

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 7, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:36

### 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 . . . . . Psalm 37:1–24

Sermon . . . . . Ray Hall

### Quick takes

1. Every Wednesday—Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
2. Sunday at 11:30 a.m.—There will be dominoes in the building on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
3. Sunday at 4:00 p.m.—The annual community function called “Honor Our Heroes” will be held at the Civic Center on Sept. 8 at 4:00 p.m.
4. Community Senior Social Potluck—On Sept. 9, there will be a senior social potluck (with food and bingo) at the Heritage Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
5. Big Boy No. 4014 Train Event—A “Big Boy” locomotive will be stopping in Big Sandy on Tuesday, Sept. 17, between 1:00 and 1:45 p.m.
6. Ken Tate coming to speak—Since Ken Tate is coming to see the Big Boy locomotive on Sept. 17, he agreed to come early and speak at our church service on Sept. 14.
7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Hezbollah Launches Largest Attack Since Aug. 25” by Yonah Jeremy Bob.
8. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Book of Revelation—Part 10” by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—Not completed at printing deadline of bulletin.

## Prayer updates

In the Aug. 17 bulletin, we mentioned that **Tricia Svehla** of Tennessee was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer and was awaiting surgery (removing the lung and reinserting it) on Sept. 3. On Wednesday, she reported: “I had my surgery yesterday. They removed a third of my left lung as they got all the cancer. I hope to be released by Sunday. The pain is intense. Thanks for continued prayers.”

In the March 30 bulletin, we mentioned that **Johnny Hooker** (of North Carolina) had been diagnosed with “metastatic prostate cancer” that had spread to his bladder. In the July 6 bulletin, his wife, **Bonita Miller**, gave an update. Here is a new update that his wife sent last Sunday: “Rounds 4 and 5 of chemo have been very brutal. This has stripped him of all his energy and strength. His last chemo treatment is on Sept. 11. Then, we wait six weeks to have a PET scan done to see if all this was worth it. Continued prayers are so very appreciated.”

On Monday, **Dave McLearn** described the procedure that he was going to have on Tuesday: “It is a nerve ablation in my lower back. An electrode is inserted next to the nerve—then an electronic signal is sent to burn the nerve endings.” After the procedure on Tuesday, he reported: “I am home and not feeling too bad. I was told it takes about four to six weeks for the nerves to die, so pain may persist for a while longer. But I am doing pretty good.” He looked more comfortable at the Wednesday-night Bible study than he had the previous week.

On Monday, **Dixon** and **Linda Cartwright** visited with **Randy Steele** in the nursing home, but we understand that circumstances can change quickly. On Wednesday, **Mandi Mischnick** gave the following report about her father: “My dad’s confusion and pain level have increased substantially. He is no longer able to receive visitors at this time. I ask for prayers on his behalf that God will be merciful to him and allow him to go in peace—so his suffering can come to an end.”

In the Aug. 24 bulletin, we mentioned that **Melissa Defur** (of East Texas) had been diagnosed with thyroid problems (with six nodules and one identified as suspicious) and was awaiting the results of a biopsy. On Tuesday, her mother (**Sandra Sharp**) reported: “Today, Melissa’s test came back—no cancer. Praise God.”

## New prayer requests

On Aug. 29, **Darron Burks** of the Dallas area was murdered. **Rachel Foy** sent the following message on a group text associated with a sister congregation in Huntsville about her friend: “Please put the family of Darron Burks in your prayers. He switched careers recently, from teaching to become a police officer. He was tragically killed in the line of duty on Thursday, night [Aug. 29]. He was a dear lifelong friend. His life has positively impacted so many. His death impacts even more.”

On Tuesday, **Roxanna West** was diagnosed with covid and was being treated at home with medication. On Friday, husband **Stan** reported: “After a tough couple of days, Roxanna is recovering well from covid. We appreciate all the prayers and God’s healing mercy.”

**Charles and Ivadelle Lauderback** live in Georgia and have been regular attendees at our Destin Feast site. On Tuesday, she sent the following report about her husband: “We will not be attending the Feast this year. Charles has liver cancer and spots on his lungs. We are in the hospital so he can get hydrated and be checked out. Please pray for his comfort.” On Wednesday, she reported: “We are home. We got home a little after 1:00 a.m. He goes to his oncologist on Sept. 10. I suppose we will discuss the options he has. He doesn’t yet have any plans for treatment. Thanks for your prayers and the prayers of the prayer warriors. God is good.”

