

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 19, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:59

### Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. . . . . Dave Havir

Presentation study—2:00 . . . . . Jon Coffee  
(Also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Reg Killingley

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . Revelation 2:12–17

Sermon . . . . . Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Upcoming memorial service—Here is a reminder about the memorial service tomorrow for David Bonilla.

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

2. Wednesday-night Bible study this week—Aug. 23

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

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

4. Feast Housing in Destin—We have reached our allotment of sleeping rooms reserved at the Pelican Beach Resort in Destin, Fla., for the Feast of Tabernacles. If people need a room, please contact Linda Cartwright. She can see if something comes available.
5. Pastor's Feast travel schedule—Here is the travel schedule that Dave Havir plans to have for the 2023 Feast of Tabernacles.
  - Destin, Fla.—First 3 days (9/30, 10/1 and 10/2)
  - Orange Beach, Ala.—Day 4 (10/3)
  - Big Sandy—Last four days (10/4, 10/5, 10/6 and 10/7)
  - On the evening of 10/7—Mr. Havir conducts wedding in East Texas.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Censorship Choices Reveal Much About People" by Dave Havir.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Why Does God Correct His Children?" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—The version of this week's "Eye on the World" that is distributed in the hall is 38 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different layout program.) This edition has 364 headlines and two excerpted articles.

## Prayer updates

**Angela Dunnam** thanks you for your prayers as she continues to deal with some of the effects of the regimen of radiation. She reports that she is still tired but that she has more good days. She reports that she has not had a new blister in two days. She anticipates seeing an oncologist in about two weeks—as she hears various medical opinions to consider.

**Timberly Dunnam** (who was diagnosed with many allergies) is considering getting allergy shots to deal with them. Because of her health challenges, she has been advised to have an EpiPen available in case she has any adverse reactions.

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

**Lisa Smith** continues to improve following her ruptured appendix in July. She reports that the problem is not a continuous pain, but rather a slow process for her energy to return.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Nova-Leigh Ann Smith** (granddaughter of **Lisa Smith**) was admitted to a hospital with a diagnosis of pneumonia. She went home on Monday.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Joyce Coleman** was scheduled for a minor surgery last Wednesday. She was originally scheduled for 6:15 a.m., but emergency surgeries bumped her surgery back to 5:00 p.m. She reported: "My surgery went well. My biggest complaint was my throat from the anesthesia. I have a follow-up visit with the doctor in two weeks."

On Thursday, **Shirley Spearman** (who has been dealing with swollen feet and elevated blood pressure) went to see her cardiologist. He recommended a change in her medication and wants to see her again in four months.

**Dorothy Thomas** of Lindale (sister of **Shirley Spearman**), who recently had a small growth on her stomach removed, learned that the growth was benign.

Remember that **Mary Sifuentes** of Dallas (sister of **Shirley Spearman**), who has been diagnosed with colon cancer, is scheduled for surgery on Sept. 6.

Remember that **Faye Echavarría** and son **Joseph** of Dallas (who both deal with blindness) are also dealing with other health matters.

Remember **Becky Bonilla**, who is dealing with buildup of fluid around her heart.

Remember **Sue Jones**, who is dealing with back pain.

Remember **Mickey Voyce**, who is continuing with her chemotherapy treatment schedule.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Donna Weese** was diagnosed with a blood clot on a lung. We later learned that she was also diagnosed with a blood clot behind a knee.

**Jeanine Case** reported that her son **Shane** (who had been dealing with seizures in the hospital) went home on Thursday.

In last week's bulletin, **Dave Havar** requested prayers for **Ramon Coleman** of the Kansas City congregation (without providing details). On Sunday, Mr. Coleman gave Mr. Havar the following information: "I announced to my church yesterday about my brain problem, so it's okay to go ahead to announce it down there. I now found out I have one major artery in my brain that is 100 percent blocked and another one in my brain 80–90 percent blocked. I have an appointment with a special neurosurgeon but can't get in until Sept. 19. Thanks for the prayers."

## New prayer requests

**Donna Pfrimmer** of Chariton, Iowa (mother of **Joyce Coleman**), has been experiencing a buildup of fluid in her legs. (She also developed a bad sore on a leg.)

On Thursday, **Sandra Sharp** of Big Sandy had a heart catheterization. The report about her heart was fantastic. It said that her doctors hadn't seen a 62-year-old have a better report around her heart. They said she was like a teenager. (When she told **Dave Havar** that report, he asked her: "Did they just say you were sassy?") Mrs. Sharp still appreciates prayers to help her deal with her feeling tired and sluggish.

**Nancy Perry** of Carthage, Miss., died on Aug. 11. Please remember her husband, **C.B.**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Beverly Bratt** of Chilicothe, Ohio, died on Aug. 15. Please remember her husband, **Bill**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## “Why Does God Correct His Children?”

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. 19, 2023.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a new series about God’s correction. This particular study was titled “Why Does God Correct His Children?”

The presentation was separated into three main sections.

- A loving father corrects his children.
- Why were you born?
- Why were you called?

### Scriptures from Proverbs

At first glance, these scriptures from the book of Proverbs could be viewed as “how” a father corrects, but I intentionally chose them for “why” a father corrects.

For the record, there is a side benefit about looking at these verses—which is that Bible students need to be careful to avoid taking the English words of the Bible literally. Let me show you what I mean.

(Some of these verses mention using a “rod” on a child. Here is an example of using wisdom in applying the spiritual principles in your life.)

Notice the principles—that are motivated by love.

■ Proverbs 13:24—A loving father disciplines his child promptly.

■ Proverbs 19:18—A loving father disciplines his child with a perspective of hope, not destruction.

■ Proverbs 22:6—A loving father begins teaching early in the life of the child.

■ Proverbs 22:15—A loving father seeks to reduce the amount of a child’s foolishness.

■ Proverbs 23:13-14—A loving father does not withhold correction.

■ Proverbs 29:15—A loving father provides direction.

■ Proverbs 29:17—A loving father helps with a course correction.

### Reason for our birth

When a person understands the reason for his birth, he better comprehends the Father’s love in correcting him.

■ Psalm 8:3-9—David considered the creation and recognized God’s love.

■ Hebrews 2:6-10—The book of Hebrews expanded upon those verses in Psalms and realized that the Father is bringing many sons to glory.

### Reason for our calling

When a person understands the reason for his calling, he better comprehends the Father’s love in correcting him.

■ Romans 8:14-17—As children of God, we are heirs of God and joint-heirs with the Christ.

■ Hebrews 12:5-11—Children of God understand that their Father’s correction may be uncomfortable, but it is also valuable—because He wants them to be happy and successful.

■ 1 John 3:1-2—Children of God want to be like their Father, so they appreciate His correction.

## Thought for the week

“If you’re unwilling to question whether you are wrong, then there’s little chance you will be right.”—*Carolyn Hax*

## Thought with a twist

“If I were two-faced, would I be showing you this one?”—*Abraham Lincoln*