

**Church of God Big Sandy**  
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**Aug. 20, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:58**

**Bible studies**

Interactive study—1:00 p.m.	Dixon Cartwright
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	Ecclesiastes 9:1-18
Sermon	Wynn Skelton

**Quick takes**

1. Pastor's trip—Today, Dave Havir is giving a sermon and a Bible study in Huntsville. (You might remember that pastor Albert Foy died on Dec. 25, 2021, Mr. Havir went to the funeral in January and went there to speak in April. He told the Huntsville members that he is not available to speak there as often as they desire.)

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

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

3. Coordinators—Here are the coordinators for our four Feast sites.

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| • Big Sandy          | Ron and Linda Avey      |
| • Destin             | Neil and Martha McIver  |
| • North Myrtle Beach | Lyle and Kathy Kerby    |
| • Prescott           | Dennis and Karen Benson |

4. Wednesday-night Bible study on Aug. 24—Wynn Skelton is scheduled to continue his series about 1 Peter.

5. Pastor's regular health checkup—Dave Havir (who is feeling just fine) is

traveling to Waco on Monday for a scheduled appointment with a new cardiologist. Mr. Havir's previous cardiologist retired just prior to his regularly scheduled appointment last December. This will be the first time that Mr. Havir will see this cardiologist (who is the nephew of the man who retired and has the same approach of his retired uncle). Mr. Havir may eventually choose a cardiologist who is closer to home, but he presently wants to have this appointment (and his annual echocardiogram) with the man in Waco. Thank you for your interest.

6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Inflation Reduction Act Is the Problem, Not the Solution" by Star Parker

7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Thank God for Spiritual Blessings" by Dave Havir.

8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 22 pages. (This edition has one article and 152 headlines.)

### Prayer updates

**Timberly Dunnam** had a rough week because of the vein-stone pain and exhaustion. But she reported that Friday was a good day.

On Tuesday, **Linda Avey** went for a chest X-ray. The doctor wanted to check to see if her lungs had been damaged from the fall that caused the cracked ribs. The good news was that the lungs were not damaged from any fall. However, the X-ray did confirm that Mrs. Avey had fluid on her lungs, and that was consistent with some breathing difficulty she was experiencing. She and **Ron** appreciate your prayers about the matter.

In the July 30 and Aug. 6 bulletins, we mentioned that **Dorothy Jones** (mother of **Shirley Spearman**) was dealing with a lack of energy. Mrs. Jones had privately discussed with **Dave Havir** that she wanted to check the possibility of cancer. She is happy to report that cancer has been ruled out. One condition she did discover was that her potassium was too low, but a stopover at an ER gave the doctors time to address that situation. She requests your continued prayers for her strength and energy.

In the Aug. 6 bulletin, we mentioned that **Teresa Freeman** of Penhook, Va., had been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is scheduled to visit with a surgeon on Tuesday to discuss the matter.

### New prayer requests

**David** and **Joyce Coleman** had been diagnosed with covid but are happy to be over it. Joyce gave the following update: "If my fever stays normal today, then we should both be past the contagious stage." They understand that a

lingering cough can last for a while.

On Thursday, **Dixon Cartwright** was treated for a probable spider bite on an ankle. He reported: "Not much pain, mostly itching." **Linda** reported: "The site of the bite looks pretty scary."

**Judy Knight** of Fort Worth died on Aug. 4. Please remember her pastor husband, **Chuck**, and the rest of the family in your prayers. (You might remember that **Dave Havir** helped Mr. Knight during his wife's illness by speaking there on June 25 and July 16.)

**Reggie Noland** of Tulsa, Okla., died on Aug. 7. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Jerry Baysinger** of Holt Summit, Mo., died on Aug. 7. Please remember his wife, **Jenny**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Leona Forste** of Texarkana died on Aug. 19. Please remember her family in your prayers.

### Thought for the week

"Congratulations to the politicians in the northern cities who have chosen to be identified as a 'sanctuary' city for migrants. Your decision to welcome migrants has been a help (however minuscule) to your fellow citizens on the southern border—who are dealing with the effects of the politicians who are negligent in their responsibility to our republic."—*Dave Havir*

### Thought with a twist

"I'd grow my own food if only I could find brownie seeds."



## “Thank God for Spiritual Blessings”

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's—website ([churchofgodbigandy.com](http://churchofgodbigandy.com)). It was posted for the weekend of Aug. 20, 2022.

**By Dave Havir**

BIG SANDY, Texas—One of the greatest sins in this life is the sin of ingratitude. Our loving Father wants His children to express thankfulness to Him and to each other.

There are many scriptures that mention the importance of giving thanks to God. One of the most famous stories is the account of Jesus cleansing the 10 lepers (found in Luke 17:11-19).

Do you remember the main lesson in the story?

A group of 10 lepers asked Jesus to have mercy upon them (verse 13). Jesus told them to go see the priest (verse 14)—to confirm that they were cleansed.

Only one of the 10 turned around to express appreciation (verses 15-17).

How about you? Would you have been the one person to thank God?

This week we will discuss the idea of thanking God for our spiritual blessings.

### **Points to ponder**

Here is a short list of some of the spiritual blessings in our lives.

- The knowledge of God's love for mankind—His love for you
- The knowledge of God the Father and His Son
- The knowledge of God sacrificing His Son
- Feeling God's love for you—experiencing God's love
- God's personal call to salvation
- The invitation to pray—to communicate
- The reality of answered prayer—when the answer is yes or no
- The knowledge of God's grace
- God's invitation to repentance
- God's faithfulness to forgive
- The knowledge of God's expectations
- The knowledge of God's law—a lamp unto our feet
- The meaning of water baptism

- The meaning of the laying on of hands
- Knowledge of God's promises, kingdom and gospel
- The words of the Bible—both Old and New Testaments
- The words of Jesus Christ
- The perfect example of Jesus Christ
- The imperfect example of believers—which reminds us about God's forgiveness
- The spiritual benefits of persecution
- Christ's strength being made perfect in our weakness
- Adversity—because of the opportunity to trust God
- False accusation—because of the opportunity to focus on your relationship with the Father and the Son

### **Remember God**

As we enjoy meditating about the many spiritual blessings in our lives, let's be sure that we continue to give our appreciation back to God.

**James 1:17**—“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”