

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 17, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:23

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m.
Presentation study—2:00

Dixon Cartwright
Terry McAdams
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader
Pianist
Scripture reading
Sermon

Reg Killingley
Dixon Cartwright
Malachi 1:1-14
Terry McAdams

Quick takes

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

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| • Today | Terry McAdams |
| • Sept. 24 | Ken Tate |

2. Pastor's travel schedule—Today, Dave Havir is giving a Bible study and a sermon in Fort Worth. (You might remember he helped this congregation on June 25 and July 16 when the pastor's wife was sick.)

3. Congratulations to Shirley West—Last Sunday at the community event (called "Honor Our Heroes"), there were three awards given to individuals in the community. We are happy to announce that Shirley West of our congregation won the "Christian Service Award." At the last minute, her family snuck into the auditorium and sat on the last row—to witness the event without Mrs. West getting suspicious about their being in attendance. Although Mrs. West does not serve for the recognition, she was truly honored to receive the award. (Susan Ledkins received the Education Award, and Patti Rozell received the Community Service Award.)

4. Wednesday-night Bible study on Sept. 21—Dave Havir is scheduled to finish his Hebrews 11 series on Wednesday night.

5. 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 Havar
- 3:00 Church sermon—Reg Killingley
- 4:15 Congregational food

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

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

7. 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 |

8. Pastor's travel for Feast of Tabernacles—Following is Dave Havar's travel schedule for this year's Feast of Tabernacles.

- First two days in Destin
- Day three is a travel day to Myrtle Beach
- Five days in Myrtle Beach

9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Nice People Do a Lot of Damage" by Dennis Prager.

10. Among Friends—This week's article is "Hebrews 11:32" by Dave Havar.

11. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 40 pages. (This edition has three articles and 288 headlines.)

Prayer updates

Timberly Dunnam gave the following report: "It was a rough week. I had bad achiness all over. I have been having to stay under my heating pad and electric blanket most of the time. Even though the weather change has been slight, I believe that even slight weather changes affect my fibromyalgia. Please let everyone know how much I appreciate the prayers."

In the Aug. 27 bulletin, we mentioned that **Linda Avey** was diagnosed with a torn

muscle in her right shoulder. On Tuesday, we learned that an MRI revealed that Mrs. Avey "fractured her shoulder." (Also, she learned late this week that she also has covid.)

Although **Dorothy Jones** (mother of **Shirley Spearman**) had a fairly good week, she had a rough day on Friday due to atrial fibrillation (an irregular and rapid heart rhythm). Her pacemaker has not been helpful. She was feeling very weak. She appreciates your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Jean Benedict** fell in her home on Sept. 7 and was diagnosed with a broken right hip. She had surgery that same evening. (The surgery involved the insertion of a rod, which was different from having her left hip replaced years ago.) She was moved to rehab last Saturday, and she is scheduled to leave the hospital tomorrow. Instead of going home, she will temporarily stay with son **Daniel** and his wife, **Shamel**.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Elaine Townsend** went to an ER due to high blood pressure and learned at that time that her sugar level was too high. She reports that she walked a lot this week and that she had a good week.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Harold Eaton** of Tennessee had a stent inserted in a kidney in one hospital and then went to a different hospital for further treatment for his stage-4 lymphoma. He reports the following: (1) He has regained full kidney function, and (2) he had four days of intense experimental cancer treatments before returning home to East Tennessee.

New prayer requests

Last Sunday, **John Harris** requested prayers for his 90-year-old father, **Larry Harris**, who lives between Gilmer and Pittsburg. The doctor had discussed with the elder Mr. Harris the option of having bypass surgery but hesitated because of his age. Last Sunday, Mr. Harris went to Longview Regional Hospital and the doctor recommended a procedure, but we were not sure of the details. Mr. Harris agreed to the procedure, and it occurred on Monday. As it turns out, the procedure was a form of heart catheterization (apparently with different tubing). While the doctor had the probe inside, he inserted several stents. Mr. Harris responded well to the procedure and went home on Thursday.

On Friday (Sept. 2), **Dave McLearn** passed out and fell on the way to the bathroom. It is reported that he was "out" for a minute or so. An ambulance was called, and medics managed to get him up on a couch. Mr. McLearn hurt his head, knee and ankle. Thankfully, a CT scan showed no problems, and X-rays showed no breaks. He left the ER at 3:00 a.m. last Saturday. He and **Theresa** thank you for your prayers.

Leon Avery of Broken Arrow, Okla., is suffering from a recurring congenital problem with his throat that impedes his breathing, speaking and swallowing. He appreciates your prayers.

Edward Shore of St. Augustine, Fla., went to a hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., while

riding on an airport escalator. When Mr. Shore missed the top step, he fell the entire length of the escalator.

On Tuesday, **Wade Johnson** of Knoxville, Tenn., had successful oral surgery.

