

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 13, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:20

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 Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Revelation 3:7–13

Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Thank you—The family of Laura Moran thanks the congregation for hosting the memorial service last Saturday and for feeding the family and friends.
2. 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.

■ Nov. 20	Ben Mauldin III
■ Dec. 4	Terry Post
■ Dec. 18	Scott Hoefker
■ Jan. 8	Blake Silverstein
3. Wednesday-night Bible study on Nov. 17—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for Nov. 17.
4. 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) at 612 N. Tyler St. (Highway 155 North). Dave Havir has committed someone from our congregation (whether himself or someone he asks) to participate on the schedule.

5. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.
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| ■ Mickey Ashcraft | ■ Ruth Roe |
| ■ David and Becky Bonilla | ■ Sonny Rosenberger |
| ■ Timberly Dunnam | ■ Ronnie Shirley |
| ■ Elaine Holloway | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Annette Payne | ■ Donna Weese |
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Recognize the Great Reset" by Dave Havir.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Matthew 24:29–41" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 26 pages.

Prayer updates

Linda Avey, who is recovering from recent surgery, thanks you for your prayers.

On Friday (Nov. 5), **Gary Woodring** had heart symptoms and spent the night in an observation room in an ER. An EKG showed that he did not have a heart attack, but he failed the stress test—which apparently meant that there was some blockage. On Monday, the doctor put a stent in one of his bypass arteries, and he went home on Tuesday. On Thursday, Mr. Woodring had pain in his chest and went by ambulance (for the third time recently) to the hospital. He was admitted.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Brian Biggs** was hospitalized in an ICU and diagnosed with internal bleeding and kidney problems. Earlier this week, he moved from the ICU to a regular room. On Thursday, he was sent home. (The doctors considered sending him to a rehab facility or a nursing home, but the family influenced the doctors to release Mr. Biggs to his home.) The family appreciates your prayers.

In the Oct. 23 bulletin, we mentioned that **Marianne Doyle** (a recent widow in the Philadelphia area and good friend of **Laura Moran**) was diagnosed with cancer and scheduled for surgery. When the surgeon began the surgery, he decided to close up the incision without proceeding further. She began a regimen of chemotherapy.

New prayer requests

Sonny Rosenberger reports that his neck hurts and he is chilled even though the temperature in his house is set at 77 degrees.

Tony Coleman of Tulsa, Okla., has been diagnosed with a mass in his stomach.

Nina Able of Jefferson City, Mo., was hospitalized due to heart problems.

David Hope of Tulsa, Okla., had knee surgery.

Janice Gregory of Tulsa, Okla., is recovering from a recent fall.

Noel Rude of Scottsburg, Ore., suffered a stroke. Mr. Rude's wife, **Joan**, had died a month earlier.

Hugh Buchanan of Boonsboro, Md., died on Nov. 9. Please remember his wife, **Boni**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Eye on the World

- 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 on Oct. 20, 2021.
- An article by Morgan Phillips titled "John Kerry Tells the COP26 Climate Summit That the U.S. 'Won't Have Coal' by 2030 and the Power Sector Will Be 'Carbon-Free' by 2035" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Nov. 9, 2021.
- An article by John Binder titled "Democrat Scheme to Offshore American Jobs Rubber-Stamped by 32 Republicans [19 Senators in August and 13 House Members in November]" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 6, 2021.
- An article by Vasko Kohlmayer titled "Why Do They Want to Vaccinate Children?" was posted at americanthinker.com on Nov. 5, 2021.

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.

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| ■ 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 |
| ■ Oct. 20 | Matthew 24:15—Part 1 |
| ■ Oct. 27 | Matthew 24:15—Part 2 |
| ■ Nov. 3 | Matthew 24:16-28 |
| ■ Nov. 10 | Matthew 24:29-41 |

Thought for the week

Choose to make a difference instead of choosing indifference.—*Caroline Naoroji*

"Matthew 24:29-41"

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. 13, 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 make a few comments about Matthew 24:29-41.

Watching world events

In Matthew 24:29-30, the Son of God told His disciples that He would appear in heaven with power and great glory.

In Matthew 24:31, the Son of God said He would send angels to gather His elect from the four winds—from one end of heaven to the other.

In Matthew 24:32-33, the Son of God mentioned the importance of watching our surroundings.

How preterists view Matthew 24:34

According to merriam-webster.com, a preterist is: "One who holds that the prophecies in the Bible about the End Times have already been fulfilled."

Many preterists believe that Matthew 24:34 is proof that the Olivet Prophecy of Matthew 24 and 25 refers to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and not to future events.

What is their reason? In Matthew 24:34, the Son of God mentioned "this generation."

How atheists view Matthew 24:34

On the other hand, many atheists use Matthew 24:34 as an opportunity to mock religious people—and many religious people deserve to be mocked. Why?

Many religious people set specific dates about "this generation" and should be embarrassed when the imaginations of their heart (Jeremiah 23:16, 21) are abysmally wrong.

Presumptuous predictions are foolish

Religious people who presumptuously and foolishly set dates and who espouse crazy scenarios dishonor the Lord as well

as making fools of themselves.

Matthew 24:36—"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

People taken

Matthew 24:40-41—"Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left."

At this time, I want to show a difference between Matthew 24:17-18 and Matthew 24:40-41.

■ Matthew 24:17-18 discusses disciples making a choice to get out of town.

■ Matthew 24:40-41 discusses a choice made by the Son of God about disciples.

Three questions

■ When will this happen?

Disciples don't know (Matthew 24:36).

■ Where will the people go?

The answer to that question depends on when it happens. At some point, disciples will go to the sea of glass (Revelation 15:2). Disciples should avoid being dogmatic about where these people go.

■ Who will go?

Disciples should avoid being dogmatic about which individuals will be taken.

The Lord knows who are His

2 Timothy 2:19—"Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and, 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.'"

Are good people left behind?

Revelation 20:4—"And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."