

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 14, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:19

Bible study and classes

Interactive study (1:00) Dave Havir

Bible study (2:00) Dave Havir

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Revelation 22:16–21

Sermon Stan West

Quick takes

1. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are maturely and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
2. Prayers for victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
3. Reminders for attending—Here are some reminders for people who choose to attend the church service in the building.
 - We do not provide masks or gloves. If these are important to you, please bring your own.
 - We expect attendees to make good use of our spacious hall by spreading out.
4. Upcoming guest speakers—Dave Havir is pleased to announce that several guest speakers are planning to join us over the coming weeks. The tentative list includes the following.
 - Nov. 21 Morris Foster
 - Dec. 5 Jim Johns
 - Dec. 12 Blake Silverstein
 - Dec. 19 Bill Crow

5. Community Thanksgiving service—The community Thanksgiving service will be held at First Baptist Church on Nov. 22 at 5:00 p.m. Because of the coronavirus, the ministerial alliance chose to forgo any food or drink that evening. Dave Havir is planning to attend.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "It Is Easier to Remove a Fetus Than to Kill a Baby" by Dr. James Dobson.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Overview of the Book of Amos" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 18 pages.

Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who live at home but are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran, Annette Payne, Ronnie Shirley** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

Please remember to pray for the following people who are rehabbing at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater—**Ron Feaker** and **Elaine Holloway**.

Although **Eli Benedict** continues to deal with itching and some difficulty sleeping, he was able to have a good night's sleep on Thursday. (Please remember **Jean** while she does a great job providing care for her husband.)

Annette Payne has not yet met with her doctor to hear the recommended treatment plan following the diagnosis of cancer in her lung and in one lymph node. She reports that she has no pain.

On Monday, **Laura Moran** went to see a doctor. Mrs. Moran learned that she had water in her right ear. Mrs. Moran went back to the doctor on Tuesday and learned that her denture (which she recently purchased) had caused an infection in her mouth. The doctor took a culture and is seeking to identify the infection. The doctor instructed Mrs. Moran to avoid wearing the denture.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Grace Kouniadis** of Carrollton (sister of **Laura Moran**) is anticipating moving to The Heights of Tyler retirement home in the near future. At the moment, the move is delayed because a patient in the facility was diagnosed with covid.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Shakya Johnson** of Grand Rapids, Mich. (wife of **Montrail Johnson** and daughter-in-law of **Veronica Miles**, who recently had a heart transplant), was reportedly doing well. On Friday, Mrs. Miles reported: "She has to go back to the hospital because her body is trying to reject her new heart."

In the Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 bulletins, we mentioned how **Jeannette Reinoso** of Sachse was dealing with breast cancer. A doctor recommended "a lumpectomy from each breast to remove both masses and then radiation thereafter." This week, Mrs. Reinoso received a surgery date of Nov. 25. She expressed that she appreciates the support of her husband, **Pedro**, and the prayers of her friends.

Jerry Jones of Ojai, Calif., who was diagnosed with lymphoma, appreciates your prayers for his improved energy level.

On Monday, **Tim Lindholm** had chemo treatment No. 4. He is scheduled for three more treatments. (They have been on a Monday and are generally two weeks apart.) The good news is that Mr. Lindholm is not having much pain. However, his challenges include nausea, no appetite and being tired.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Rodger Sandsmark** of Simsbury, Conn., has been diagnosed with a pseudomonas infection in his blood. He was recently taken to a hospital to receive treatment for this serious infection.

Jean Rogers of Denton reports that she is starting to feel better. She acknowledged that the recent back surgery was difficult, but her episodes with a blood clot in her leg and the hernia (bleeding ulcer) in her esophagus were even more traumatic.

Jimmy Rogers of Denton (who happily reports that the cancer of his liver is in remission) deals with a lack of energy. He is scheduled for blood work on Monday to check the condition of his kidneys—since they were diagnosed as working at 28 percent.

New prayer requests

Last Thursday, **Jim Pruitt** of Montana was scheduled for bypass surgery. The family expected there to be five bypasses, but there turned out to be six bypasses.

