

# Church of God Big Sandy

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**Sept. 24, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:13**

## Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m.

Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00

Ken Tate

(Also transmitted live)

## Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader

Neil McIver

Pianist

Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading

Malachi 2:1-17

Sermon

Ken Tate

## Quick takes

1. Welcome to our traveling speaker—We are pleased to welcome Ken Tate as our speaker today.
2. Feast DVD last Thursday evening—On Thursday evening, the congregation prepared a Feast DVD for two audiences—(1) to be played on the first day of the Feast at the satellite Feast site in Prescott, Ariz., and (2) to be played on the first day for those keeping the Feast at home without access to Internet sermons. Dave Havir thanks Michael Bald (sound booth), Dixon Cartwright (two piano solos) and Amy Case (two vocal solos) for their service on Thursday evening.
3. Feast DVDs—Each year, our congregation sends out Feast DVDs to a regular list of individuals who cannot attend a Feast site (and generally don't have access to Internet sermons). If anyone reading this bulletin needs to be added to that particular mailing list, please let us know—immediately.
4. Congratulations to the Harroff family—Last Saturday evening, Morgan Harroff (daughter of Garland and Leslie Harroff) and Jacob Allen (son of Jon and Rebecca Allen) were married at a venue between Big Sandy and Gladewater. The groom's grandfather (John Warren) had the honor of performing the ceremony.

5. Feast of Trumpets—The congregation will be observing the Feast of Trumpets on Monday, Sept. 26. Following is the schedule. (Notice the slight adjustment.)

- 1:00 Interactive study—Dave Havir
- 1:30 Memorial video of Chuck Calahan
- 2:00 Presentation study—Dave Havir
- 3:00 Church sermon—Reg Killingley
- 4:15 Congregational food

6. Addition to Trumpets schedule—As you may have noticed in the previous announcement, we are going to have a shortened Interactive study on Monday so that we can play a "memorial video" that was prepared and played at the funeral of Chuck Calahan in Pennsylvania.

7. Wednesday-night Bible study on Sept. 28—Dave Havir is scheduled to give the next study on Wednesday night.

8. Day of Atonement—The congregation will be observing the Day of Atonement on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Following is the schedule.

- 1:00 Interactive study—TBA
- 2:00 Presentation study—Dave Havir
- 3:00 Church sermon—Jim Bald

9. Feast coordinators—Here are the coordinators for our four Feast sites.

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| • Big Sandy    | Ron and Linda Avey      |
| • Destin       | Neil and Martha McIver  |
| • Myrtle Beach | Lyle and Kathy Kerby    |
| • Prescott     | Dennis and Karen Benson |

10. 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       |

11. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Socialism, the Creed of Ignorance" by Allen West.

12. Among Friends—This week's article is "Hebrews 11:33-40" by Dave Havir.

13. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 44 pages. (This edition has one article and 338 headlines.)

### Prayer updates

Please remember **Timberly Dunnam**, who has been dealing with several health issues for many months.

**Jean Benedict** was able to leave the hospital last Saturday and went to temporarily stay with son **Daniel** and his wife, **Shamel**.

As **Ron** and **Linda Avey** put the covid behind them, they can continue to focus upon dealing with her damaged shoulder.

As **Dave** and **Theresa McLearn** put the covid behind them, he can continue to improve following the episode that occurred on Sept. 2—when he hurt his head, knee and ankle.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Dorothy Jones** (mother of **Shirley Spearman**) was dealing with atrial fibrillation (an irregular and rapid heart rhythm). Although she reports that she had some relief, she is still dealing with ongoing exhaustion.

### New prayer requests

**Maggie Blood** of Big Sandy is dealing with a number of issues. She is still dealing with the results of a fall that she had last September—when she hurt her hip and had some nerve damage in her leg. She has recently been dealing with high blood pressure. And she just got over covid. She specifically requested that our congregation would pray for her. Of course, we are happy to do so

**Gary Giles** of Big Sandy went to the hospital to deal with infection and weakness. This is in addition to his daily need for dialysis.

