

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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July 24, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:22

### Bible studies

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

**Presentation study—2:00** . . . . . Bill Crow  
(Also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

**Song leader** . . . . . Neil McIver

**Pianist** . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

**Scripture reading** . . . . . Deuteronomy 28:1–14

**Sermon** . . . . . Bill Crow

### Quick takes

1. Pastor's schedule—Today, Dave Havar is conducting a 90-minute interactive Bible study at a congregation in Tyler.
2. Welcome to guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Bill Crow. Mr. Crow is scheduled to give the 2:00 presentation study and the sermon during the 3:00 church service.
3. Upcoming guest speakers—We are pleased to announce that a few guest speakers will be visiting us in the coming weeks.
  - Today                      Bill Crow
  - Aug. 7                      George Crow
  - Aug. 21                     Ben Mauldin III
4. 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
  - North Myrtle Beach      Avista Resort

5. Feast coordinators—Here are the Feast coordinators for the three sites that are presently planned for this year.
  - Big Sandy            Ron and Linda Avey
  - Destin                Ken and Janice Tate
  - Myrtle Beach        Lyle and Kathy Kerby
6. Wednesday-night Bible study on July 28 at 7:00—People are encouraged to attend in the building or via a live transmission.
7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Five Goals for Living a Good Life” by Dennis Prager.
8. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Prayer—Trusting Father Knows Best” by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 36 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, 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**.

**Laura Moran** continues to make improvement. (You might remember that Mrs. Moran was scheduled to go to a facility in Mesquite due to the tracheotomy that she received shortly after her stroke. That move was postponed when she was diagnosed with sepsis. The family is hoping that the delay in transfer will give her the time needed for her to be moved to a facility in East Texas.) The family appreciates your prayers.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Barbara Lingle** of Longview (sister of **Elaine Townsend**) learned that the main artery in both her legs was 100 percent blocked. The doctor has scheduled to address the left leg on Aug. 2—by inserting a balloon to clear the artery with the hopes of not needing to insert a stent. The procedure has been moved up to July 29. She and her husband, **Joe**, appreciate your prayers.

Please remember **Herman Stevenson** (husband of **Dorothy Stevenson**), who is recovering from a stroke.

## New prayer requests

**Martha McIver** has been dealing with anemia and low hemoglobin. Yesterday, a doctor did two procedures to examine if there is any internal bleeding. She and **Neil** appreciate your prayers.

**Darla Vance** of Tulsa, Okla., is recovery from foot surgery. She learned that she is now dealing with an infection in the foot.

**Clinton Blue** of Texarkana went for tests this week to examine his heart.

It is reported that individuals (staff and campers) who attended a United Church of God camp in Missouri were diagnosed with covid. Please remember all those who were at the camp.

**Margaret Glendon McCarty** of Edmond, Okla., died on July 3. Please remember her family in your prayers.

On July 15, **Mark Jeffers** of Lexington, Ky. (friend of **Dave** and **Pam Havir**), died. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## Scriptures to consider

**Revelation 12:9**—“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

- Original casting out

**Genesis 1:1-2**—“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

**Revelation 12:4**—“His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.”

**Jude 6**—“And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.”

- Continual casting out (an ongoing conquest by God of good over evil)

**John 12:31**—“Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”

**Revelation 20:1-3**—“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.”

- Final casting out

**Matthew 25:41**—“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

**Revelation 20:10**—“The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

## “Prayer—Trusting Father Knows Best”

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 July 24, 2021.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—On June 12, I started a seven-part series about prayer. Today is part seven.

- Part 1—Talking to a Perfect Father
- Part 2—Faith and God’s Will
- Part 3—God Told Moses and David “No”
- Part 4—God Told Paul “No.”
- Part 5—God Often Says “Yes”
- Part 6—Examples of Persistence
- Part 7—Trusting Father Knows Best

### Importance of trust

It is no secret that trust is a foundational key in every relationship on earth. Does it surprise you that trust is vital in our relationship with our heavenly Father?

The apostle Paul said it well in his second letter in the Bible addressed to the Corinthians.

*2 Corinthians 1:9-10*—“Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us.”

At the conclusion of the article in this series titled “Faith and God’s Will,” I mentioned that I would talk about two sections of Scripture in an upcoming article. Today is that day to discuss those sections.

### Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego

*Daniel 2:49*—“Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.”

*Daniel 3:4-6*—“Then a herald cried aloud: ‘To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.’”

*Daniel 3:12*—“There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up.”

*Daniel 3:14*—“Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, ‘Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?’”

*Daniel 3:17-18*—“If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

### Son of God

*Matthew 26:36-38*—“Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, ‘Sit here while I go and pray over there.’ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, ‘My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.’”

*Matthew 26:39*—“He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.’”

*Matthew 26:42*—“Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.’”

*Matthew 26:44*—“So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.”

*Luke 22:43-44*—“Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”