. Feast sites—Here are the locations of our three Feast sites.
 

■ Big Sandy	28th consecutive year
■ Destin	25th consecutive year
■ North Myrtle Beach	20th consecutive year
2. Feast coordinators—Here are the coordinators for our three Feast sites.
 

■ Big Sandy	Ron and Linda Avey
■ Destin	Neil and Martha McIver
■ North Myrtle Beach	Lyle and Kathy Kerby

3. Housing at the Pelican—If you want to stay at the Pelican Beach Resort, please fill out a housing form. (Booking through the church provides the benefit of being tax exempt.) Please book early.
4. Other housing in Destin—Since the Pelican finally (after all these years) raised the cost of its rooms, some people may want to consider other venues for housing. Ami Ison of the congregation in Decaturville, Tenn., offered to help. She recommends Emerald Coast by Owner (emeraldcoastbyowner.com). If you want advice, feel free to call her at 731-614-2635.
5. Housing in North Myrtle Beach—A block of rooms will be held for us until Sept. 8, 2022. However, we recommend you book early. (Information is on our website and on our Information Table.)

### Scriptures to consider

**Mark 12:28**—“Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, ‘Which is the first commandment of all?’ ”

**Mark 12:29-31**—“Jesus answered him, ‘The first of all the commandments is: “Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ ”

**Mark 12:32-33**—“So the scribe said to Him, ‘Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.’ ”

**Mark 12:34**—“Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ But after that no one dared question Him.”

**James 1:26-27**—“If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

**Revelation 14:12**—“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”

**Revelation 22:14**—“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”

### Thought for the week

“You cannot say in the same breath that giving preference to white males is racist and sexist but giving preference to women and minorities is not. It has to work both ways.”—*Ed Brodow*

## The Ten Commandments Before Exodus 20

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbig sandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of April 30, 2022.

By Dave Havir

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our church service last Saturday, I gave a presentation titled “The 10 Commandments Before Exodus 20.” I want to share some of my comments in this article.

### Three definitions of sin

Let me remind you about three definitions of sin.

- 1 John 3:4—Sin is the transgression of the law.
- James 4:17—Sin is based upon knowledge.
- Romans 14:23—Sin is based upon faith.

### Law identifies sin

Notice some scriptures that explain that the law identifies sin.

- Romans 3:20—By the law is the knowledge of sin.
- Romans 4:15—Where there is no law, there is no transgression.
- Romans 5:13—Sin is not imputed when there is no law
- Romans 7:7—I would not have known sin, except through the law.
- Romans 7:8—Apart from the law, sin was dead.

### Reference about Abraham

It is interesting to remember that Abraham was born hundreds of years before Moses received the law on Mount Sinai. Notice what the Lord said to Isaac.

**Genesis 26:4-5**—“And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”

### References to “sin” in Genesis

- Genesis 4:7—Cain violated the Sixth

Commandment.

■ Genesis 13:13 and Genesis 18:20-21—What was the sin of Sodom? In a physical sense (Jude 7), they violated the Seventh Commandment. In a spiritual sense (Ezekiel 16:49-50), they violated the First Commandment.

■ Genesis 39:9—Potiphar’s wife tempted Joseph to violate the Seventh Commandment.

■ Genesis 42:22—Reuben reminded his brothers that he earlier had warned them not to sin against Joseph—their behavior toward Joseph was a variation of the Sixth Commandment, resulting in them violating the Ninth Commandment when they became false witnesses to their father (Genesis 37:31-32).

■ Genesis 50:17—After their father Jacob died, the brothers asked Joseph to forgive their sin—a variation of the Sixth Commandment, resulting in them violating the Ninth Commandment when they became false witnesses to their father (Genesis 37:31-32).

### All 10 broken before Exodus 20

- First Commandment—Genesis 35:1-4, Exodus 3:14 and Ezekiel 16:49-50.
- Second Commandment—Genesis 31:17, 34-35.
- Third Commandment—Exodus 3:15 and Job 1:5.
- Fourth Commandment—Genesis 2:1-3 and Exodus 16:23-28.
- Fifth Commandment—Genesis 9:21-25 and Genesis 28:6-7.
- Sixth Commandment—Genesis 4:6-8.
- Seventh Commandment—Genesis 39:7-9, Genesis 18:20-21 and Jude 7.
- Eighth Commandment—Genesis 30:33 and Genesis 44:9.
- Ninth Commandment—Genesis 37:31-32, Genesis 42:22 and Genesis 50:17.
- Tenth Commandment—Genesis 3:6.