

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 26, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:51

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dixon Cartwright

Presentation study—2:00 Neil Mclver
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil Mclver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Revelation 2:18–29

Sermon Morris Foster

Quick takes

1. Welcome to traveling speaker—The congregation welcomes Morris Foster and thanks him for speaking today.
2. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon and Bible study in the Birmingham, Ala., area. (Since Mr. Havir in recent years helped his wife care for her parents in their home, he offered to help Neal Parker, who is presently caring for his mother—by Mr. Havir speaking in the congregation that Mr. Parker pastors.)
3. Thank you—Becky Bonilla thanks the congregation for hosting a memorial service for her husband, David, and for providing food for the visiting family.
4. Wednesday-night Bible study this week—Aug. 30
5. Feast Housing in Destin—The sleeping rooms reserved at the Pelican Beach Resort in Destin, Fla., for the Feast of Tabernacles have reached our allotment. If people need a room, please contact Linda Cartwright. She can see if something comes available.

6. Pastor's Feast travel schedule—Here is the travel schedule that Dave Havir plans to have for the 2023 Feast of Tabernacles.
 - Destin, Fla.—First three days (9/30, 10/1 and 10/2)
 - Orange Beach, Ala.—Day 4 (10/3)
 - Big Sandy—Last four days (10/4, 10/5, 10/6 and 10/7)
 - On the evening of 10/7—Mr. Havir conducts wedding in East Texas.
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Apparently, It Is Easy to Panic Americans" by Dennis Prager.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "God's Correction by the Word of God" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—The version of this week's "Eye on the World" that is distributed in the hall is 18 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different layout program.) This edition has 130 headlines and four articles.

Prayer updates

Because of the travel schedule of **Dave Havir** this week, this bulletin was completed early and does not have the latest health information about members in our congregation.

New prayer requests

Jan Gordon of Ludington, Mich. (mother of **Kim Snyder**), suffered a "micro-stroke" and was scheduled for an MRI.

Sue Smith of Ohio fell early in the week and hurt her head. When she went to a hospital, a mass was found on her spine.

On Thursday, **Steve Thompson** of Northern California was scheduled for surgery due to 75 percent clogged arteries and a failing pacemaker.

Larry Tucker of Richmond, Ky., died on Aug. 13. Please remember his wife, **Connie**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Pierce Harper of Austin (16-year-old great-nephew of **Dixon Cartwright**) died on Aug. 24 of injuries sustained when he was hit by a car. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Feast speaking schedule in Big Sandy

We anticipate posting the Feast speaking schedule for the Big Sandy Feast site in next week's bulletin.

Feast speaking schedule in Destin

Saturday, Sept. 30	Ken Tate and Bill Crow
Sunday, Oct. 1	Dave Havir and "Music Fest"
Monday, Oct. 2	Dave Havir and Neal Parker
Tuesday, Oct. 3	John Havir and "Music Fest"
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Chad Tate and Stan West
Thursday, Oct. 5	Ben Franklin and Bill Crow
Friday, Oct. 6	Daniel Hammons and Neil McIver
Saturday, Oct. 7	"Music Fest" and Ken Tate

"Music Fests" in Destin

At the Feast of Tabernacles in Destin, we have scheduled "Music Fests" (30 minutes each) during three worship services. Some of the musicians participating are:

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| ■ Amy Case | ■ Ross Justum |
| ■ Bill Crow | ■ Rick Peterson family |
| ■ Clay Forrestier family | ■ Ken Tate |
| ■ Roxanne Healey | |

Thought for the week

"Winners are not those who never fail but those who never quit."—*Edwin Louis Cole*

Thoughts with twists

"The secret to enjoying your job is to have a hobby that's even worse."—*Calvin's father*

"They say winning isn't everything, and I've decided to take their word for it."—*Calvin*

"When you think how well basic appliances work, it's hard to believe anyone ever gets on an airplane."—*Calvin*

"Never argue with a 6-year-old who shaves."—*Calvin*

"Getting an inch of snow is like winning 10 cents in the lottery."—*Calvin*

"I wonder what people knew before there were magazine quizzes."—*Hobbes*

"Our class voted Calvin the 'most likely to be seen on the news someday.' "—*Susie*

“God’s Correction by the Word of God”

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 Aug. 26, 2023.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with my series about God’s correction. This particular study was titled “God’s Correction by the Word of God.”

Following are some of the scriptures from that Bible study.

Powerful Word of God

Notice how Hebrews 4:12 describes the Word of God.

- Sharper than any two-edged sword
- Piercing even to the division of soul and spirit
- Piercing even to the joints and marrow
- A discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart

Notice how Hebrews 4:13 describes how discerning the Father is.

- There is no creature hidden from His sight.
- All things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Written Word of God

■ 2 Timothy 3:16—Scripture is profitable to doctrine (teaching), reproof (sometimes called rebuke), correction and instruction (sometimes called discipline for the purpose of better behavior).

■ Deuteronomy 17:18-19—Old Testament kings were instructed to write a copy of the law of God and to continuously read it.

■ Acts 17:11—The disciples in Berea had a reputation of searching the Bible to confirm what they were hearing being taught.

Spoken Word of God

■ Jeremiah 23:1-4—The Lord was not happy with many alleged shepherds who would not feed the flock.

■ Jeremiah 23:16—Many alleged prophets gave worthless messages—because their words were visions of their own heart instead of being from the mouth of the Lord.

■ Jeremiah 23:21—The Lord said that He did not send those prophets and did not speak to those prophets—but those facts did not stop those prophets from claiming to speak for Him.

■ Romans 10:14-17—Hearing the Word of God is a blessing.

■ 2 Timothy 2:14—Paul reminded Timothy to avoid striving about words—because it is not profitable.

■ 2 Timothy 2:15—Paul encouraged Timothy to diligently study the word of truth.

■ 2 Timothy 2:16—Paul encouraged Timothy to avoid profane and idle babblings.

Oral temptations

Children of God can learn from the example of the Son of God resisting the three temptations from the devil.

In the first temptation (Matthew 4:3), the devil sought to manipulate the Son of God with an oral challenge.

■ The devil said: “If” you be the Son of God . . .

■ It was a deceptive challenge—could He really change stones into bread?

In the second temptation (Matthew 4:6), the devil sought to manipulate the Son of God with an oral challenge.

■ The devil said: “If” you be the Son of God . . .

■ It was a deceptive challenge—would angels really catch Him and protect Him?

In the third temptation (Matthew 4:8-9), the devil sought to defeat the Son of God with a visual temptation and an oral temptation.

■ It was a deceptive challenge—was He willing to end the suffering immediately (and miss the moment of dying on the cross)?

Rejected the oral temptations

■ Matthew 4:4—Man shall live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

■ Matthew 4:7—Man shall not tempt the Lord.

■ Matthew 4:10—Man shall worship and serve only the Lord.