

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 6, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:25

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havir
Presentation study—2:00 Jim Johns
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Revelation 3:1–6
Sermon Jim Johns

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.
 - Today Jim Johns
 - Nov. 20 Ben Mauldin III
 - Dec. 4 Terry Post
 - Dec. 18 Scott Hoefker
2. Recognition of the 100th birthday of Methodist pastor Jack Hetzell—Dave Havir and other members of our congregation made a brief appearance at a come-and-go celebration (which was scheduled at the Big Sandy Civic Center between 12:00 and 3:00) for Methodist pastor Jack Hetzell. Mr. Hetzell has visited our congregation on three occasions, and Mr. Havir has visited his congregation one time.
3. Memorial service for Laura Moran today—The memorial service for Laura Moran is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today.
4. Daylight-saving time ends tomorrow morning—This is a reminder that daylight-saving time ends tomorrow morning.

5. Wednesday-night Bible study on Nov. 10—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for Nov. 10.
6. Community Thanksgiving service—The community Thanksgiving service is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21, at 5:00 p.m. at the Big Sandy Civic Center (the former Church of Christ). Dave Havar has committed someone from our congregation (whether himself or someone he asks) to participate on the schedule.
7. Thank you—Dave Havar wants to publicly thank Bernice Burson for preparing an information sheet for the Information Table last Saturday about the eight amendment items that were on the Texas ballot for last Tuesday's state election. (Dave Havar reported: "Although I believe that most amendments in Texas are prepared by conservatives, not all conservatives are expected to vote the same way. Personally, I voted for only six of the eight amendments—although all eight amendments passed. We thank Bernice for helping each person to be better informed.")
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The Pilgrims Learned of Socialism's Worthlessness" by Jerry Newcombe.
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "Matthew 24:16–28" by Dave Havar.
10. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 32 pages.

Prayer updates

Timberly Dunnam reported: "The pain from the kidney stone is finally gone."

New X rays for **Dwayne Gallia** show that his lungs are continuing to improve. His oxygen levels have improved.

Don Bjoraker (who was recently hospitalized due to covid) was able to return home. He wrote: "It looks like a long road ahead with the breathing. But I'm making it through. Thank you for the prayers."

New prayer requests

On Friday, **Linda Avey** went for surgery to repair a previous procedure. She was anticipating returning home (with the slight possibility of spending one night in the hospital). At the printing deadline of this bulletin, we did not have an update.

Judy Biggs requests prayers for her son **Brian**—who was hospitalized in ICU with a diagnosis of internal bleeding and his kidneys not working.

On Wednesday night, the detached garage at the home of **Judi Mitchell** burned down—destroying many of the items that her deceased husband (**Tom**) had made through the years.

Iverne Allen of Big Sandy went to an ER and was diagnosed with pneumonia.

Danny Dean of Hawkins (son-in-law of **Ron** and **Gracie Feaker**) was hospitalized on Sunday. Following are excerpts from his wife, **Karen**: “He is not doing good. They say he is bleeding inside. They have given him over two pints of blood since Sunday. When he is released, he may have to go to a nursing home. Please keep us in your prayers. I don’t think I can handle losing another family member.” In the past couple of years, she cared for the Feakers before their deaths.

Clifford Hix of Big Sandy recently died. Please remember his wife, **Deloris**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Eye on the World

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled “As Biden Met With the Pope, His DOJ Filed a Brief Claiming the Right to Abort a Baby With a Beating Heart” was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Nov. 3, 2021.
- An article by Oliver North and David Goetsch titled “Paying China for the Rope to Hang America” was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Nov. 2, 2021.
- An article by Austin Bay titled “Part One: Consequences of America Losing a War to China” was posted at [creators.com](https://www.creators.com) on Oct. 27, 2021.
- An article by Austin Bay titled “Part Two: Consequences of America Losing a War to China” was posted at [creators.com](https://www.creators.com) on Nov. 3, 2021.
- Looking back to March 2020, an article by Klaus Schwab titled “Covid-19 Is a Litmus Test for Stakeholder Capitalism” was posted at [weforum.org](https://www.weforum.org) on March 25, 2020.
- Looking back to October 2020, an article by Simon Kent titled “World Economic Forum Outlines Its ‘Great Reset’ to End Traditional Capitalism” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Oct. 14, 2020.
- An article by Huileng Tan titled “VIPs Including Jeff Bezos Flew to a Climate Conference on 400 Private Jets, Sparking Fury Over the Carbon Emissions Caused” was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Nov. 1, 2021.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled “[Steve] Scalise [Louisiana Republican]: Biden, European Leaders Emit More Carbon to Attend Climate Change Conference Than 540,000 Americans in One Day” was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Nov. 2, 2021.
- Looking back to October, an article by Philip Wang titled “China Tells Mines to Produce ‘As Much Coal As Possible’ ” was posted at [ctvnews.ca](https://www.ctvnews.ca) on Oct. 20, 2021.
- An article by Ian Hanchett titled “Virginia Lieutenant Governor-Elect [Winsome] Sears: I’m ‘Destroying’ Race Narratives, You Can’t Say I’m a Victim—‘Wish Joy Reid Would Invite Me on Her Show’ ” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Nov. 3, 2021.

Thought for the week

“I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, racked with sorrow; but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing.”—*Agatha Christie*

“Matthew 24:16–28”

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. 6, 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 24:16-28.

What to do

In Matthew 24:15, the Son of God told His disciples to look for the “abomination of desolation” mentioned by the prophet Daniel.

Did the Son of God give any instructions about what the disciples should do when they saw the abomination of desolation? He most certainly did.

Matthew 24:16—“Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

Notice that Luke gave a little more detail in Luke 21:21.

- Flee to the mountains.

- Those in the middle of the city should depart.

- Those in the country should not go back into the city.

Direct circumstances

The advice was very direct—when you see certain problems in the city of Jerusalem, get out of town.

Allow me to share a few examples.

- If a train with nuclear waste derails in your city, get out of town.

- If a huge forest fire approaches your city, get out of town.

- If a devastating hurricane approaches your city, get out of town.

While people around the world are probably paying attention to the circumstances of events (like derailments, fires and hurricanes) in various cities, the advice to get out of town does not directly apply to people who do not live near the derailment, fire or hurricane.

While people around the world were prob-

ably paying attention to the circumstances of events in Jerusalem, the advice to get out of town did not automatically apply to people who did not live in Jerusalem.

Important to go quickly

The Son of God made it clear that there would be a time to move quickly.

- Don’t go from the housetop back into the house (verse 17).

- Don’t go from the field back into the house for clothes (verse 18).

Remember Lot’s wife

Luke 17:31-33—“In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife. Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.”

Additional reminders

Following were some additional reminders.

- Fleeing will be difficult for pregnant mothers and nursing mothers (verse 19).

- Fleeing will be difficult when dealing with cold weather or with the city gates in those days being closed on the Sabbath (verse 20).

- Circumstances will be horrible (verse 21).

- God will shorten the horrendous days because of the elect (verse 22).

- When people say Christ is somewhere, don’t believe it (verse 23).

- False christs and false prophets will be convincing (verse 24).

- The Son of God likes to tell things ahead of time (verse 25).

- When people say Christ is somewhere, don’t believe it (verse 26).

- The Son of God will return in a dramatic fashion (verse 27).

Ponder these words

Matthew 24:28—“For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”