Ted Maynard of Knoxville, Tenn., died on Sept. 12. Please remember his wife, **Laura**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Feast of Tabernacles speaking schedules

Big Sandy

Monday—10/10	Wynn Skelton
Tuesday—10/11	Wynn Skelton
Wednesday—10/12	Gordon McCarty
Thursday—10/13	Bert Moers
Friday—10/14	Ron Avey
Saturday—10/15	Max Davis
Sunday—10/16	Mark Weiss
Monday—10/17	Vance Stinson

Destin

Monday—10/10	Dave Havir
Tuesday—10/11	Dave Havir and (hopefully) Richard Crow
Wednesday—10/12	Danny Miller and Neal Parker
Thursday—10/13	Ben Franklin and Steven Gibson
Friday—10/14	Daniel Hammons and Ken Tate
Saturday—10/15	Neal Parker
Sunday—10/16	Neil McIver and Steven Gibson
Monday—10/17	Ken Tate

Myrtle Beach

Monday—10/10	Lyle Kerby and John Havir
Tuesday—10/11	Chris Kerby and Jim Johns
Wednesday—10/12	Arnold Stamey and Lenny Cacchio
Thursday—10/13	Steve Andrews
Friday—10/14	Jordan Wayne and John Havir
Saturday—10/15	Brian Kelso and Dave Havir
Sunday—10/16	Ryan Andrews and Jim Johns
Monday—10/17	Dave Havir and Lenny Cacchio

Prescott

The order is not finalized.

1 DVD by Dave Havar (to be recorded this month)

2 DVDs by Ken Tate (given in Big Sandy on March 24, 2018)

Dennis Benson

Pat Gordon

Bob Schimmel

Drury Sylvester

Thought for the week

"Wealthy Martha's Vineyard locals now face pressure to welcome newly arrived Venezuelan migrants into their homes after displaying lawn signs saying 'We Stand With Immigrants . . . All Are Welcome Here.' "—*Keith Griffith and Paul Farrell*

Thought with a twist

"When filling out an application, it asked: 'In case of emergency, who should we notify?'—So I answered, 'A doctor.' "



Hebrews 11:32

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 Sept. 17, 2022.

By Dave Havar

BIG SANDY, Texas—On June 22, I began a Bible study series on Wednesday night about Hebrews 11, and I gave five consecutive studies until July 20. After each study, I wrote a short article for the congregation. (Since other individuals have given the Wednesday-night study for the past seven weeks, my series was put on hold.)

This past Wednesday night, I continued with my series about Hebrews 11. This installment was a presentation titled "Hebrews 11:32." I want to share some of my comments in this article.

Items about 10 people

Hebrews 11:1 provided a brief introduction to the subject of faith and hope.

Hebrews 11:2 mentioned that some people in the Old Testament obtained a good testimony.

Hebrews 11:3-31 proceeded to mention 10 individuals who received a good testimony. Since this chapter is relatively short, the comments about the individuals were relatively short.

The 10 individuals were Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Rahab.

Brief mention of 6 individuals

Hebrews 11:32 then briefly mentioned six other people—without giving any examples of their faith.

The six individuals were Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David and Samuel.

Gideon

Gideon was mentioned 39 times in the Old Testament.

Gideon was involved in Judges 7 when God reduced the number of Israelites from 32,000 down to 300 men.

Judges 7:3—“Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, ‘Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.’ And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.”

Judges 7:6—“And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water.”

When the men of Israel asked Gideon to rule over them, notice his wonderful response.

Judges 8:22-23—“Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, ‘Rule over us, both you and your son, and your grandson also; for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian.’ But Gideon said to them, ‘I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the Lord shall rule over you.’ ”

After such a wonderful response, it is interesting to note that Gideon proceeded to make a mistake.

Judges 8:24, 27—“Then Gideon said to them, ‘I would like to make a request of you, that each of you would give me the earrings from his plunder.’ For they had golden earrings, because they *were* Ishmaelites . . . Then Gideon made it into an ephod and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And all Israel played the harlot with it there. It became a snare to Gideon and to his house.”

Barak

Barak was mentioned 13 times in the Old Testament.

When a person looks for some history of Barak in the Bible, he can easily be surprised about the lack of mention.

Notice 1 Samuel 12:11.

1 Samuel 12:11—“And the Lord sent Jerubbaal [Gideon], Bedan [Barak], Jephthah and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and you dwelt in safety.”

Samson

Samson was mentioned 48 times in the Old Testament.

The story of Samson has been taught many times in sermons and in church classrooms for children.

Judges 16:28-29—“Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, ‘O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!’ And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left.”

Samson's strength was a result of his being filled with the Spirit of the Lord. (Notice Judges 14:6, Judges 14:19 and Judges 15:14.)

Jephthah

Jephthah was mentioned 29 times in the Old Testament.

Jephthah is most famous for a vow that he made.

Judges 11:30-31—“And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord, and said, ‘If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands, then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord’s, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering.’ ”

After his victory over the people of Ammon (verses 32-33), his daughter came out of the house to greet him (verse 34).

Jephthah's grief was powerful (verse 35).

Jephthah sent his daughter away for two months (verses 36-38).

When she returned, Jephthah "carried out his vow" (verse 39).

There are two common teachings about what occurred in verse 39.

- Some Bible students believe that Jephthah killed his daughter.
- Other Bible students believe that she continued living a life as a perpetual virgin.

Judges 11:39—“And it was so at the end of two months that she returned to her father, and he carried out his vow with her which he had vowed. She knew no man.”

David

David was mentioned 1,075 times in the Old Testament and 59 times in the New Testament.

Samuel

Samuel was mentioned 137 times in the Old Testament.

Prophets

After those six individuals were specifically mentioned, the entire group of prophets was also listed.

The group of prophets was mentioned 312 times in the Old Testament and 148 times in the New Testament.

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