

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 17, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:18

### Bible studies and classes

Interactive study (1:00)	.....	Dave Havir
Bible study (2:00)	.....	Daniel Botha
Teen class	.....	Carol Bald

### Order of service

Song leader	.....	Daniel Botha
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Acts 13:13-41
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Community Thanksgiving service on Nov. 18—Citizens of Big Sandy and surrounding areas are invited to the Big Sandy community Thanksgiving service.

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday, Nov. 18
<b>Time:</b>	5:00 p.m.
<b>Where:</b>	New Hope Baptist Church
<b>Program:</b>	Individuals from various congregations express appreciation through words and music
<b>Last year:</b>	Dave Havir said a few words and presented a YouTube music video
<b>This year:</b>	Dave Havir asked Shirley West to read
<b>Afterwards:</b>	Finger foods

2. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "New Discovery About Pyramids" by Kevin Rawlinson.
3. Among Friends—This week's article is "Giving Thanks in Old Testament" by Dave Havir.
4. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 24 pages.

## Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Colleen Atteberry** left the rehab facility and returned home. She thanks members of the congregation for their actions of love—praying, visiting, telephone calls, etc.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Betty Foster** has been dealing with intense pain in her back and right side. On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Foster went by ambulance to the ER in Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. The doctors ruled out a suspected kidney stone. Instead, the doctors believe that the pain is muscular. Although the doctor was willing to admit her, he supported her decision to take medication at home. Like most people, Mrs. Foster does not like to take pain medication. However, the doctor recommended that moderate pain medication would probably help her. **Dave Havir** brought her home just before midnight.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Laura Moran** had breathing problems. On Tuesday, Mrs. Moran went to a satellite ER in Tyler. She was diagnosed with pneumonia in her right lung. Although the doctor was willing to admit her, he supported her decision to take medication at home. Her grandson **Joshua Voyce** took her home. (**Dave Havir** wanted to be with her in the ER, but he was busy at the same time with **Betty Foster** at a hospital in Longview.) On Thursday, her grandson took her to see a doctor—who informed her that she has a bladder infection.

**Eli Benedict** continues to have pain in his right leg.

On Wednesday evening, **Elaine Holloway** fell in her home. When the ambulance arrived, they supported her decision to not go to an emergency room.

Due to the return of an infection, **Marilyn Boston** is under quarantine again. She will let us know she is able to have visitors again. She continues to rehab in Room 218 at Park Place Rehabilitation Center in Tyler (2450 E. Fifth St.).

This week, **Ron Feaker** has been dealing with a painful knee and high blood pressure. **Gracie Feaker** has an infection in her left leg.

**Sonny Rosenberger** reports that he has been chilled this week, even though he has set the temperature high in his home.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Chuck Ragland** (father of **Diana Havir**) had surgery on Thursday (Nov. 8). His wife, **Janet**, reports that there was no initial infection or complication following the surgery.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Tim Lindholm** of Minnesota was recovering from the insertion of stents in each of the bile ducts in his liver. Last Saturday, **Hope** texted that they had gone back to the Mayo Clinic due to the suspicion of internal bleeding. (His hemoglobin is normally 16-ish, but it was down to 12.1.) Here are excerpts from what Mrs. Lindholm texted on Sunday: "The procedure found no bleeding and revealed the bile is flowing through the stent. Also, the pancreatic stent is sloughing on its own as hoped. His hemoglobin tested at 12.1 this morning. No drop means bleeding is stabilizing."

## New prayer requests

On Thursday, **Kemmer Pfund** had a cataract removed from his right eye. He is anticipating to have a cataract removed from his left eye in two weeks.

On Nov. 29, **Willie Choate** is scheduled to have a port removed. (The purpose of the port was to receive his chemo treatments when he was on that program.)

**Karen Benson** of Prescott Valley, Ariz., is dealing with cellulitis in her legs.

**Leanne Hogie** of Mount Hood, Ore. (cousin of **Carol Killingley**), has been diagnosed with invasive lobular carcinoma. This is not her first bout with breast cancer, but this is a different type, and it will probably involve more-significant treatment than the last time. It looks to be quite treatable, but no firm decisions on the treatment plan will be made until Nov. 29—when she can have the surgical consultation.

**Jim** and **Judy McCollum** of Goodman, Mo., were recently involved in a car accident that totaled their new car. Mrs. McCollum was badly bruised and her mouth was burned by the air bag. Mr. McCollum was badly bruised and suffered broken ribs. He was admitted back into a hospital with pneumonia.

**John** and **Karen Clark** of Missouri had a devastating fire and lost everything, including their only vehicle. The fire apparently began in the garage with a faulty garage-door opener. The car eventually exploded and burned the house—even melting the house siding of their two closest neighbors.

**Dennis Moulard** of Bayfield, Colo., was recently hospitalized due to dealing with kidney stones and a prostate issue.

**Gary Dullum** of Dallas died on Sept. 21 (after a nine-month battle with pancreatic cancer). Please remember his wife, **Faith**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Carol Wallauch** of Corona, Calif., died on Nov. 8. Please remember her husband, **Dave**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Mary Lou Maehr** of Pagose Springs, Colo. (mother of **Jeff Maehr**), died on Nov. 16. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## Thought for the day

“Envy was once considered to be one of the seven deadly sins before it became one of the most admired virtues under its new name, ‘social justice.’ ”—*Thomas Sowell*

## Scriptures to consider

**Luke 17:17-18**—“So Jesus answered and said, ‘Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?’”

## “Giving Thanks in Old Testament”

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 Nov. 17, 2018.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—One of the greatest sins in this life is the sin of ingratitude. Our loving Father wants His children to express thankfulness to Him and to each other.

There are many scriptures that mention the importance of giving thanks to God. Let’s look at a few verses from the Old Testament about this important quality.

### Remember God

As we enjoy meditating about the many blessings (physical and spiritual) in our lives, let’s be sure that we continue to give our appreciation back to God.

**Deuteronomy 8:10-14**—“When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.”

**Ezra 3:11**—“And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: ‘For He is good, for His mercy endures forever toward Israel.’ Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.”

**Psalms 100:1-5**—“Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with

thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”

**Psalms 105:1-4**—“Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD! Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face evermore!”

**Psalms 106:1-2**—“Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Who can declare all His praise?”

### Appreciate people

It is important in this life that we make a habit of the action of showing appreciation to people in our lives.

I realize that we do not all have the same circumstances in our lives. We do not have the same quality of relationships in our lives. (If you are struggling with the loss of support from family, notice how you may have support from friends.)

As you read the following verses, I hope you will see family and friends who are a blessing to you.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**—“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

**Proverbs 18:24**—“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”