

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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June 26, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:30

### Bible studies

**Interactive study—1:00 p.m.** . . . . . Kemmer Pfund

**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** . . . . . Psalm 119:113–128

**Sermon** . . . . . Wynn Skelton

### Quick takes

1. Welcome to our guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Wynn Skelton. Mr. Skelton is scheduled to give the 2:00 presentation Bible study and the sermon during the 3:00 church service.
2. Pastor's schedule—Today, Dave Havar is giving a sermon in Little Rock.
3. Subject of 1:00 interactive study—For those who are reading this bulletin Friday night on our website, the subject of the interactive study is "Babylon."
4. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce that a few guest speakers will be visiting us in the coming weeks.
  - Today                      Wynn Skelton
  - July 10                     Morris Foster
5. Wednesday-night Bible study on June 30 at 7:00—People are encouraged to attend in the building or via a live transmission.
6. Feast of Tabernacles housing—Destin and Myrtle Beach have community activities during our time at the Feast of Tabernacles. Please book your Feast housing for the Feast sites in Destin and Myrtle Beach.
  - Destin                      Pelican Beach Resort
  - Myrtle Beach             Avista Resort

7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "80 Years Ago, Hitler Picked a Fight That Cost Him World War II" by Benjamin Brimelow.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "Prayer—God Told Moses and David 'No'" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 36 pages.
10. This bulletin was completed on Wednesday.

## 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, David Bonilla, 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**.

The family of **Laura Moran** (who suffered a stroke on May 27) is exploring the best option of giving her continuing care. Members of her family appreciate your prayers for Mrs. Moran and for them.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Ronnie Shirley** had a PET scan on Tuesday, June 15 and was scheduled for a follow-up doctor appointment on Thursday, June 24.

## New prayer requests

**Richard Sharp** has been diagnosed with gout in his legs and arms.

**Hugh Buchanan** of Boonsboro, Md., has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma (a serious blood cancer).

**Mary Brdar** of Windsor, Ont., Canada, had surgery to remove a large mass on her left kidney.

**Karen Bullerwell** of North Battleford, Sask., Canada had a biopsy on a growth inside her mouth.

**Lisa Mashohn** of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Peter Rowe** of Madras, Ore., has seen a cardiologist after dealing with shortness of breath and exhaustion.

**Jackqueline Liversedge** of San Jose, Calif., has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Walt Deptula** of Nacogdoches has a slow-healing wound on his heel. A cardiologist performed a balloon angioplasty on both of his leg arteries and increased the blood flow to help in the healing.

**Cledice Decker** of Pasadena, Calif., died on June 9. (Following a recent surgery to address a nearly blocked carotid artery, she suffered a massive stroke.) Please remember the family in your prayers.

## 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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| ■ April 28 | Obey God—to Be Blessed Now                 |
| ■ May 5    | Obey God—to Be Blessed at the Resurrection |
| ■ May 12   | Obey God—to Willingly Honor God Now        |
| ■ May 19   | Seeking God's Will                         |
| ■ May 26   | Accepting God's Will                       |
| ■ June 2   | God Sometimes Says "No"                    |
| ■ June 9   | God Often Says "Yes"                       |
| ■ June 16  | The Angel of Revelation 14:6-7             |
| ■ June 23  | The Angel of Revelation 14:8               |

## Scriptures to consider

**Revelation 14:8**—"And another angel followed, saying, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' "

**Revelation 17:1-2**—"Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, 'Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.' "

**Revelation 17:3-5**—"So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

**Revelation 18:4-5**—"And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.' "

**Revelation 18:11**—"And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore."

**Revelation 18:15**—"The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing."

**Revelation 18:23**—"For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived."

## “Prayer—God Told Moses and David ‘No’ ”

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 June 26, 2021.

**By Dave Havir**

**O**n June 12, I started a seven-part series about prayer. Today, is part three.

- Part 1—Talking to a Perfect Father
- Part 2—Faith and God’s Will
- Part 3—God Told Moses and David “No”

### View God as a perfect Father

In the first two articles in this series, I recommended that we should view God as a perfect Father who sometimes says “no” to us. In last week’s article, I mentioned the following three statements.

- The child does not have jurisdiction over the heavenly Father.
- The child does not command the heavenly Father.
- The child does not have better judgment than the heavenly Father.

Let’s look at two situations where God said “no” to two famous people in the Bible.

### God told Moses “no”

Moses asked God for permission to go see the promised land.

*Deuteronomy 3:23-25*—“Then I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying: ‘O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds? I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.’”

God said “no”—telling him the reason for His answer.

*Deuteronomy 3:26-27*—“But the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the LORD said to me: ‘Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter. Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift your eyes toward the west, the north, the south, and the east; behold it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan.’”

The incident to which God referred is

found in Numbers 20:7-13. Notice a few of the scriptures.

*Numbers 20:8*—“Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield water.”

*Numbers 20:11*—“Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with the rod.”

*Numbers 20:12*—“Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.’”

### God told David “no”

David asked God for his sick child to live. *2 Samuel 12:16*—“David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground.”

Let’s rehearse some background.

*2 Samuel 11:4*—“Then David sent messengers and took her [Bathsheba]; and she came to him, and he lay with her.”

*2 Samuel 11:15*—“And he wrote in the letter, saying, ‘Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.’”

*2 Samuel 12:13-15*—“The LORD has also put away your [David’s] sin; you shall not die . . . The child also who is born to you shall surely die . . . And the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David and it became ill.”

*2 Samuel 12:19*—“Therefore David said to his servants, ‘Is the child dead?’ And they said, ‘He is dead.’”

### Sometimes consequences for actions

■ Our sins separate us from God (Isaiah 59:2).

■ God’s forgiveness removes the spiritual consequence for sin—by restoring our relationship with God.

■ Although God removes the spiritual consequence for sin, He sometimes allows a physical consequence for our edification.

■ Sometimes, our heavenly Father says “no”—because He loves us.