

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Welcome to our guests

Members of the Church of God Big Sandy welcome all guests as we worship on the Feast of Trumpets today. We thank George Crow for serving as a guest speaker today. Here is the schedule.

- 1:00 Interactive study—Dave Havir
- 2:00 Bible study—George Crow
- 3:00 Church service

Order of service

Song leader	Reg Killingley
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Offertory	Piano solo
Scripture reading	Revelation 3:1–6
Sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Interactive topic today—Dave Havir is scheduled to moderate an interactive discussion at 1:00. His topic is the prophecy style of preaching calamity and restoration.
2. Day of Atonement—The congregation will observe the Day of Atonement on Monday, Sept. 28. Following is the schedule.
 - 1:00—Interactive Bible study
 - 2:00—Bible study—by Dave Havir
 - 3:00—Church service—sermon by Stan West
3. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are maturely and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
4. Prayers for the victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.

5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Martin Luther King, Colorblind Radical" by Coleman Hughes.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Calamity and Restoration in the New Testament" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 40 pages.

Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who live at home but are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran, Annette Payne, Ronnie Shirley** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

Please remember to pray for the following people who are rehabbing at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater—**Ron Feaker** and **Elaine Holloway**.

Eli Benedict continues to deal the rash on his legs and the pain around his feet and ankles. **Jean Benedict** continues to deal with an infection in her leg. The stinging and burning continue to make her uncomfortable.

Laura Moran reports that she had a good week.

Please remember **Linda Foster**, who is dealing with "end-stage dementia."

Please remember **Jerry Jones** of Ojai, Calif., who was diagnosed with lymphoma.

Please remember **Tim Lindholm** of Minneapolis, who was scheduled to begin chemo treatments last Monday with the intent of shrinking the cancer blocking the stents. He has been dealing with "some discomfort" and low energy.

New prayer requests

On Monday, **Annette Payne** was diagnosed with a nodule in her right lung. She is anticipating a follow-up examination.

Donna Searer (mother of **Mark Searer**) died on Sept. 18. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Fiction is stranger than truth

Following is a fictional conversation in the production of *Fiddler on the Roof*—Question to the rabbi: "Is there a proper blessing for the czar?" Response from the rabbi: "A blessing for the czar? Of course. May God bless and keep the czar [pause] far away from us."

Thought for the week

Remember the birth of the Son of God during the fall feast days.—*Dave Havir*

Scriptures for the season

Revelation 11:15-18—Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

1 Corinthians 15:50-55—Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17—For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Matthew 13:44-46—Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 25:1-13—Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: “Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!” Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise answered, saying, “No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.” And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, “Lord, Lord, open to us!” But he answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.” Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Calamity and Restoration in the New Testament

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. 19, 2020.

By **Dave Havir**

BIG SANDY, Texas—In last week’s article, we discussed the connected prophecy themes of calamity and restoration as found in the Old Testament—specifically in the book of Joel. This week, we will recognize the same prophecy themes foretold in the New Testament.

First comes the bad news. Then comes the promise of the good news.

Warnings about calamity

Matthew 24:2—The stones of the temple were to be thrown down.

Matthew 24:4-5—People were going to be deceived.

Matthew 24:6-7—There were to be wars and rumors of wars.

Matthew 24:7—There were to be famines, pestilences and earthquakes.

Matthew 24:8—All these occurrences were only the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:9—Disciples were going to be delivered to people (whether to government officials or to mobs) and killed. This action was a behavior of hatred.

Matthew 24:10—Disciples were going to betray one another.

Matthew 24:11—False prophets were going to deceive many.

Matthew 24:12—Because lawlessness was going to abound, the love of many disciples was going to wax cold.

Matthew 24:15-16—The abomination of desolation was going to affect the disciples in Jerusalem.

Matthew 24:21—There was going to be tribulation as has not been seen since the beginning of the world.

Matthew 24:29—The sun and moon were going to be darkened, stars were going to fall from heaven and the powers of heaven were going to be shaken.

Foretold of restoration

Matthew 24:30-31—“Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,

and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

Matthew 25:31-34—“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”

Acts 1:10-11—“And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.’”

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1 Thessalonians 4:15-18—“For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”