

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Dec. 28, 2019 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:21

### Bible studies and classes

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

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader	.....	Daniel Botha
Pianist	.....	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	.....	Hebrews 12:12–17
Sermon	.....	Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Congratulations—The congregation congratulates Thomas Bald and Karina (Moody) Bald for their wedding in Tyler last Sunday afternoon.
2. Upcoming guest speaker—The congregation is pleased to announce that a guest speaker is scheduled to visit our congregation in the near future.
  - Jan. 11          Wynn Skelton
3. Interactive this week—The interactive Bible study today is scheduled to be “Matthew 24 and 25” moderated by Dave Havir.
4. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “A Year of Media Upheaval” by Sara Fischer.
5. Among Friends—This week’s article is “The Tenth Commandment” by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—Since this bulletin was laid out before Eye on the World was finished, we’re not referring to the number of pages here.

### Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Vi Lehman, Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

**Elaine Holloway** continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. She is in Room 109.

**Ron Feaker** continues to rehab at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater. He is in Room 412.

**Bea Gusner** reported that her husband, **Willie**, was moved to the acute-care rehab section of Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview. He continues to have difficulty with his kidneys and continues to have dialysis three times a week. Although he has been doing better breathing on his own, the respirator has not yet been removed.

In the Dec. 14 bulletin, we mentioned that **Julian Cruz** of San Antonio suffered a stroke. His family reports that he continues to make progress.

### New prayer requests

**David Bonilla** was admitted to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler (in the heart section) on Thursday (Dec. 18). He has been diagnosed with a weak heart that is influencing weak kidneys. He is in Room 423. (As of Friday morning, he was still there. But you might want to call the hospital before visiting, because there was talk of his going to another facility.)

**Mary Carmichael** of Weatherford suffered various injuries—multiple fractures of her right ankle and shin and injuries to her left shoulder and a rib.

**Grace Kouniadis** of Dallas (sister of **Laura Moran**) was diagnosed with bronchitis earlier in the week.

**Jack Moody** of Spokane, Wash., is making progress after recently battling an infection.

**Robert Reilly** of Hudson, Ohio (a member of the extended family of **Laura Moran** and **Mickey Voyce**), died on Dec. 18. Please remember his wife, **Sharon**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Helen Smith** of Anacoco, La. (longtime hostess of the little congregation in Anacoco), died on Dec. 19. Please remember the family in your prayers.

### Guest speakers in 2019

The following is a list of guest speakers in our congregation and the number of presentations they gave in 2019. This does not include the Feast of Tabernacles.

Phil Arnold—1

Bruce Benedict—1

George Crow—1

John Dickerson—1

Norm Edwards—1

Morris Foster—2

Steven Gibson—2

Jim Johns—2

Terry McAdams—1

Terry Post—2

Wynn Skelton—1

Vance Stinson—1

Larry Watkins—1

Wayne Woodring—1

## Speakers from our congregation in 2019

The following is a list of guest speakers from our congregation and the number of presentations they gave in 2019. This does not include the Feast of Tabernacles.

Dave Havir—42	Jon Coffee—5	Ron Avey—1
Daniel Botha—18	Stan West—4	Ken Danapas—1
Neil McIver—16	Reg Killingly—3	DVD of Tony Stith—1

## Pastor's sermons here in 2019

The following is a list of titles of sermons given by our pastor in our congregation in 2019. This does not include the Feast of Tabernacles. Asterisks indicate annual feast days.

