

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 5, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:13

### Bible studies

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

Presentation study—2:00 . . . . . Reg Killingley

(Also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Neil McIver

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . Revelation 2:1–7

Sermon . . . . . Reg Killingley

### Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havar is giving a Bible study and a sermon in Decaturville, Tenn. He is participating in a game night there tonight.
2. Thank you—Daughter Karen Willingham (speaking on behalf of the family) thanks the congregation for the intimate memorial service in the building last Saturday for Sonny Rosenberger.
3. Wednesday-night Bible study this week—Aug. 9
4. Upcoming memorial services—Here is a reminder about the memorial service for David Bonilla.

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| ■ Date  | Sunday, Aug. 20    |
| ■ Time  | 1:00 p.m.          |
| ■ Where | Building           |
| ■ Meal  | After the memorial |

5. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “*Sound of Freedom* Star Is Hollywood Outcast” by David Grove.
6. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Parable of the Tares—Part 2” by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—The version of this week’s “Eye on the World” that is distributed in the hall is 36 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different layout program.) This edition has 333 headlines and two articles.

## Prayer updates

**Angela Dunnam** reports that she has follow-up symptoms following her radiation treatment (which concluded three weeks ago). The doctor explained that the treatment will keep working for five more weeks.

**Sue Jones** reports that her recovery has been slow, so she certainly appreciates your continued prayers.

## New prayer requests

The expression “when it rains, it pours” certainly can be applied to **Shirley Spearman** and her extended family. Not only is Mrs. Spearman dealing with her challenges, she requests prayers for some family members.

**Dorothy Thomas** of Lindale (sister of **Shirley Spearman**) has been dealing for a year with a small growth on her stomach. For much of that time, it was not painful, but it recently has become quite painful. It is scheduled to be removed on Friday, Aug. 11.

**Mary Sifuentes** of Dallas (sister of **Shirley Spearman**) has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She is anticipating surgery toward the end of August or early September.

**Faye Echavarria** of Dallas (aunt of **Shirley Spearman**, who deals with blindness) recently suffered a broken elbow. In addition to dealing with her broken elbow, she has two other challenges. She is trying to help her son (see the next announcement), and she is trying to find a new place in that area to live.

**Joseph Echavarria** of Dallas (cousin of **Shirley Spearman** and son of **Faye Echavarria**) has been dealing with long-standing health challenges—including diabetes and blindness.

Just prior to the deadline of this bulletin, we received another prayer request from **Shirley Spearman** about the father of **Joseph Echavarria**—whose name is **Jesse Echavarria**. Mrs. Spearman wrote: “Joseph called **Mary** [Shirley’s sister] and asked if she could take his dad to the hospital.” The family learned that the dad had suffered a mild heart attack.

## Scriptures to consider

**2 Kings 20:1-3**—“In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’” Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, “Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

**2 Kings 20:5-6**—“I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. “And I will add to your days fifteen years.”

**2 Kings 20:7**—“Then Isaiah said, “Take a lump of figs.” So they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.”

**Matthew 9:12**—“When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”

**John 9:1-3**—“Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.”

**John 9:6-7**—“When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.”

**2 Corinthians 12:7-9**—“And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

**James 5:14-16**—“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

## Thought for the week

“If you are not called crazy when you start something new, you may not be thinking big enough.”

## Thought with a twist

“The problem with people is that they’re only human.”—*Hobbes*

## “Parable of the Tares—Part 2”

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. 5, 2023.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued a series about the parable of the tares (which the Son of God gave in Matthew 13:24-30 and explained in Matthew 13:37-43). I originally thought that I would give two presentations, but I added a third one.

This article will discuss material from part 2.

### **Sower is Son of God**

Matthew 13:37—“He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.”

Notice a few scriptures about knees bowing before our Savior.

■ Romans 11:4—People should not bow the knee to Baal.

■ Romans 14:11—The Lord said: “Every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

■ Philippians 2:9-11—God has highly exalted the Son and given Him the name which is above every name—every knee should bow at the name of Jesus, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

### **His field is the world**

Matthew 13:38—“The field is the world . . .”

■ 1 Timothy 2:5-6—There is one God and one Mediator between God and men (the Man Christ Jesus)—who gave Himself a ransom for all people (to be testified in due time).

### **Good seeds are children of kingdom**

Matthew 13:38—“The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom.”

■ Matthew 5:13—Disciples are salt of the earth.

■ Matthew 5:14-16—Disciples are light of the world.

■ John 17:14-16—Disciples are not of this world.

■ John 17:17-19—Disciples are sanctified by truth.

■ 1 Peter 2:11-12—Disciples exhibit good

works to glorify God—even in the day of visitation.

### **Tares are sons of wicked one**

Matthew 13:38—“The tares are the sons of the wicked one.”

The tares create problems upon both sides of truth—as you can see in Galatians 2:4 and Jude 4.

■ Galatians 2:4—Some false brethren promote bondage—with excessive unnecessary expectations and an attitude of control. (In Galatians 5:1-12, Paul specifically mentioned circumcision.)

■ Jude 4—Some false brethren promote lawlessness (recognizing no standards and having no expectations of obedience).

Consider Matthew 7:21-23.

Some addressed the Son of God as Lord, but He never knew them.

Some claimed to have prophesied in His name, but He never knew them.

Some claimed to have cast out demons in his name, but He never knew them.

Some claimed to have done many wonders in His name, but He never knew them.

### **The enemy is the devil**

Matthew 13:39—“The enemy who sowed them [the tares] is the devil.”

■ John 8:44—He was a murderer from the beginning and the father of lies.

■ 2 Corinthians 11:3—The serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, and Paul was concerned that the serpent would corrupt their minds from the simplicity that is in Christ.

■ Revelation 12:9—The devil deceives the whole world.

### **Next study**

The next study will discuss the following four categories.

■ The harvest

■ The reapers

■ The fire

■ The barn