

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 28, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:06

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Daniel Hammons

Presentation study—2:00 Terry McAdams
(also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Matthew 2:1–11

Sermon Terry McAdams

Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havar is giving a sermon in a congregation in the Shreveport, La., area.
2. Welcome to traveling speaker—The congregation welcomes Terry McAdams today and thanks him for giving two presentations.
3. Work party tomorrow at property of Gloria Hoppe—The congregation asks God's blessing upon the individuals from neighboring congregations who have volunteered to participate in a work party at the property of Gloria Hoppe tomorrow.
4. No Bible study on Oct. 2.
5. Feast of Trumpets—The congregation will observe the Feast of Trumpets on Thursday, Oct. 3. Here is the schedule.
 - 1:00—Interactive Bible study
 - 2:00—Presentation Bible study — Dave Havar
 - 3:00—Church service—with Reg Killingley giving the sermon

6. Day of Atonement—The congregation will be observing the Day of Atonement on Saturday, Oct. 12. Here is the schedule.
 - 1:00—Interactive Bible study
 - 2:00—Presentation Bible study—Dave Havir
 - 3:00—Church service—with Daniel Hammons giving the sermon
7. Feast of Tabernacles—The congregation will be hosting the Feast of Tabernacles (in our building and in Destin, Fla.) with daily church services from Thursday, Oct. 17, through Thursday, Oct. 24.
8. Guest speaker on Saturday, Oct. 26—Immediately after the Feast of Tabernacles, Bruce Chesney (a pastor in Harrisburg, Pa.) will be a guest speaker at our church service.
9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "*Good Energy: Measure and Boost Metabolic Health*" by Will Stone.
10. Among Friends—This week's article is "The Coming of Messiah" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—253 headlines and four articles.

Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned: "**Timberly Dunnam** had a full-panel blood-work done, and we are waiting for an opening for her to see a specialist in immunology." An appointment is scheduled for Oct. 8.

Mickey Voyce reports that she is recovering well from her surgery (which is considered a natural follow-up). She appreciates your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we reported that **Jessica Lewis** (daughter of **Mickey Voyce**) and her husband were expecting their second child, and Mrs. Lewis was scheduled for the labor to be induced last Tuesday. Well, the little fellow (**James Edward Lewis**) came that morning without the nudge from the doctor. Everyone is doing fine.

For the past many years, **Ramon Coleman** of Kansas City has dealt with a variety of serious health challenges. And, while he has had many procedures involving highly capable specialists in that part of the country (including successful surgery involving his brain), he has acknowledged God's help in each step. Recently, **Dave Havir** requested an update. Mr. Coleman reported that his energy had been low, and the doctors found spots on his kidney. This past Thursday, he was scheduled for an MRI. In the near future, his cardiologist has scheduled three procedures—(first) a chest X-ray; (second), a catheter angiogram (putting a dye into his heart and veins); and (third), a lung test.

Thought for the week

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given."—*Isaiah 9:6*

New prayer requests

Lisa Smith requests prayers for **Brian Pitre**—who is 50 years old, has significant medical issues and is alone in an Alabama hospital. She wrote: “My paw-paw (my stepdad) is far away, and this is his second-to-last child. Please pray for healing and comfort.”

On Monday, **Judy Biggs** requested prayers for **Susan Novell-Biggs** (wife of deceased **Brian**): “She is presently dealing with diabetes and liver failure.”

On Tuesday, **Lynn Britton** of Tulsa, Okla., was taken to a hospital where she was diagnosed with renal failure.

