

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 9, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:33

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 Neil McIver
Pianist Dixon Cartwright
Scripture reading Revelation 3:7–13
Sermon Wynn Skelton

Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study on Sept. 13—The Internet presentation (at 7:00) and the interactive session in the building (after 7:30) will be about the Day of Atonement.
2. Feast of Trumpets—Saturday, Sept. 16
 - 1:00—Interactive Bible study led by Dave Havir
 - 2:00—Presentation study by Dave Havir
(Live transmission 2:00 and 3:00)
 - 3:00—Church service with sermon by Reg Killingley
3. Day of Atonement—Monday, Sept. 25
 - 1:00—Interactive Bible study led by Dave Havir
 - 2:00—Presentation study by Dave Havir
(Live transmission 2:00 and 3:00)
 - 3:00—Church service with sermon by Stan West

4. 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	

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 three 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 " 'I Have a Dream': More Relevant Than Ever" by Irwin Cotler.

7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Feast of Trumpets" 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 36 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different layout program.) This edition has 326 headlines and three articles.

Prayer updates

Angela Dunnam had a better week with less pain, but she had a new physical challenge this week—in that she has been retaining fluid. She expressed how much she appreciates the cards and the prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Mickey Voyce** had abdominal surgery on Friday, Sept. 1. By Wednesday of this week, she was sitting up, eating regular food and anticipating physical therapy. She appreciates your prayers.

Shirley Spearman is scheduled to have an ultrasound for her leg and kidney on Sept. 12.

The doctor of **Mary Sifuentes** of Dallas (sister of **Shirley Spearman** who had colon cancer surgery on Sept. 6) reported that the surgery went well.

Lisa Smith gives the following updates about her family. First, Mrs. Smith mentioned that she is still having struggles with her stomach. Second, granddaughter **Nova-Leigh** still has some congestion and is "falling a little behind on the development of her motor skills." Third, parents (**Margaret Pitre** and **Pawpaw Nolen**) are doing better.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Corky Lingle** of Big Sandy was in the hospital after experiencing chest pains. He was diagnosed with having suffered a heart attack.

New prayer requests

This week, **Beverly Thomas** (sister of **Shirley Spearman**) was diagnosed with an enlarged heart.

On Thursday, **Bill Stenger** of Weeki-Wachee, Fla., went to a hospital with symptoms of congestive heart failure.

Tohun Akinbo of Spokane Valley, Wash., was diagnosed with leukemia. After having a bone-marrow transplant, she has been having a new challenge. She is experiencing a condition in which transplanted stem cells attack her body.

Feast speaking schedule in Big Sandy

Saturday, Sept. 30	Wynn Skelton
Sunday, Oct. 1	Ed Costanza
Monday, Oct. 2	Dean Roberts
Tuesday, Oct. 3	Bert Moers
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Ed Costanza
Thursday, Oct. 5	Dave Havar
Friday, Oct. 6	Jon Coffee
Saturday, Oct. 7	Dave Havar

Thought for the week

“One of the saddest lessons of history is this: If we’ve been bamboozled long enough, we tend to reject any evidence of the bamboozle. We’re no longer interested in finding out the truth. The bamboozle has captured us. It’s simply too painful to acknowledge, even to ourselves, that we’ve been taken. Once you give a charlatan power over you, you almost never get it back.”—*Carl Sagan*

“Feast of Trumpets”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbigsandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Sept. 9, 2023.

By **Dave Havar**

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Feast of Trumpets.” Following are some of the ideas and some of the scriptures from that Bible study.

Accepting Christ as Savior

Christians are often criticized for religious practices that appear Jewish.

Let me go on record about how much I admire the Jewish nation. I admire the many accomplishments that the Jewish people have contributed to the modern world. Following are four of their accomplishments that came to my mind—(1) technology and inventions; (2) scientific research; (3) health research; and (4) economics and finance.

Why did I mention those accomplishments? Very succinctly—although I do not accept

the Jewish religion, I maintain a strong appreciation for the Jewish people.

I do not accept the Jewish religion because I believe that the Son of God came to this earth and I accept Him as my Savior.

Observing the Feast of Trumpets

Are you aware that there are Christians (meaning that they believe that the Son of God came to this earth years ago and they enthusiastically accept Him as their Savior) who observe the Feast of Trumpets?

The Jewish religion observes “Rosh Hashanah,” and some Christians observe the Feast of Trumpets.

■ Rosh Hashanah means “beginning of the year,” marking the new year as the beginning of the civil year.

■ Christians celebrate the Feast of Trumpets as a fall festival.

Those days are not exactly the same. From my perspective, the Feast of Trumpets began before Rosh Hashanah.

When did Rosh Hashanah start in history?

According to 18doors.org: “The history of Rosh Hashanah can be traced back to the sixth century B.C.E., though the holiday was never mentioned in the Torah. The phrase ‘Rosh Hashanah’ was first mentioned in the Mishna (the first major written collection of the Jewish oral laws) in 200 C.E.”

When did the Feast of Trumpets begin?

Deuteronomy 16

Deuteronomy 16:1-16 mentioned three different seasons of observances.

■ Deuteronomy 16:1-15 mentioned “Passover,” “Feast of Weeks” and “Feast of Tabernacles.”

■ Deuteronomy 16:16 mentioned “Feast of Unleavened Bread,” “Feast of Weeks” and “Feast of Tabernacles.”

The Feast of Trumpets is one of the fall festivals—lumped together with the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Blowing of trumpets

Did you notice that less is mentioned in the Torah about the Feast of Trumpets than the other Feasts?

■ Leviticus 23:23-25 mentions a memorial of blowing of trumpets.

■ Numbers 29:1 mentions a day of blowing trumpets.

Calamity precedes restoration

What are some lessons of the Feast of Trumpets?

There are some general lessons found in Bible prophecy that are also reflected in a specific understanding about the Feast of Trumpets.

In the general studies of prophecy and in a specific study of the Feast of Trumpets, there is the understanding that “calamity precedes restoration.”

■ Joel 2:1-11—The Day of the Lord has much calamity.

■ Joel 2:12-17—There was a call to repentance.

■ Joel 2:18-32—There was a promise of restoration.

■ Zephaniah 1:14-15—The Day of the Lord has much calamity.

■ Zephaniah 3:14-17—There was a promise of restoration.

Two main themes

In the general studies of prophecy and in a specific study of the Feast of Trumpets, there are two themes to consider.

■ Alarm of war

■ Sound of victory

Alarm of war

■ Revelation 8:13—The last three trumpets were called the three woes.

■ Revelation 9:1-12—The fifth trumpet is the first woe.

■ Revelation 9:13-21—The sixth trumpet is the second woe.

■ Revelation 11:14—The seventh trumpet is the third woe.

Sound of victory

■ Revelation 11:15—However, the seventh trumpet is also announcing the Kingdom of God.

■ Matthew 24:31—He will send His angels with the sound of a trumpet.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52—The trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17—The trumpet will sound, and the dead in Christ will rise first.