**Ralph Hanahan** (who is the music director at a Feast site in Myrtle Beach, S.C.) requested prayers for his friend **Paul Jennings**: “Please add my friend Paul to the prayer list. He isn’t in a Church of God, but he’s a dear brother in my barbershop quartet (as the baritone). He strongly believes everything that the Almighty has revealed to him. Last week, he went to his ophthalmologist for a checkup. She came back with tears in her eyes and told him that not only does he have early glaucoma, but he also has macular degeneration, which could flip to blindness overnight. He is only 68. He had quadruple-bypass surgery back in the spring. Thank you.”

**Daniel Carter** (who often comes to our Wednesday-night Bible study) reports: “I am asking for prayers for my brother **Scott Carter**. His cancer has come back and is stage 4. Thank you.”

**Scott Hoefker** reported: “On June 11, I had an e-bike accident to avoid being hit by a truck that ran a stop sign. On Aug. 20, my right-knee repair surgery went well. The fractured clavicle in my shoulder and the trauma injury to two ribs seem to have healed. On Nov. 5, I am scheduled for surgery on my right shoulder—to repair a torn bicep, rotator cuff and torn tendons. I anticipate six months of long-term rehab.”

**Glenn Nice** of Kansas City, Kan. (brother-in-law of **Melodee Eishen**), died on Aug. 19. Please remember his wife, **Cindy**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## “Book of Revelation—Part 10”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy website ([churchofgodbig sandy.com](http://churchofgodbig sandy.com)). It was posted for the weekend of Sept. 7, 2024.

### By Dave Havir

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a 12-part series about the book of Revelation. Part 10 was about the “Book of Life.”

The bulk of the scriptures used for that Bible study (six) were from the book of Revelation. However, I began with a verse in Philippians and ended with verses in Exodus.

### Philippians 4:3

■ Philippians 4:1—The apostle Paul reminded the brethren in Philippi that he loved

them and encouraged them to stand fast in the Lord.

■ Philippians 4:2—He implored Euodia and Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

■ Philippians 4:3—Paul urged the brethren to continue supporting the brethren who labored with him in the gospel—calling them “fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.”

### Revelation 3:5

Before I read Revelation 3:5, I reminded the audience to value the information given

to all of the seven congregations in Revelation 2 and 3.

(That was a reference and a warning to people who focus upon “church eras” and often view themselves as superior disciples—transposing themselves as the congregation in the town of Philadelphia.)

Disciples should be focusing upon the instruction and upon the reward directed to all seven of the congregations. Although the message to the congregation in the city of Sardis is corrective, the reward announced for the members in that city is spectacular.

Notice the blessing to the disciples mentioned in Revelation 3:5.

■ He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments.

■ When a disciples overcomes, “I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life, but will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

Do you accept that your name is in the Book of Life?

If so, are you mindful about avoiding your name being blotted out of the Book of Life?

### Revelation 13:8

■ Revelation 13:1-2—The dragon gives the beast his power, his throne and great authority.

■ Revelation 13:7—It will be granted to the beast to make war with the saints and to overcome them—since authority will be given to him over every tribe, tongue and nation.

■ Revelation 13:8—All on the earth who worship the beast are those whose names have not been written in the Book of Life (of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world).

### Revelation 17:8

■ Revelation 17:8—Those who dwell on the earth (whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world) will marvel at the beast.

### Revelation 20:12, 15

■ Revelation 20:12—During the white-throne judgment, the books will be opened (understanding of scriptures in the Bible) and the Book of Life will be opened (becoming available to those not listed in there).

■ Revelation 20:15—“Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

### Revelation 21:7

■ Revelation 21:10—An angel showed John the great city (the holy Jerusalem) descending from God out of heaven.

■ Revelation 21:22—John saw no temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

■ Revelation 21:27—Only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life may enter the holy city.

### Revelation 22:19

These verses should be a stern reminder to people who give their own private interpretations about prophecy.

■ Revelation 22:18—“If anyone adds to these things [words in the book of Revelation], God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book.”

■ Revelation 22:19—“If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life.”

### Exodus 32:32-33

For the record, the term “Book of Life” is not technically mentioned in Exodus 32:32-33.

■ Exodus 32:32—Moses said: “Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have which You have written.”

■ Exodus 32:33—The Lord said to Moses: “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.”

## Thought for the week

“He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”—*An angel from Revelation 22:11*