**Monica DeCuir** of Big Sandy has been dealing with excruciating back pain for several weeks.

**B.J. Fenwick** of East Texas (47-year-old grandson of the **Feakers**) died on Sept. 19. Please remember his wife, **Cindy**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Feast of Tabernacles speaking schedules

### Big Sandy

Monday—10/10	Wynn Skelton
Tuesday—10/11	Wynn Skelton
Wednesday—10/12	Gordon McCarty
Thursday—10/13	Bert Moers
Friday—10/14	Ron Avey
Saturday—10/15	Max Davis
Sunday—10/16	Mark Weiss
Monday—10/17	Vance Stinson

### Destin

Monday—10/10	Dave Havir
Tuesday—10/11	Dave Havir
Wednesday—10/12	Danny Miller and Neal Parker
Thursday—10/13	Ben Franklin and Steven Gibson
Friday—10/14	Daniel Hammons and Ken Tate
Saturday—10/15	Neal Parker
Sunday—10/16	Neil McIver and Steven Gibson
Monday—10/17	Ken Tate

### Myrtle Beach

Monday—10/10	Lyle Kerby and John Havir
Tuesday—10/11	Chris Kerby and Jim Johns
Wednesday—10/12	Arnold Stamey and Lenny Cacchio
Thursday—10/13	Steve Andrews
Friday—10/14	Jordan Wayne and John Havir
Saturday—10/15	Brian Kelso and Dave Havir
Sunday—10/16	Ryan Andrews and Jim Johns
Monday—10/17	Dave Havir and Lenny Cacchio

### Prescott

The order is not finalized	Dennis Benson
1 DVD by Dave Havir	Pat Gordon
2 DVDs by Ken Tate	Bob Schimmel
	Drury Sylvester

### Article in "Eye on the World"

An article by Staff titled "How Many Monarchies Exist in the World? Know All About Them Here" was posted at news9live.com on Sept. 14, 2022.

### **Thought for the week**

"If the covid pandemic is truly over (as Joe Biden boldly said), why has the government not surrendered its 'emergency powers' yet?"—*Many observant citizens*

### **Thought with a twist**

"Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and beer gut—and still think they are appealing."



## **Hebrews 11:33-40**

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of Sept. 24, 2022.

### **By Dave Havar**

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I finished my series about Hebrews 11. This installment was a presentation titled "Hebrews 11:33-40." I want to share some of my comments in this article.

### **Good report**

Let me remind you that Hebrews 11 is about mentioning people who received a good report (Hebrews 11:2).

In verses 3-31, the author made brief positive comments about 10 individuals—Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Rahab.

In verse 32, the author mentioned the names (without any comments) about six individuals—Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David and Samuel.

The rest of this chapter is referring to them and to all the individuals who followed God.

I want to describe the rest of this chapter in three overall concepts.

- Miraculous deliverance
- Enduring trials
- Receiving the ultimate promise together

### **Miraculous deliverance**

Notice the positive behavior listed in verses 33-35.

*Hebrews 11:33-35*—"Who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again . . ."

### **Endured trials**

On the other hand, notice some of the trials that the people of God had to endure. Before we read the whole list of trials, let's focus on the last part of Hebrews 11:35.

*Hebrews 11:35*—" . . . Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection."

What was that better resurrection?

*Revelation 20:4, 6*—"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 . . . Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

Let's return to the list of trials.

*Hebrews 11:36-38*—"Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two,

were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.”

### **Ultimate promise together**

It is interesting to note that the last two verses in this chapter contradict the narrative of many of my Christian friends—who believe that they will receive their eternal reward immediately after their death.

I do not find it necessary or productive to argue with these friends. We both love God and look forward to spending eternity with Him.

But I happen to believe in a resurrection—when saints will come out of their graves together.

- Acts 2:29—Luke wrote that King David was still in his tomb.
- Acts 2:34—Luke wrote that David did not ascend into the heavens.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17—Paul wrote that the dead in Christ will arise when the Son of God returns.
- Revelation 20:6—John wrote about a first resurrection, when saints will reign with the Son of God for 1,000 years.

*Hebrews 11:39-40*—“And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.”