

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Oct. 16, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:45

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havir
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Revelation 2:8–11

Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Upcoming speakers—We are pleased to announce that various speakers from sister congregations are reviewing their personal schedule as they prepare to give a commitment to Dave Havir. Following is the schedule for the near future.
 - Oct. 30 Wynn Skelton
 - Nov. 6 Jim Johns
2. Wednesday-night Bible study on Oct. 20—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for Oct. 20.
3. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

■ Mickey Ashcraft	■ Ruth Roe
■ David and Becky Bonilla	■ Sonny Rosenberger
■ Timberly Dunnam	■ Ronnie Shirley
■ Elaine Holloway	■ Elaine Townsend
■ Annette Payne	■ Donna Weese
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Is America Becoming Rome vs. Byzantium?" by Victor Davis Hanson.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "Matthew 24:6–14" by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 30 pages.

Prayer updates

Dwayne Gallia, who was among those listed as having covid in last week's bulletin, had a difficult week. On Tuesday, he went to the hospital in Quitman and was diagnosed with the following—pneumonia, a blood clot in his lung and a mass on his thyroid. His oxygen levels started to improve, but he expects to stay in the hospital for more days. He and his wife, **Linda**, thank you for your prayers.

Tim Kelley, who was among those listed as having covid in last week's bulletin, was in a hospital in Quitman last Saturday. Although the doctor said that Mr. Kelley was "on the right course," he has not returned home yet.

Gary Woodring, who was among those listed as having covid in last week's bulletin, was in an ICU of a hospital in Tyler last Saturday. During this week, he was able to return home. He is still on oxygen and remains very weak. But his appetite is returning slowly.

Ron Avey reports that a heart catheterization on Wednesday resulted in his receiving one stent. He thanks you for your prayers.

At church last week, it was orally announced that **Doyle Welborn** was scheduled for hip-replacement surgery this coming Monday. However, the surgery was postponed—because his blood was not coagulating as desired.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Bobbi Jones** of Ventura, Calif., was recovering from a fall she had at the end of the Feast of Tabernacles. She reports that her tailbone is bruised but that her back pain is decreasing.

Last Wednesday, **Jimmy Rogers** of Denton had a PET scan to confirm that the lung cancer in the lower part of his right lung was small and to evaluate how to proceed with treatment. The doctor anticipates giving Mr. Rogers five treatments of radiation (with a maximum of two treatments a week).

Laura Moran died on Wednesday. We expect that the family will schedule events as was done when her husband, **James**, died—family graveside and, at a later time, a public memorial service in the building. (To honor the specific desire of Mrs. Moran, the family requested that anyone who desired to send flowers or plants to family members please consider sending a financial donation to this congregation. Mrs. Moran loved being a part of this congregation.) Please remember the family in your prayers.

New prayer requests

On Tuesday evening, **Timberly Dunnam** began dealing with the pain and nausea of a kidney stone. While she may have had some moments of relief, this week has been rough on her and her family. As of yesterday (Friday), the stone had not yet passed.

Kern Brouillard of Addison (brother of **Lisa Smith**) had a blood vessel rupture in his nose from a bad covid test that caused heavy bleeding for five days. Although the bleeding stopped, please pray that the problem is completely solved.

Carmen Chapman of Florida has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Steve Wendling of Indiana died on Sept. 29. Please remember his wife, **Brenda**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Jonathan French of Oklahoma died on Oct. 11. Please remember his wife, **Elizabeth**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Randy D'Alessandro of Yorkville, Ill., died on Oct. 13. Please remember his wife, **Mary**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Betty Register of Springfield, Mo., died on Oct. 13. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Recent topics at Wednesday-night study

The following list of Bible-study topics at the recent Wednesday-night Bible study is given for two reasons. First, this will give members of the congregation the opportunity to listen to subjects that they may have missed. Second, the pastor thinks that it is important for the congregation to see what subjects are on his mind.

- July 28 Armor of God—Belt of Truth
- Aug. 4 Armor of God—Breastplate of Righteousness
- Aug. 11 Armor of God—Gospel of Peace
- Aug. 18 Armor of God—Shield of Faith
- Aug. 25 Armor of God—Helmet (Hope) of Salvation
- Sept. 1 Armor of God—Sword of the Word of God
- Sept. 8 The Sound of the Trumpet
- Sept. 15 Behind the Veil
- Oct. 6 Matthew 24:1–5
- Oct. 13 Matthew 24:6–14

Scriptures to consider

Matthew 19:18-19—“He said to Him, ‘Which ones?’ Jesus said, ‘You shall not murder;’ ‘You shall not commit adultery;’ ‘You shall not steal;’ ‘You shall not bear false witness;’ ‘Honor your father and your mother;’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Romans 13:9—“For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery;’ ‘You shall not murder;’ ‘You shall not steal;’ ‘You shall not bear false witness;’ ‘You shall not covet;’ and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:37-40—“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

"Matthew 24:6-14"

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 Oct. 16, 2021.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Wednesday-night Bible studies, I recently began a series covering Matthew 24. After presenting the material orally on Wednesday night, I decided to write a short article about the material for the Saturday bulletin.

Today we will talk about Matthew 24:6-14.

Not to be troubled

Matthew 24:6—"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

The Son of God had a history of seeking to encourage His disciples.

John 15:15—"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

John 16:33—"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Beginning of sorrows

Matthew 24:7-8—"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

Love waxing cold

Matthew 24:9-12—"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold."

Here are some reminders to help us maintain a proper perspective.

Psalms 37:7-8—"Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because

of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret—it only causes harm."

Ephesians 4:26-27—"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil."

Galatians 6:9—"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Hebrews 6:10—"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Importance of enduring

Matthew 24:13—"But he who endures to the end shall be saved."

Luke 21:19—"By your patience possess your souls."

Gospel will be preached

Matthew 24:14—"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Luke 21:13-15—"But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist."

Revelation 11:9—"Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves."

Revelation 14:6-7—"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.'"