

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Oct. 5, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:59

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 Matthew 2:12–23
Sermon Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Letter from Mayor Linda Baggett to our congregation—“Thank you for allowing us to use your parking lot during the Big Boy No. 4014 Train event. It was such a blessing to many of our guests. I’m thankful to the congregation at Church of God for your dedication to our little town.”
2. Mayor came to our church—We are pleased that the mayor visited our congregation on Thursday during our Feast of Trumpets observance. Dave Havir mentioned her from the pulpit when he said something like: “I was praying this morning that the biggest sinner in Big Sandy would come to church today, and our mayor showed up.”
3. Pro-life signs on Sunday—Dave Havir will be joining Big Sandy Mayor Linda Baggett to hold pro-life signs in Big Sandy tomorrow from 2:00 to 3:00.
4. Wednesday-night Bible study—Oct. 9 at 7:00.
5. 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—Dave Havir
 - 2:00—Presentation Bible study—Dave Havir
 - 3:00—Church service—with Daniel Hammons giving the sermon

6. Feast of Tabernacles coordinators—Thank you to the Colemans and Mclvers.
 - Big Sandy coordinators—David and Joyce Coleman
 - Destin coordinators—Neil and Martha Mclver
7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Men and Women Have Different Coping Skills" by Star Parker.
8. Among Friends—This week's article is "Feast of Trumpets—2024" by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—It was not completed at the printing deadline of this bulletin.

Prayer updates

Timberly Dunnam sees an immunology specialist on Oct. 8.

On Tuesday, **Linda Avey** informed us that she went to a hospital on Monday. She had fallen and fractured her left ankle. The doctor said the bad news was that the bone was "cracked" but the good news was that it was "not broken in pieces." On Friday, she was scheduled to be moved to a rehab section of the hospital for seven to 10 days. While she has been treated in the hospital, she has been having her five-hour sessions of dialysis there.

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. We gave an update in the Sept. 7 bulletin. On Oct. 1, she sent a new update: "I wanted to give you an update on my lung surgery. They were able to take the mass. They tested 14 lymph nodes. Only two had stage-2 cancer, which they will monitor with an MRI in two months. No further treatment at this time, so prayers were heard. Thank you."

In last week's bulletin, we reported about **Ramon Coleman** of Kansas City. Following an MRI, he heard the results (renal-cell carcinoma, reportedly two tumors in one kidney). He is awaiting an appointment to discuss options. Concerning other matters, a cardiologist had scheduled a pulmonary lung test for Friday, Oct. 4, and an angiogram (putting a dye in his heart and veins) on Oct. 15.

New prayer requests

On Thursday morning, **Brenda Kennebeck** sent the following about her mother, **Wanda Klepfer**: "She has been having spells where the left side of her face goes numb and she gets weak in her left arm and leg. She had 13 spells yesterday [Wednesday]. We have had MRIs on her brain and CT scans on her sinuses. Her carotid artery checked clear. Doctors have no clue what is causing her spells. Your prayers are very much appreciated."

Jerry Chalmers of the Huntsville congregation has high blood pressure.

Earlier this week, **Linda Benton** went to a hospital. She reports: "I had what they call an acute cerebral vascular incident. The MRI did not show a new stroke, but I have the symptoms of a stroke. I am having a sleep study on Monday, and I will be following up with a neurologist, a cardiologist and physical therapy for my left arm and leg." She returned home on Friday.

Terry McAdams reported: "I would like to ask prayers for my brother **Kevin McAdams**. He is 60 years old and has had many medical problems. He broke the bone of his big toe and it became infected—and caused diabetes sores on the rest of his toes and side of his foot. I am asking for the end of infection and for healing. Thank you."

