

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Nov. 2, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:28

### 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 . . . . . During the sermon  
Sermon . . . . . Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Daylight-saving time ends tonight.
2. Wednesday-night Bible study—Nov. 6 at 7:00.
3. Veterans' Banquet at ALERT Academy—On Nov. 7 (at 6:00 p.m.), veterans, police officers, EMS personnel, firefighters and immediate family members are invited to the Veterans' Banquet at ALERT Academy.
4. Community Thanksgiving Gathering—On Nov. 24 (at 5:00).
5. Edifying the Body—"Post-Feast Reminders" by Dave Havir.
6. Among Friends—"Recognize People Who Try to Hurt You" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—157 headlines and three lists.

### Prayer updates

**Timberly Dunnam** had another week with a kidney infection, a UTI and a kidney stone.

**Angela Dunnam** reports that her knee is slowly healing.

**Linda Avey** is slowly making improvement. Family members had arranged for a few friends to visit her, but they want to restrict visitors for a while longer.

On Thursday, **Morris Foster** gave an update about his copperhead bite and related cellulitis. Last Saturday, he was released from the hospital (for the second time). On Wednesday, he had a follow-up visit at the local Christus Clinic in Gladewater. He reported: "Things seem to be progressing well—though slowly. I do still have pain in my hips and bottom. I am able to get up and around the house sufficiently as needed."

In the Sept. 21 bulletin, we mentioned that **Bea Gusner** was feeling better, but she still had breathing issues when she overdid her activities. Please remember her in your prayers as she seeks to continually get stronger.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Leslie Harroff** had surgery for the doctor to remove scar tissue. She reports that she is doing much better.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Sharon Burgin** was dealing with gout. She reports that the gout has improved. She has not been needing her cane, but she still has not gotten back into her regular shoes. (Also, she mentioned that her pinched nerve has not been bothering her.)

On Thursday, **Ramon Coleman** of the Kansas City area had a heart catheterization. Here were the two results. First, the medical people said the blood vessel that they previously thought was 50 to 75 percent blocked was now diagnosed as clear. Second, they said the heart is not pumping as efficiently as they like, and they want to treat it with medication for a month.

## New prayer requests

On Wednesday, the family of **Kemmer Pfund** found him disoriented in his home, and he was taken to a hospital. The diagnosis was a UTI and not a stroke.

On Friday morning, **Joyce Coleman** reported that their grandson, **Koby**, hurt his foot while playing basketball. An MRI was anticipated.

On Wednesday, **Michael Baggett** of Big Sandy (husband of **Mayor Linda Baggett**) had surgery to remove a small cancerous spot from his chest.

On Monday, **Neil** and **Martha McIver** reported: "The potential deal to sell our house fell through this morning. It is back on the market today. We appreciate your prayers about the matter."

## Opinions from Israel

"Israel should attack Iran's nuclear facilities. Tehran can't stop it."—*Michael Freund*

"Hold off on the celebrations. Tehran has planned for the long game against Israel."—*Major-General Yitzhak Brick*

"The U.S. election will determine future of Israel's war."—*Yaakov Katz*

## “Post-Feast Reminders”

Following is an excerpt of an article by Dave Havir that was posted in the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgod-bigsandy.com) for the weekend of Nov. 2, 2024.

1. Talk to God every day.
2. Listen to God every day.
3. Enjoy music to set your mood.
4. Recognize people trying to hurt you.
5. Recognize people trying to help you.
6. Develop a habit of helping people.
7. Worship God.

## “Recognize People Trying to Hurt You”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbigsandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Nov., 2, 2024.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Recognize People Trying to Hurt You.” This presentation was a follow-up to a presentation that I gave on Saturday, Oct. 26, titled “Post-Feast Reminders.” (That previous presentation had seven points, and this Wednesday-night presentation expanded upon only the fourth concept.)

The Bible is full of comforting words about trusting in the Father and the Son for comfort and deliverance. The Bible is filled with valuable instruction about how to deal with adversity.

One of those great concepts is found in Philippians 4:8 (about dwelling upon the noble, the just, the pure, the lovely, the good report, the virtuous and the praiseworthy).

However, I strongly believe that a mature and confident disciple should also recognize people who are trying to hurt them. Let’s notice a few of the scriptures to support that realistic approach.