Terry Hamilton of Tulsa, Okla., has been diagnosed with coronairus. She is under home quarantine.

Sharon Ross of Fargo, N.D., has made significant progress after an 11-hour surgery on her back. Last week, she had 86 staples removed from the incision in her back.

Angela Beam of Rome, Ga., was scheduled for surgery last Thursday to reconnect her small intestine to the remainder of her colon and perform a temporary hernia repair.

Carla Hammonds of Crossville, Ala., died on Oct. 18. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Herman Spencer of Mountain City, Tenn., died on Nov. 6. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Antonio Noguera of McKinney died on Nov. 8. Please remember his wife, **Beatriz**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Eye on the World

- An article by Faycal Benhassain titled "France's Macron Calls on EU Leaders to Work Together to Fight Islamist Terror" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Nov. 11, 2020.
- A letter to the editor by Reginald Killingley titled "How Sad" was posted at [news-journal.com](https://www.news-journal.com) (Longview, Texas) on Nov. 11, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Former Florida Secretary of State Katherine Haris: 'We Let AI Gore Take 36 Days' " was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Nov. 11, 2020.

“Overview of the Book of Amos”

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. 14, 2020.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—From time to time, Bible students enjoy studying different books of the Bible. At this time, I want to begin a series of articles about the book of Amos.

This first article will be an overview about the book.

Who was Amos?

Amos is often cited as a man who was a different prophet. Bible students like to contrast him to the other gentlemen who served as prophets in the Bible. Much of the contrast is noted in Amos 7:14.

Amos 7:14—“Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah: ‘I was no prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet, but I was a sheep-breeder and a tender of sycamore fruit.’”

When did Amos prophesy?

According to Amos 1:1, the man Amos prophesied during the reigns of King Uzziah of Judah (often identified as reigning 767-739 B.C.) and King Jeroboam of Israel (often identified as 782-753 B.C.). This leaves a possible time frame of 767-753 B.C.

Since Amos 7:9-11 seems to indicate a time frame late in the reign of Jeroboam, some Bible students consider 760-753 B.C. as the probable date of writing.

Lived in southern kingdom

According to Amos 1:1, the man Amos was among the sheepbreeders of Tekoa. Tekoa was approximately five miles south of Bethlehem. Hence, Amos lived in the southern kingdom of Judah.

Preached about northern kingdom

However, Amos was called by God to go into the northern kingdom of Israel to be God’s spokesman.

Isaiah 7:15—“Butter and honey shall he eat, when he knoweth to refuse the evil, and choose the good.”

Organization of the book

Bible students often identify the organization of the book of Amos as four sections.

- Eight prophecies of judgment
- Three sermons of judgment
- Five visions of judgment
- Five promises of judgment

Eight prophecies of judgment

- Judgment on Damascus—Amos 1:3-5
- Judgment on Gaza—Amos 1:6-8
- Judgment on Tyre—Amos 1:9-10
- Judgment on Edom—Amos 1:11-12
- Judgment on Ammon—Amos 1:13-15
- Judgment on Moab—Amos 2:1-3
- Judgment on Judah—Amos 2:4-5
- Judgment on Israel—Amos 2:6-16

Three sermons of judgment

- The first sermon: Israel’s present—Amos 3:1-15
- The second sermon: Israel’s past—Amos 4:1-13
- The third sermon: Israel’s future—Amos 5:1-6:14

Five visions of judgment

- Vision of locusts—Amos 7:1-3
- Vision of fire—Amos 7:4-6
- Vision of the plumb line—Amos 7:7-9
- Historical parenthesis (opposition of Amaziah)—Amos 7:10-17
- Vision of the summer fruit—Amos 8:1-14
- Vision of the stricken doorposts—Amos 9:1-10

Five promises of the Restoration of Israel

The five promises about the restoration of Israel are found in Amos 9:11-15.

In the coming weeks, we will be exploring various scriptures in the book of Amos.

Next week, we will talk about Amos 3:3. *Amos 3:3*—“Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?”