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—Music Fest
 Oct. 23—Ray Hall
 Oct. 24—Richard Crow

Destin

Oct. 17—Ken Tate & Bill Crow
 Oct. 18—Neil McIver & 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

Thought for the week

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."—*An angel*

"Feast of Trumpets—2024"

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 Oct. 5,

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—On Thursday, Oct. 3, our congregation came together to celebrate the Feast of Trumpets. I had the opportunity to give a Bible study to the audience in our church hall and to the audience online. The title of the presentation was "Count the Cost, but Trust God."

Here are some of the concepts that I mentioned in that presentation.

Calamity and restoration

Before I presented three powerful concepts in the presentation, I gave a quick reminder about a general phrase regarding prophecy.

The prophecies of the Bible generally revolve around calamity and restoration. This is certainly true about the prophecies associated with the Feast of Trumpets. The trumpet blast warns people about the calamity that is surrounding the nations. But the trumpet blast is also an announcement of the restoration that the Father and the Son are bringing to the world.

Then, I proceeded to the three powerful concepts.

Count the cost

■ Luke 14:26—If we want to be a disciple of the Son of God, we must put Him (and thus His Father) first in our lives—

even before the family (which should also be a high priority in our lives).

■ Luke 14:27—If we want to be a disciple of the Son of God, we must be willing to bear our cross and follow Him.

■ Luke 14:28-30—The Son of God taught the example of counting the cost when building a tower.

■ Luke 14:31-32—The Son of God taught the example of counting the cost when considering going to war.

Recognize negative but dwell on positive

It is certainly easy to become consumed by negativity.

Are you aware of the biblical teaching of recognizing negative, but dwelling on positive?

The order is crucial.

(As a good parent, you probably taught your children this mature key to handling adversity—but it is possible that we sometimes forget the valuable lessons when we ourselves are trying to deal with the challenges of life.)

Notice a lesson in the book of Numbers about the importance of recognizing negative, but dwelling upon positive.

■ Numbers 13:1-3—The Lord instructed Moses to choose men (from the tribes of Israel) to spy out the land of Canaan.

■ Numbers 13:6—Caleb was chosen from the tribe of Judah.

■ Numbers 13:8—Joshua was chosen from the tribe of Ephraim.

■ Numbers 13:18-20—Moses gave a listing of what the spies should examine.

Go see what the land is like.

Go see whether the people are strong or weak.

Go see whether the people are few or many.

Go see whether the land is good or bad.

Go see if the cities are like camps (open towns) or strongholds (walled cities).

Go see if the land is rich or poor.

Go see if there are forests or not.

■ Numbers 13:20—Be of good courage, and bring back some fruit of the land.

■ Numbers 13:26-27—The first part of the report was positive.

■ Numbers 13:28-29—Then, the report focused on the challenges.

■ Numbers 13:30—Caleb saw what was happening and he sought to nudge them to focus upon the positive.

■ Numbers 13:31-34—But the other men continued to focus on the negative (the challenges).

■ Numbers 14:6-9—Joshua and Caleb (who recognized the negative) continued to focus on the positive.

■ Numbers 14:37-38—Although the other spies died from a plague, Joshua and Caleb remained alive.

Trust God

After disciples count the cost (recognizing the negative), they should trust God (dwelling on the positive).

■ 2 Corinthians 1:3-4—God comforts His disciples and they learn to comfort other people.

■ 2 Corinthians 1:8—Paul described how he and his traveling partners have troubles (being “burdened beyond measure” and “burdened above strength”—being in despair of their life).

■ 2 Corinthians 1:9—Instead of trusting in themselves, they sought to trust in God.

■ 2 Corinthians 1:10—God has delivered us, He does deliver us, and He will deliver us.

■ 1 Timothy 4:10—Paul acknowledged that we labor and suffer reproach because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all.

■ John 10:28—The Son of God said: “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

■ John 10:29—The Son of God said: “My Father (who has given them to Me) is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

We are going to see the King

Please check out a video on youtube.com (from July 24, 2007) titled “Andraé Crouch ‘Soon and Very Soon.’”