

Church of God Big Sandy
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Aug. 27, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:50

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m.	Dave Havir
Presentation study—2:00	Dave Havir
	(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader	Reg Killingley
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading	Ecclesiastes 10:1-20
Sermon	Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Feast of Trumpets—The congregation will be observing the Feast of Trumpets on Monday, Sept. 26. Following is the schedule.

- 1:00 Interactive study—TBA
- 2:00 Presentation study—Dave Havir
- 3:00 Church sermon—Reg Killingley
- 4:15 Congregational food

2. Day of Atonement—The congregation will be observing the Day of Atonement on Monday, Oct. 5. Following is the schedule.

- 1:00 Interactive study—TBA
- 2:00 Presentation study—Dave Havir
- 3:00 Church sermon—Jim Bald

3. Traveling speakers—We are pleased to announce the following traveling speakers coming to our congregation.

- Sept. 17 Terry McAdams
- Sept. 24 Ken Tate

4. Historical speakers at our Feast sites—Because of the chaotic economy and the civil lawlessness, we understand that people have been deliberate in planning for the Feast of Tabernacles. Historical speakers at our Feast sites (who are just now deciding to attend one of our sites) are invited to contact Dave Havir to see if he can get you on the schedule this year.

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 Aug. 31—Wynn Skelton is scheduled to continue his series about 1 Peter.

7. 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

8. Pastor's regular health checkup—In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that Dave Havir (who is feeling just fine) traveled to Waco on Monday for a scheduled appointment with a new cardiologist. The results of the echocardiogram and the EKG were good and Mr. Havir's next appointment is scheduled in April 2023. Thank you for your interest.

9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Moral Difference Between Christian and Muslim Worlds" by Dennis Prager.

10. Among Friends—This week's article is "Discerning Between Good and Evil" by Dave Havir.

11. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 34 pages. (This edition has two article and 263 headlines.)

Prayer updates

Timberly Dunnam reported that her week had some ups and downs and that Friday was turning out to be a good day.

Please remember **Dorothy Jones** (mother of **Shirley Spearman**), who requests prayers for her strength and energy.

In last week's bulletin, we reported that **Dixon Cartwright** had a spider bite on his ankle. He reports the bite(which occurred a couple of weeks ago) seems to be healing okay.

New prayer requests

In recent bulletins, we have mentioned that **Linda Avey** needed prayers for cracked ribs from a fall and for having fluid on her lungs. During the very early morning on Tuesday, she had a new incident when she fell again (although the reasons for the recent falls were different). When Mrs. Avey had an X-ray on Tuesday, she was diagnosed with a torn muscle in her right shoulder. She and **Ron** appreciate your prayers.

On Thursday (August 18), the puppy of **Nancy Amburgey** bit her on the left arm. The dog has all the shots, but her arm still hurt. The arm became worse—with the infection spreading and the pain continuing. On Sunday, Mrs. Amburgey went to the ER in Quitman and was hooked up to an antibiotic IV. When she returned home later that day, she had an ice pack on the feverish arm. On Monday, her arm was still swollen, but it was feeling better. On Friday, she reported: "The arm is much less swollen, the red area of the arm is smaller and the arm doesn't hurt."

This week, **Ken Tate** was having difficulty eating. He went to the ER (the first time at an ER since he had a dislocated shoulder in college). He was diagnosed with a esophageal stricture (an abnormal tightening or narrowing of the esophagus). He was anticipating an esophageal dilation (to widen the esophagus), but medication that was administered before the procedure actually relaxed his esophagus enough for the food to pass to his stomach. The doctor still scoped his esophagus and may recommend dilation at a later time.

Louisa Torrance of Gladewater was recently placed on hospice care.

Tina Engelbart of Bella Vista, Ark., died on Aug. 17. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Johnnie Lee Foy of Huntsville died on Aug. 22. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Thought for the week

"Biden's student-loan announcement is a regressive, expensive mistake"—The Editorial Board of *The Washington Post*.

Thought with a twist

"War does not determine who is right, only who is left."



Discerning Good and Evil

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 Aug. 27, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—The purpose of this article to remind Bible students about scriptures involving the goal of discerning the difference between good and evil.

The keynote scripture is Hebrews 5:14.

Hebrews 5:14—"But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

At this time, I want to frame the discussion by asking three questions.

Is the person correct?

1 Thessalonians 5:21—"Test all things; hold fast what is good.

2 Timothy 2:15—"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Is the person uninformed?

Two other ways of asking the question are "Is the person merely ignorant?" and "Is the person merely misled?"

John 12:47-48—"And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

2 Thessalonians 2:9-11—"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie."

2 Timothy 2:16—“But shun profane *and* idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.”

2 Timothy 2:17—“And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort.”

2 Timothy 2:23—“But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.”

2 Timothy 3:6-7—“For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Is the person devious?

1 Timothy 6:3-5—“If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.”

1 Timothy 6:10—“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

2 Timothy 2:24-26—“And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and *that* they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.”

2 Timothy 3:13—“But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.”

Titus 1:10-11—“For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.”

Mature discernment

Hebrews 5:14—“But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