Kelly Barfield of Big Sandy died on Sept. 22. Please remember his wife, **Vinita**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Feast speaking schedules

Big Sandy

Oct. 17—Wynn Skelton
 Oct. 18—Dave Havir
 Oct. 19—Dave Havir
 Oct. 20—Bert Moers
 Oct. 21—Ray Hall
 Oct. 22—Ray Hall
 Oct. 23—Music Fest
 Oct. 24—Richard Crow

Destin

Oct. 17—Ken Tate & Bill Crow
 Oct. 18—Neil Mclver & Ben Franklin
 Oct. 19—Chad Tate & Music Fest
 Oct. 20—Daniel Hammons & John Havir
 Oct. 21—Dave Havir & Danny Miller
 Oct. 22—Steven Gibson & Music Fest
 Oct. 23—Dave Havir & Bill Crow
 Oct. 24—Music Fest & Ken Tate

“The Coming of Messiah”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbig sandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Sept. 28, 2024.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “The Coming of Messiah” This topic was chosen as we approach the fall festivals. Many Bible students believe that the Son of God was physically born in the fall of the year and that He will return to the earth at this time of the year.

Messiah mentioned four times

In the King James Version of the Bible, the English word *Messiah* is mentioned only four times.

The Hebrew word *masiah* (which means “Anointed One”) is translated “Messiah” in

Daniel 9:25 and Daniel 9:26. It is translated “anointed” 37 times in the Old Testament.

The Greek word *Christos* (which means “Christ, Anointed One, Messiah) is translated “Messiah” in John 1:41 and John 4:25. It is translated “Christ” 553 times and “Christ’s” 16 times.

Old Testament history

Let’s look at some Old Testament scriptures involving the history of the coming Messiah.

■ Genesis 3:15—The Lord God told the serpent that there would be enmity between the seed of the serpent and the Seed of the woman.

■ Genesis 12:2—The Lord told Abram that He would make Abram’s seed a great nation.

■ Genesis 16:1-4—When Sarai did not get pregnant, she convinced Abram to have a child with her maidservant Hagar.

One of the common expressions that my wife and I often use to describe questionable decisions in life is: “What could possibly go wrong?”

■ Genesis 16:5—When Sarai did not like the reaction of the maidservant Hagar, she blamed Abram and the maidservant.

■ Genesis 17:16—God promised Abraham that Sarah would have a child to be a mother of nations.

■ Genesis 17:17-18—After Abraham laughed at the idea, he asked God if He could simply use Ishmael to fulfill the promise.

■ Genesis 17:19-20—After God said that He would establish His covenant through the family of Isaac, He said that He would also bless the family of Ishmael.

■ Isaiah 7:14—The Lord gave a sign about a virgin bearing a Son and that Son being called Immanuel.

■ Matthew 1:23—Matthew quoted Isaiah 7:14 when discussing the birth of Immanuel—which is translated “God with us.”

Looking for the Messiah

■ John 1:19—The Jews sent priests and Levites to ask John: “Who are you?”

■ John 1:20—John confessed: “I am not the Christ.”

■ John 1:21—The priests and Levites asked: “Are you Elijah?” and “Are you the Prophet?”

■ John 1:22—The priests and Levites asked: “Who are you (that we may give an answer to those who sent us)?”

■ John 1:29—When John saw Jesus coming toward Him, he said: “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

■ John 1:41—Andrew told his brother Simon Peter: “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated “the Christ”).

■ John 1:49—Nathanael said to Christ: “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

Knew His mission

Later, the Son of God told His disciples (in Matthew 16:21) what was going to happen to Him.

■ “I must go to Jerusalem.”

■ “I will suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and scribes.”

■ “I will be killed.”

■ “I will be raised the third day.”

Adversity for Peter

■ Luke 22:31—The Lord warned Simon Peter that the adversary wanted to sift him as wheat.

■ Luke 22:32—The Lord said that He would pray for Peter and that Peter would become helpful to strengthen the brethren.

Adversity for the Son of God

■ Luke 22:41-42—The Son of God talked with the Father about the adversity.

■ Luke 22:43-44—An angel helped the Son of God to deal with the adversity.

Mourning for family

■ Luke 23:27-28—When the Son of God saw the people mourning for His circumstances, He was more focused upon the people mourning for themselves and their children.

Peace because of Father and Son

■ John 16:33—“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer [because] I have overcome the world.”

From church bulletins

“The sermon this morning, ‘Jesus Walks on the Water.’
The sermon tonight: ‘Search for Jesus.’ ”

“At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be ‘What Is Hell?’
Come early and listen to our choir practice.”