

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 26, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:14

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Jerry Thompson

Presentation study—2:00 Wynn Skelton
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Matthew 5:13–20

Sermon Wynn Skelton

Quick takes

1. Pastor's schedule today—Today Dave Havir is officiating at a funeral for 3-month-old Azyana Raine Smith, who died on Tuesday. Azyana's parents (Tolton Smith and Makayla Burkett) asked Mr. Havir if he would officiate at the funeral. Azyana's grandmother (Lisa Smith) was pleased that the kids requested Mr. Havir.

Date	Feb. 26, 2022
Where	McWhorter Funeral Home in Gilmer
Visitation	1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Funeral	2:00 p.m.

2. Hope Lindholm's support for Lisa Smith—On Sunday, Tim Lindholm of Becker, Minn., died and the memorial service is scheduled for today (Feb. 26) in Minnesota. Years ago, Mr. Lindholm asked Mr. Havir to officiate at his memorial service. Mr. Havir's reply was: "We will have to wait to see who passes first." Mr. Havir did have the opportunity to visit with Mr. Lindholm and the family in Minnesota on Feb. 11–12 and was prepared to return to Minnesota for the event today. When Azyana Smith died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Mr. Havir was needed here in Texas. Mrs. Lindholm reassured Mr. Havir that she understood his needing to be in Texas this weekend. Following are excerpts of her message to him: "You are not letting us down. You brought good things to us when you visited and that is helping us now. You are a very dear friend and I totally understand who needs you more."

3. Thank you—The Big Sandy Museum thanks our congregation for preparing the program for its musical program in our building on Saturday, Feb. 26. Three individuals (Bernice Burson, Dixon Cartwright and Linda Cartwright) prepared the program.
4. Thank you—Thank you to Ron Avey, Linda Avey and Andrew McIver for helping at the rehearsal in our building last Thursday night for the upcoming music program by the Big Sandy Museum in our building tonight.
5. Musical program in our building tonight—The Big Sandy Museum has scheduled a music program in our building tonight. You might recall that the association had previously scheduled annual programs in our building for many years. (Dave Havir was surprised to hear that it had been five years since the last program.)
6. Invitation to our widows—If any of the widows in our congregation want to attend the community music program in our building tonight, our congregation will pay for your admission. Please let us know.
7. Wednesday-night Bible study on March 2—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for March 2.
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Why Has Putin Invaded Ukraine?" by Danyal Hussain. (The article is 21 pages long—with the final eight pages being a full version of "Putin's Declaration of War on Ukraine.")
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "Visions and Dreams in the New Testament" by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 19 pages. (This edition has 10 articles and zero headlines.)
11. Church ad in the Big Sandy Museum's concert printed program—The advertisement below appears in the printed program for tonight's concert.

**The Church of God Big Sandy
sends best wishes to the
Big Sandy Museum.
Remembering the past and . . .**

**LOOKING
To The Future**

Prayer updates

Some good things happened for **Timberly Dunnam** this week. On Monday, she went to her primary-care doctor, and that office was helpful in getting her an appointment with an orthopedic doctor on Wednesday at Longview Orthopedics. (You might recall that the family has had a difficult time getting an appointment with the personnel there.) The doctor confirmed the erosion of two back disks, but he was slow to give cortisone shots—because he is hesitant to give those shots to a young person. He is also wanting to see if the previously prescribed medicine was working. On another matter, Timberly has an ear infection and a rupture in her ear. She was referred to an ear, nose and throat doctor. The family appreciates your prayers.

On Friday, **Brenda Hogg** had a follow-up visit with her pulmonologist. The doctor was pleased with the sound of her lungs and oxygen levels. She reported: “Even my doctor told me that God must have a plan for me because my prognosis could have been very different.”

New prayer requests

On Thursday, **Ken Burgin** suffered a heart attack in South Texas. Ken and **Sharon** have been at a marina in Kemah, near Galveston, preparing to begin navigating the Great Loop (a year-long, nearly 6,000-mile journey through the eastern United States and Canada’s interconnected water passages—a continuous waterway that includes part of the Atlantic, Gulf Intercoastal Waterways, the Great Lakes, Canadian Heritage Canals and the inland rivers of America’s heartland). Ken was on top of the boat and collapsed to the deck unconscious. Sharon did CPR until the EMS got there. Ken is in a coma in ICU. The doctors planned to cool him down for 24 hours and then to warm him up for 24 hours. Doctors expect to know on Saturday night if there is any brain activity. **Morris Foster** drove **Candace** (the Burgins’ daughter) down to the hospital. Sharon and Candace spent Thursday night in the ICU room. **Morris** and **David** (the Burgins’ son) were expected to sit with Ken on Friday.

Brian Smeltzer (a 17-year-old Big Sandy High School student) died in a one-car accident on Feb. 17. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Tim Lindholm of Becker, Minn., died on Feb. 20. Please remember his wife, **Hope**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Azyana Raine Smith (3-month-old daughter of **Tolton Smith** and **Makayla Burkett**) was found deceased in her crib on Feb. 22. An autopsy was performed, but the official results often take months to be reported back to the family. It is expected to reveal the cause of death to be SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome). Please remember the family (including grandmother **Lisa Smith**) in your prayers.

Thought for the week

I’m a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time.

“Visions and Dreams in the New Testament”

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 Feb. 26, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation about visions and dreams in the New Testament. I wanted to share some of the scriptures in this short article.

Examples of dreams

Here are some examples of dreams in the New Testament.

- Matthew 1:20—An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

- Matthew 2:12—The wise men were warned in a dream to avoid Herod.

- Matthew 2:13—An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream to flee to Egypt.

- Matthew 2:19-20—An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream to return to Israel.

- Matthew 2:22—Joseph was warned in a dream to go into the region of Galilee.

Examples of visions

Here are some examples of visions in the New Testament.

- Matthew 17:1-9—Peter, James and John

- Luke 1:18-22—Zacharias

- Acts 9:3-9—Saul

- Acts 9:10-16—Ananias

- Acts 10:3-20—Cornelius and Peter

- Acts 12:7-11—Peter

- Acts 16:9-10—Paul

- Acts 18:9-10—Paul

Visions and revelations

The Greek noun for revelation is *apokalypsis* (*Strong’s* No. 602). The Greek verb *apokalypso* (*Strong’s* No. 601) means “to reveal or to disclose something.” Those words are often used in a generic sense about revealing.

- 2 Timothy 1:2—when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven.

- 2 Timothy 2:3—when the man of sin is revealed.

- 1 Peter 1:5—salvation to be revealed in the last times.

- 1 Peter 4:13—when His glory is revealed.

However, there are times when the revealing involves visions and dreams.

- **2 Corinthians 12:1**—“It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.”

- **2 Corinthians 12:7**—“And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.”

- **Revelation 1:1**—“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.”

- **Revelation 1:10**—“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet.”

- **Revelation 1:12**—“Then I turned to see the voice that spoke to me.”

- **Revelation 4:1-2**—“After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, ‘Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.’ Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.”

Consider Acts 2:16-21

In a future Bible study, I want to discuss Acts 2:16-21.

Consider the following questions.

- What details of Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:16-21 were fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost?

- What details of Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:16-21 were fulfilled in the New Testament?

- What is the primary time frame of Acts 2:16-21 in describing prophesying, visions and dreams?