

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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July 16, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:27

### Bible studies

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

**Presentation study—2:00** . . . . . Mark Weiss  
(Also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

**Song leader** . . . . . Ron Avey

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

**Scripture reading** . . . . . Ecclesiastes 5:1–20

**Sermon** . . . . . Morris Foster

### Quick takes

1. Traveling speakers—We are pleased to announce the following traveling speakers coming to our congregation. (Blake Silverstein was rescheduled from what was posted in last week's announcement.)

- Today            Mark Weiss and Morris Foster
- Aug. 13         Blake Silverstein
- Aug. 20         Wynn Skelton

2. Pastor's trip—Today, Dave Havar is giving two presentations in Fort Worth. (You might remember that the pastor's wife, Judy Knight, is dealing with cancer, and that is the reason Mr. Havar also went there to speak on June 25.)

3. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

- Mickey Ashcraft
- David and Becky Bonilla
- Timberly Dunnam
- Elaine Holloway
- Annette Payne
- Ruth Roe
- Sonny Rosenberger
- Ronnie Shirley
- Elaine Townsend
- Donna Weese

4. Satellite Feast site in Prescott, Ariz.—On July 3, Dave Havar asked Linda Cartwright to send a check to pay for a meeting room during the Feast of Tabernacles in Prescott, Ariz. It will be a satellite site—meaning that Mr. Havar is not guaranteeing a live speaker every day. Mr. Havar will assign some live speakers and will provide DVD presentations to supplement the speaking. Mr. Havar mentioned: “A wonderful singer (Mary Sylvester) is scheduled to be at the site—so we will incorporate her talent (and other musicians) into the worship time. The site is already serving a core of people, and it will be ready to accept people if they have trouble traveling in October.”
5. Feast coordinators—Here are the coordinators for our four Feast sites.
 

■ Big Sandy	Ron and Linda Avey
■ Destin	Neil and Martha McIver
■ North Myrtle Beach	Lyle and Kathy Kerby
■ Prescott	Dennis and Karen Benson
6. Wednesday-night Bible study on July 20—Dave Havar is scheduled to continue his series about Hebrews 11.
7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Are You a Scientist? So What?” by Dennis Prager.
8. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Hebrews 11:17–29” by Dave Havar.
9. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 38 pages. (This edition has four articles and 338 headlines.)

## Prayer updates

On Wednesday, **Timberly Dunnam** had a rough day with pain from the kidney stone.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Linda Avey** had an MRI and MRA scheduled for Tuesday. The tests were postponed because of a broken machine.

Last Saturday, the song leader asked for prayers for **Aimee Dusenbery** of Alaska (niece of **Bernice Burson**), who was having serious complications with a new kidney procedure. The family wrote: “Although Aimee is still in the hospital, she is out of ICU and improving. Thank you for your continued prayers.”

## New prayer requests

On Friday, **Jim Bald** had surgery to repair a hernia.

**Nolen Pitre** of Ville Platte, La. (stepfather of **Lisa Smith**), has weakness in his legs, and his arteries are clogging up again.

**Chip Akins** of Point (brother of **Sue Jones**) has been diagnosed with covid. He has a serious heart condition and has been experiencing a lot of pain.

**Martha Armstrong** of Rogers, N.M., was recently diagnosed with anemia, leukemia and a leaky heart valve. And now she fell off her porch and fractured her femur.

**Grace Arnold** of Terre Haute, Ind., has been diagnosed with the chronic inflammatory lung condition known as COPD and is scheduled for a CPAP machine to help elevate her oxygen levels at night.

On Wednesday, **Jack Hetzel**, the 100-year-old active pastor of the Methodist Church in Big Sandy, was in a car accident and was diagnosed with broken ribs and a cracked sternum. (**Dave Havir** finds it interesting that Mr. Hetzel pastors the local Methodist congregation, even though he identified himself to **Dixon Cartwright** as a member of the Pentecostal faith.)

