

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 12, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:07

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 Revelation 2:8–11

Sermon Dave Havir

Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study this week—Aug. 16.
2. Upcoming memorial service—Here is a reminder about the memorial service for David Bonilla.

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

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

■ Mickey Ashcraft	■ Ronnie Shirley
■ Timberly Dunnam	■ Elaine Townsend
■ Annette Payne	■ Donna Weese
■ Ruth Roe	

4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Free Speech and Personal Responsibility" by Dave Havir.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "Parable of the Tares—Part 3" by Dave Havir.
6. 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 290 headlines and five articles.

Prayer updates

To give an update about **Angela Dunnam**, we share the message that daughter **Timberly** gave to **Dave Havir**. Timberly wrote: "Our mother (and the rest of the family) wanted to thank everyone for all the prayers you have said for our family. We just finished week three since the last treatment. Mom is experiencing pain and blisters. It's very hard for Mom to be outside and working. Please pray for her strength to return. Pain and fatigue have been the worst. Thank you so much for your continued prayers."

Gary Wilson, who has been making slow progress, thanks you for your prayers.

Lisa Smith continues to improve following her ruptured appendix in July. (Please remember to pray for her family in Louisiana—**Margaret** and **Nolen Pitre**.)

Shirley Spearman (who has been dealing with weakness, swollen feet and knee pain) is now dealing with elevated blood pressure and low blood sugar—most likely influenced by stress from the various health matters in her extended family.

Dorothy Thomas of Lindale (sister of **Shirley Spearman**) reports a successful surgery on Friday.

Mary Sifuentes of Dallas (who has been diagnosed with colon cancer) heard that her surgery is currently scheduled for Sept. 6.

Faye Echavarria of Dallas (who is blind) is recovering from her broken elbow and appears closer to finding a new place to live.

Joseph Echavarria of Dallas (who has numerous challenges, including diabetes and blindness) is dealing with fewer people being available to help him.

Jesse Echavarria of Dallas is recovering from his mild heart attack.

New prayer requests

Nova-Leigh Ann Smith (granddaughter of **Lisa Smith**), who has made several trips to the ER over the past weeks, went to the emergency room again on Friday—where she was diagnosed with pneumonia. She was admitted.

Jeanine Case and her son **Shane** have had a very difficult week. On Sunday Shane had a major seizure before he got to a hospital and then had another major seizure in front of the medical staff at a Longview hospital. The staff gave him a medication and recommended that he see a neurologist. On Tuesday, the staff identified the liver as the main problem and he was scheduled to go home on Wednesday night. But, on the way home, he had another seizure and returned to the hospital. When he got to the hospital, he had two bad seizures. On Friday, he was identified as having “silent” seizures.

Recently, **Becky Bonilla** went to a hospital to deal with swelling from a buildup of fluid. She appreciates your prayers.

Joyce Coleman asks prayers for two situations. First, she has tinnitus (ringing in the ears) that bothers her at night. Second, she is having a minor surgery this coming Wednesday.

On Tuesday, **Donna Weese** was diagnosed with a blood clot on a lung.

Ivirne Allen of Big Sandy has been diagnosed with a problem with a heart valve. She is scheduled to have a heart catheterization on Aug. 15.

Monte Allen of Big Sandy (son of **Melven** and **Ivirne Allen**) is also dealing with heart problems. He is waiting to hear about a diagnostic procedure.

Ruth Gutierrez, who recently moved to San Marcos, is scheduled for a colonoscopy in Tyler on Monday.

Bill Stenger of Weeki Wachee, Fla., continues to receive physical and occupational therapy at a rehab facility.

Connie Ellison of Hawkins recently had major surgery for breast cancer. She and **Larry** appreciate your prayers.

Dave Havir request prayers for **Ramon Coleman** of the Kansas City congregation. When Mr. Coleman talked to Mr. Havir on Friday about his health, Mr. Coleman did not want the details published at this time—but he didn’t mind if Mr. Havir made a general announcement.

Thoughts with twists

“Life is like a helicopter. I don’t know how to operate either one.”

“Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?
Great food but no atmosphere.”

“If you see me talking to myself, just move along.
I’m self-employed, and we’re having a meeting.”

“Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo.”

“I envy people who grow old gracefully. They are like fine wine.
I’m aging like milk—getting sour and chunky.”

“Parable of the Tares—Part 3”

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. 12, 2023.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I completed a three-part 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).

This article will discuss material from part 3.

Quick review

Here are five concepts from last week.

- The sower is the Son of God.
- His field is the world.
- The good seed are the children of the kingdom.
- The tares are the children of the wicked one.
- The enemy is the devil.

The harvest

Matthew 13:39—“The harvest is the end of the age.”

This point is a focus on the “when.”

- Revelation 20:4—There is a resurrection at the beginning of the millennium.
- Revelation 20:5—There is a resurrection at the end of the millennium.
- 2 Peter 3:10—The heavens will pass away and the earth will be burned up.

The reapers

Matthew 13:39—“The reapers are the angels.”

This point is a focus on the “how.”

- Matthew 16:27—The Son of God will come with His angels
- Matthew 24:31—He will send His angels to gather the elect from the four winds.

The fire

Matthew 13:30—“First gather together the

tares and bind them in bundles to burn.”

Matthew 13:40—“The tares are gathered and burned in the fire.”

There are many verses that talk about punishment in the fire.

- Matthew 3:10
- Matthew 3:12
- Matthew 5:22
- Matthew 7:19
- Matthew 18:8-9
- Matthew 25:41
- Revelation 14:10-11
- Revelation 19:20
- Revelation 20:10
- Revelation 20:14-15

There are many verses that discuss weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- Matthew 8:12
- Matthew 13:42
- Matthew 13:50
- Matthew 22:13
- Matthew 22:13
- Matthew 24:51
- Matthew 25:30
- Luke 13:28

The barn

Matthew 13:30—“Gather the wheat into my barn.”

Matthew 13:43—“The righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”

This point is a focus on the “where.”

- Matthew 3:12—Gather wheat into the barn.
- Revelation 3:21—Sit with the Son of God on His Throne.
- Revelation 21:1-4—We read about a new heaven and a new earth.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:17—Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Thought for the week

“Great things are not done by impulse but by a series of small things brought together.”—*Vincent Van Gogh*