1/12	Idolatry in Old Testament	8/10	What Does Your Conscience Say?
1/12	Idolatry in New Testament		
1/19	Prophecies About King David	8/24	3 Reasons for Fasting
1/19	2 Lessons From King David	8/31	Book of Philemon
2/2	Romans 13:1-4	9/7	Last Words on the Cross
2/2	Romans 13:5-7	9/28	Blowing of Trumpets in the Old Testament
3/2	Surrounded by Faith and Hope	9/28	Blowing of Trumpets in the New Testament
3/16	Surrounded by Love		
3/23	Part 1—Overview of Passover in Book of Exodus	9/30*	A Faithful Son
		10/5	What Was Behind the Second Veil?
3/30	Part 2—The Night in Which He Was Betrayed	10/9*	What Actions Were Done Behind the Second Veil?
4/13	Part 3—Do This in Remembrance of Me	Feast	A Glimpse Into Your Future
4/13	Part 4—Are You Worthy?	Feast	The Power of Choice
4/20*	Part 5—Reaction to Grace	10/26	God Has a Plan
4/26*	Part 6—We Love Him Because He First Loved Us	11/2	No Person Can Tame the Tongue
4/27	Roots and Wings	11/2	Helpful Reminders About the Tongue
5/11	Lessons From the Potter	11/9	What is Your Spiritual Identity?—Part 1
5/18	Confidence in the Lord		
6/1	Power, Love and Sound Mind	11/16	What is Your Spiritual Identity?—Part 2
6/15	Daniel 3:17-18	11/23	What is Your Spiritual Identity?—Part 3
6/29	3 Types of Bondage		
7/6	5 Concepts About Liberty	12/14	Comments About Romans 12
7/13	9 Lessons From Elijah	12/21	Matthew 24
7/27	Hebrews 11:35-40		
8/3	Binding and Loosing	12/28	Matthew 25

## “The Tenth Commandment”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of Dec. 28, 2019.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—We as believers are thankful that we are saved by grace. In fact, we should reflect our appreciation by giving much thought and attention into recognizing God’s expectations for us.

We can reflect back to the time in the Old Testament when the children of Israel were brought out of the land of Egypt—the house of bondage (Exodus 20:1-2)—and remember that God gave them instructions about how to live (verses 3-17).

Let’s spend some time considering the Tenth Commandment.

*Exodus 20:17*—“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

### **Susceptible to lust**

It is interesting to note that God made mankind in a way where we are susceptible to lust.

The psalmist wrote: “I gave My people up unto their own hearts’ lust” (Psalm 81:12).

The apostle Paul made similar comments in Romans 1:24-29.

Paul acknowledged that God gave mankind up to “vile affections” (verse 26). And then Paul went on to explain what he meant by that (verses 26-27).

### **Escaping past lusts**

One of the goals of a believer is to escape corruption.

In 2 Peter 1:4, the apostle Peter mentioned that believers were given precious promises. And he especially noted the great promise that would help believers escape corruption.

He identified the promise of being “partakers of the divine nature.”

Self-discipline and effective habits are beneficial. But people need the divine nature.

This divine nature can help people escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.

### **Coveting is a trigger**

Whenever you try to overcome a bad habit or whenever you try to help someone else overcome a bad habit, it is important to identify the trigger.

What influences a person to eat too much? What influences a person to drink too much alcohol? What influences a person to use a harmful drug? What influences a person to look at pornography?

During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus explained that sin begins in the mind. His specific example was sexual lust (Matthew 5:27-28).

Lust is often the trigger that unleashes damaging behavior.

### **Pattern of sin**

If you ever spent time analyzing some of the sins in the Bible, you may have discovered that a certain pattern of sin unfolds in some of the stories.

Eve saw and desired before she took the fruit (Genesis 3:6).

Achan saw and coveted before he took the physical possessions (Joshua 7:21).

David saw and inquired about the naked lady before he sinned with her (2 Samuel 11:2-4).

Simon saw and desired power before he offered money in the misguided effort to try to buy the ability of giving God’s Spirit (Acts 8:18-19).

Did you recognize the pattern? Sin begins in the senses. It takes root in our desires (lusts). It progresses to bad behavior.

### **Hidden sin**

Coveting is dangerous because it can develop into unseemly behavior that brings damaging consequences.

But coveting is also dangerous, even when no one else knows about it. The danger of coveting is that it is sin in early stages.