## Synopsis of board meeting on July 10

- President Avey welcomed the board members (Reg Killingley and Neil McIver) who were reelected to the board.
- The board selected the same officers as last year.
- In the treasurer's report, board members reviewed the performance of our investments and the expenditures of the approved budget for the first half of the year.
- If a budget item is trending higher than expected and spending in that area seems appropriate, board members keep each other apprised of the situation and anticipate making a proper adjustment to the budget near the end of the year. Two examples of this scenario at this time are "maintenance and repairs" and "supplies" (due to current rising costs and to our desire to purchase before the costs increase even faster).
- In new business, secretary Carol O'Brien reminded the board about the annual update that the board gives to Austin Bank, and the board reviewed an estimate for painting inside the building. (The board unanimously passed a resolution to accept the painting estimate.)
- In the pastor's report, Dave Havir gave a review of the speaking schedule for the first half of 2022.

## Scriptures to consider

**Psalm 91:1-2**—"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

**Psalm 91:7**—"A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you."

## A thought with a twist

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

## Hebrews 11:17-29

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 July 16, 2022.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with my series about Hebrews 11. This installment was a presentation titled “Hebrews 11:17-29.” I want to share some of my comments in this article.

### Mentioned Abraham

Hebrews 11:17-19 discussed God testing Abraham by asking him to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice (Genesis 22:1-2).

■ Abraham had a relationship with God in the Old Covenant, where he could know that this request was legitimate.

■ I am concerned that this example could be dangerous to individuals in the present—especially those who are dealing with an unstable mind or erratic emotions. Many people who hear voices (which they attribute to God) are not in close contact with the Almighty.

■ Verse 19 showed that Abraham understood the sovereignty of God and the resurrection.

### Mentioned Isaac

Hebrews 11:20 discussed Isaac blessing Jacob and Esau (Genesis 27:1-40).

■ To be honest, I find this example to be a little disturbing.

■ The story of Isaac blessing Jacob and Esau is filled with drama and deception—including a wife who was undermining the intent of her husband and resorting to manipulation and trickery. Could her devious behavior be included in a historical record about faith?

■ Someone could ask—Was Rebekah helping the fulfillment of God’s prophecy about the two boys that God gave in Genesis 25:23?

**Genesis 25:23**—“And the LORD said to her: ‘Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger.’”

Was God using her manipulation and

trickery to fulfill His will?

■ Hebrews 11:20 is complimenting the action of Isaac.

■ By faith, Isaac displayed his behavior. While Isaac could be accused of being gullible, the intent of his heart was apparently proper.

### Mentioned Jacob

Hebrews 11:21 discussed Jacob blessing the sons of Joseph (Genesis 48:1-22).

■ Bible students believe that the idea of Jacob “leaning on the top of his staff” indicates his advanced age.

■ Jacob’s advanced age is also apparent in Genesis 48:8, when Jacob asked: Who are these boys?

### Mentioned Joseph

Hebrews 11:22 discussed Joseph giving instructions when he was dying (Genesis 50:24).

■ Joseph wanted his family to follow the instruction of God to go to the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

### Mentioned Moses

Hebrews 11:23-29 mentioned the phrase “by faith” involving five different incidents.

■ Verse 23—By faith, Moses’ parents resisted the king’s command and hid Moses.

■ Verses 24-26—By faith, Moses chose the path of being with the people of God rather than being immersed with the greater riches of Egypt and the accompanying lifestyle involving the pleasures of sin.

■ Verse 27—By faith, Moses focused upon the invisible God to deal with the wrath of the king.

■ Verse 28—By faith, Moses accepted God’s deliverance by obeying God’s instructions (in this case specifically about the Passover and the blood on the door).

■ Verse 29—Be faith, Moses accepted God’s deliverance by obeying God’s instructions (in this case specifically about the parting of the Red Sea).