

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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July 20, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:25

### 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 . . . . . Acts 7:1–16

Sermon . . . . . Wynn Skelton

### Quick takes

1. Every Wednesday—Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
2. Sunday, July 21—Dominoes in the building at 11:00 a.m.
3. Monday, July 22—Grief counseling at the Heritage Center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
4. Friday, July 26—Senior crafts and games at the Heritage Center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
5. Sunday, Aug. 4—Summer senior luncheon at United Church of God at noon. (Mandi Mischnick requested an RSVP by July 21. The RSVP information is on the bulletin board.)
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "The Love Story" by Judy Biggs.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Book of Revelation—Part 3" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's edition was not complete at the deadline.

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

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| ■ Mickey Ashcraft | ■ Ronnie Shirley  |
| ■ Judy Biggs      | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Angela Dunnam   | ■ Mickey Voyce    |
| ■ Timberly Dunnam | ■ Donna Weese     |
| ■ Ruth Roe        |                   |

## Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Gary Wilson** was scheduled to return home this weekend. We believe that schedule is on target.

**Melodee Eishen** reported: "I am feeling better every day. I go back to the surgeon this week for my follow-up. Thank you for all the prayers on my behalf."

Following is a report about the tests results for **Timberly Dunnam**: "The test results showed everything is the same. The report is good in that her degenerative discs are not getting worse. Now, we are searching for a specialist to deal with her allergies and a specialist for her immune disorder. Thank you for the prayers."

**Angela Dunnam** reports: "I am taking it easy on my knee, and it is getting better. But I am still wearing a brace and still using ice packs. Thank you for the prayers."

In last week's bulletin, we asked prayers for **Shirley Holcomb** (mother of **Angela Dunnam**). Here is an update: "Heart to Heart Hospice is doing a wonderful job for my mother. They put in a hospital bed for her. Her congestion in her lungs is getting worse. She is on oxygen full time now. She signed a DNR. Mom appreciates all the prayers from our congregation."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Vonda Ouellette** (who lives in Houston, but was in the Dallas area to avoid Hurricane Beryl) fell and went to an ER (where she was diagnosed with no breaks or bruising, but she did have some muscle strain). She was moved to Tyler for 10 days of rehab. (Christus Trinity Mother Frances Rehab Hospital is located at 3131 Troup Hwy.)

Last Saturday, we made an oral announcement from **Sharon Burgin** about her grandson, **Siler Burgin**. Here is a reminder about the details: Siler fell and busted his chin open on July 3. He has developed an infection and was admitted to a hospital on Monday. He was transferred to Cook Children's Pediatrics Southwest in Fort Worth on Friday and is still waiting for the doctors to figure out the best method of treatment." On Friday came the following update: "Siler came home for a few days. But he was taken back to Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth on Friday with a swollen face and neck."

In the June 22 bulletin, we mentioned that **Barbara Lingle** was diagnosed with hyperthyroidism. She reported: "I had all the symptoms—including light-sensitive eyes, ravishing appetite, excessive weight loss and fatigue. My sweet **Joe** cared for me night and day and was my 'Uber' driver." She reports that she has been healed. She has asked God to bless all who have been praying for her.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Dixon Cartwright** had a combo pacemaker and defibrillator inserted last Friday. He returned home last Saturday.

## New prayer requests

**Leslie Harroff** sent the following prayer request: "I have been dealing with pain from a possible torn rotator cuff since March. I have been going to physical therapy appointments twice a week. During one appointment, one of the main tendons (that was torn) snapped. I will have surgery this coming Tuesday. Thank you for your prayers."

On Wednesday, **Carol O'Brien** reported that she apparently has a small tear in the lateral meniscus and is seeking to have an MRI to confirm. She reported: "The doctor said to work from home until Monday and to keep the leg elevated and iced."

On Friday (July 12), **Dave McLearn** hurt his back while getting his RV prepared to return from the Dallas area back to East Texas. Last Sunday, he visited an ER to get some relief so that he and **Theresa** could return on Monday. He still deals with some sporadic pain, but he was able to be at Bible study in the building on Wednesday.

**Brittany Bridgeford** (28-year-old in the Kansas City area) had a stroke on Friday, July 12. The report said: "She had gotten into a very minor go-kart bump that afternoon and they didn't realize that it caused internal bleeding in her neck—which caused a stroke later that night."

## "Book of Revelation—Part 3"

This article is from the "Among Friends" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website ([churchofgodbig sandy.com](http://churchofgodbig sandy.com)). It was posted for the weekend of July 20, 2024.

### By Dave Havir

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a nine-part series about the book of Revelation. Part 3 was about the "24 Elders and Four Living Creatures."

### Glimpse into heaven

■ Revelation 4:1—John saw an open door into heaven and heard a voice: "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

■ Revelation 4:2-3—John saw a throne in heaven and One who sat on the throne.

### 24 elders

■ Revelation 4:4-5—Around the throne were 24 thrones and on the thrones were 24 elders clothed in white robes with crowns

of gold on their heads.

■ Revelation 11:16-18—The 24 elders who sat on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God saying: "We give You thanks, O LORD God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth."

### Four living creatures

■ Revelation 4:6—Before the throne, there was a sea of glass; and around the throne, there were four living creatures (full

of eyes in front and in back).

■ Revelation 4:7—The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature was like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

■ Revelation 4:8—The four living creatures (each having six wings) were full of eyes around and within—they do not rest saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.”

■ Revelation 6:1—When the Lamb opened the first seal, John heard one of the living creatures say: “Come and see.”

■ Revelation 6:3—When the Lamb opened the second seal, John heard the second living creature say: “Come and see.”

■ Revelation 6:5—When the Lamb opened the third seal, John heard the third living creature say: “Come and see.”

■ Revelation 6:7—When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, John heard the fourth living creature say: “Come and see.”

■ Revelation 15:7—One of the four living creatures gave seven golden bowls (full of the wrath of God) to the seven angels.

■ Ezekiel 1:1-28—The heavens were opened and Ezekiel saw visions of God.

■ Ezekiel 1:10—Each had the face of a man; each had the face of a lion on the right side; each had the face of an ox on the left side; and each had the face of an eagle.

■ Ezekiel 1:28—This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

## 24 elders and four living creatures

■ Revelation 4:9-11—Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne forever, the 24 elders fall down to worship Him, cast their crowns before the throne and say: “You are

worthy, O LORD, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

■ Revelation 5:6—In the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures stood a Lamb as though it had been slain.

■ Revelation 5:8-10—The four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb, and they sang a new song saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

■ Revelation 5:11-12—John heard many angels around the throne (the living creatures and the elders) saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing.”

■ Revelation 5:13-14—John heard every creature saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever”—then the four living creatures said, “Amen” and the 24 elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever.”

■ Revelation 7:11-12—All the angels, the elders and the four living creatures worshiped God saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

■ Revelation 14:3—The 144,000 sang a song before the throne (before the four living creatures, and the elders).

■ Revelation 19:4—The 24 elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God (who sat on the throne) saying: “Amen” and “Alleluia.”

## Scriptures to consider

**2 Kings 6:16-17**—“So he answered, ‘Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’ And Elisha prayed, and said, ‘LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.’ Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-17**—“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,”