### Real enemy

It is important to understand who the real enemy is.

■ Genesis 3:15—When the Lord God pronounced a consequence upon the serpent

for his role in deceiving Adam and Eve, He announced the conflict that would exist between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent—including the temporary success that the serpent would enjoy.

■ Ephesians 6:12—When the apostle Paul taught that disciples do not wrestle against flesh and blood, he listed the opposition.

We wrestle against principalities.

We wrestle against powers.

We wrestle against rulers of darkness.

We wrestle against spiritual hosts of wickedness.

### No revenge

When you recognize that someone is trying to hurt you, it is important to avoid seeking revenge.

■ Romans 12:17—“Repay no one evil for evil.”

■ Romans 12:18—“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

■ Romans 12:19—“Do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath.”

### Old Testament examples

Following are only a few examples from the Old Testament about recognizing people who are trying to hurt you.

### His mother reacted to the danger

■ Exodus 1:22—Pharaoh gave a decree to kill Hebrews' sons.

■ Exodus 2:2—Moses' mother hid him for three months.

■ Exodus 2:3—When she could no longer hide him, she put him into an ark and placed it into the river.

### Rahab reacted to the danger

■ Joshua 2:1—Joshua sent two men to secretly spy out the land, "especially Jericho."

■ Joshua 2:2-3—The king of Jericho heard about the spies arriving, and he told Rahab to turn over the spies in her home.

■ Joshua 2:4—Instead, she hid them on her roof (verse 6).

Then, she gave four statements. (The last three statements were different ways of providing the same misdirection.)

■ "I did not know where they were from." (They were sent by Joshua.)

■ "When the gate was being shut (when it was dark), the men went out." (She hid them on the roof.)

■ "Where they went, I don't know." (She hid them on the roof.)

■ "Pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them." (She hid them on the roof.)

### Men of Israel reacted to the danger

■ 1 Samuel 13:6—When the men of Israel saw that they were in danger (for the people were distressed), then the people hid (in caves, thickets, rocks, holes and pits).

### David reacted to the danger

It is true that David reacted bravely and aggressively to a dangerous situation with Goliath (in 1 Samuel 17). But notice his approach in other situations.

■ 1 Samuel 19:2—Jonathan told David: "My father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore, please be on your guard until morning, and stay in a secret place and hide."

■ 1 Samuel 24:2-3—Saul took 3,000 chosen men to find David and his men—who were hiding in a cave.

### New Testament examples

Following are only a few examples from the New Testament about recognizing people who are trying to hurt you.

### James and Peter faced danger

■ Acts 12:2—Herod killed James.

■ Acts 12:3—Herod seized Peter.

### Paul faced danger

■ Acts 9:23-25—When the Jews plotted to kill Paul, the disciples lowered him over a wall in a basket.

■ Acts 17:5-9—When a mob of people was looking for Paul, the mob harassed Jason.

■ 2 Corinthians 11:13-15—False apostles were deceitful workers.

■ 2 Corinthians 11:20—The people had to deal with five bad behaviors from the leaders.

They allowed alleged leaders to take them into bondage.

They allowed alleged leaders to devour them.

They allowed alleged leaders to steal from them.

They allowed alleged leaders to exalt themselves over them.

They allowed alleged leaders to hit them.

■ 2 Timothy 4:14-15—"Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord reward him according to his works."

### Son of God reacted to danger

■ Matthew 16:21—The Son of God told His disciples that He was about to suffer many things from the elders, chief priest and scribes—before they would kill Him.

■ John 8:59—When the people took up stones to throw at the Son of God, He hid.

■ John 10:39-40—When the people sought to seize the Son of God, He escaped to the area beyond the Jordan River.

■ John 11:53-54—When the religious leaders plotted to kill Him, He would no longer walk openly among the Jews.

■ John 12:36—The Son of God departed and hid from the crowd.

■ John 16:2—The Son of God warned His disciples that they would be put out of the synagogue and be killed.

■ John 17:14—In a prayer to His Father, the Son of God acknowledged that His disciples would be treated as He was treated.

■ John 19:11—The Son of God told His persecutors that they had no power against Him unless it was given from above.