

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 23, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:16

Bible studies

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

Presentation study—2:00 Neil McIver
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Revelation 3:14–22

Sermon Daniel Hammons

Quick takes

1. Day of Atonement—Monday, Sept. 25
 - 1:00—Interactive Bible study led by Dave Havir
 - 2:00—Presentation study led by Dave Havir
(Live transmission 2:00 and 3:00)
 - 3:00—Church service with sermon by Stan West
2. Feast meet-and-greet on Friday night—There will be a meet-and-greet on Friday, Sept. 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be no church service. The recommended attire is nice casual.
3. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Three Situations for Fasting" by Dave Havir.
4. Among Friends—This week's article is "Feast of Tabernacles" by Dave Havir.
5. Eye on the World—The version of this week's "Eye on the World" that is distributed in the hall is 37 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different layout program.) This edition has 278 headlines and three articles.

Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Angela Dunnam** went to an appointment with a different oncologist in Tyler—to hear an update about her condition and will receive a second opinion about whether chemo treatments are recommended. Following is an update written by daughter **Timberly** and approved for distribution by Mrs. Dunnam: “Today, Mom went to see the new oncologist in Tyler. Everything went well. Mom does not have to receive chemo treatments. She will have to take an estrogen blocker for 10 years, but will be tested for cancer every six months. We greatly appreciate all the prayers, food, cards and visits from everyone.”

Shirley Spearman, who had an ultrasound for her leg and kidney, has not heard about the results yet.

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Mark** and **Nina Searer** requested prayers for their daughter **Meghan**—who went into a hospital due to a lung infection. After receiving some IV antibiotics, she went home on Monday (to receive home IV treatments).

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Brian Biggs** went by ambulance to a hospital on Thursday due to his continuing battle with infection. On Sunday, he was sent home. Apparently, Mr. Biggs has scar tissue in his small intestine—which discourages the doctors from attempting surgery. The bottom line is that he is dealing with pain and discouragement.

In the Aug. 12 bulletin, **Dave Havir** requested prayers for **Ramon Coleman** of the Kansas City congregation (who didn’t mind the general mention without details). On the next day, Mr. Coleman gave Mr. Havir permission to share some details—which Mr. Havir did on a text list. Part of the details were a report about arteries in his brain being significantly blocked. Mr. Coleman had a scheduled appointment with a specialist on Sept. 19. This specialist concluded that the severity of the blockage was overstated. Mr. Coleman is scheduled for an angiogram on Oct. 11 to confirm the suspected improved diagnosis. (Mr. Coleman had an angiogram following his first brain surgery in 2013, but did not have an angiogram following his second brain surgery six months later.) He appreciates your prayers.

New prayer requests

On Friday, Sept. 15 (after the bulletin was completed), **David Sproat** of Arizona informed **Dave Havir** that he was having trouble seeing out of his left eye and was scheduled for a doctor’s appointment on Tuesday. Here are excerpts from a report following the Tuesday meeting: “The eye doctor diagnosed me as having had a ‘central-retinal-artery occlusion’ in my left eye—basically an ocular stroke. My vision loss is diagnosed as ‘permanent.’ I can still ‘see’ but not nearly as well as before. All this may get better over time as my body adjusts to my new normal.”

On Friday, Sept. 15, **Violet Fox** was born to **Stephen** and **Elizabeth Fox** (in Nashville, Tenn.). She was placed in an incubator and given oxygen. On Monday, she was taken off oxygen and started nursing. We did not hear any further updates before the printing deadline of the bulletin.

Ken Tate of Omaha, Ark., has been dealing with bronchitis. Please pray that he will continue to feel better. (While you are at it, would you pray that he is able to use his beautiful singing voice at the Feast in Destin?)

Feast activity schedule in Big Sandy

- Friday evening, Sept. 29—Meet and greet—6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Every day—Light refreshments—9:30-10:30 p.m.
- Every day—Church service—11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 30—Meal—After church
- Sunday, Oct. 1—Cookout—4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 3—Big Sandy Museum—1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 3—Movie in building—3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 4—Interactive Bible study—After church
- Thursday, Oct. 5—Dominos and cards—1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 6—Interactive Bible study—After church
- Saturday, Oct. 7—Potluck meal—After church

Feast speaking schedule in Big Sandy

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| ■ 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 Havir |
| ■ Friday, Oct. 6 | Jon Coffee |
| ■ Saturday, Oct. 7 | Dave Havir |

Thought for the week

“Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—
not absence of fear.”—*Mark Train*

Thought with a twist

“Sometimes you lie in bed at night and you don’t have a single thing to worry about. That always worries me!”—*Charlie Brown*

“Feast of Tabernacles”

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. 23, 2023.

By Dave Havar

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

For the purpose of the Bible study, I mentioned four instructions from Leviticus 23.

Offerings at Old Testament Feasts

Have you ever noticed the list of offerings in Leviticus 23:37-38?

- An offering made by fire to the Lord
- A burnt offering
- A grain offering
- A sacrifice
- Drink offerings
- Besides the Sabbaths of the Lord
- Besides your gifts
- Besides all your vows
- Besides all your freewill offerings that you give to the Lord

New Testament believers are certainly not under any obligation to practice the Old Testament sacrifices.

I love it when people in the Old Testament (like Samuel in 1 Samuel 15:22 and David in Psalm 51:16-17) mentioned concepts that became commonplace understanding in the New Testament.

Here are three New Testament scriptures that talk about sacrifices.

■ 1 Corinthians 5:7—Christ (our Passover) was sacrificed for us.

■ Hebrews 9:11-14—Christ came as a High Priest to offer Himself to God.

■ Romans 12:1—New Testament believers seek to present themselves as living sacrifices.

Booths were temporary dwellings

■ Leviticus 23:42-43—The instruction was to dwell in booths for seven days to remember coming out of Egypt.

■ Hebrews 11:13-16—It is important for New Testament believers to remember that they are strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Opportunity to tabernacle with the Lord

■ Leviticus 26:11-12—In the past, the Lord set His physical tabernacle among the people—to fulfill His desire to walk among them.

■ Revelation 21:3-4—In the future, the tabernacle of God will be with people—to continue His desire to dwell with them.

■ John 2:19-21—The Son of God described His body as the temple.

The apostle Paul told disciples several times that they were the temple of God—in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 6:16 and Ephesians 2:19-22.

The apostle Peter also told disciples that they were the temple of God—1 Peter 2:4-5.

Seven days or eight days?

When people read Leviticus 23:34-43, they see an apparent contradiction—is the Feast of Tabernacles seven days or eight days?

Those verses say “seven days” at six different times and say the “eighth day” at two different times.

Most of the people in my circle of life believe that the Feast of Tabernacles is technically seven days, and that there is another observance immediately following it.

But the people in my circle of life call the connected observances by two different names.

■ Some people call the connected observance “the Last Great Day”—influenced by the wording in John 7:37-38. (For many years in the past, that is what I previously called it.)

■ Some people call the connected observance “the Eighth Day”—influenced by the actual wording in Leviticus 23. (For many years in recent times, this is what I currently call it.)

It is exciting to give a presentation on the eighth day.

■ The speaker gets to talk about what happens after the Millennium.

■ Come to think of it, the speaker gets to scratch the surface of talking about eternity.