

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 8, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:22

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Jim Bald

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 Psalm 119:73–80

Sermon Morris Foster

Quick takes

1. Reminder—Daylight-saving time begins tonight.
2. No dominoes tomorrow
3. Wednesday-night Bible study—March 12 at 7:00
4. Neighborhood-block party next Saturday night—You are invited to a neighborhood block party in Big Sandy—which was postponed from this Saturday night until next Saturday night due to anticipated rain.
 - Saturday night—March 15
 - Time—7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 - Location—Across from the post office
 - Food—Music—Dance—Door prizes
5. Postponed community variety show—The Big Sandy Community Variety Show (which had been scheduled in our building on Monday, March 31) has been postponed until January 2026.

6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Death by Firing Squad, First Time in 15 Years" by Gene Johnson.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Victory Over the Enemy—Part 3" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—34 pages, 262 headlines and five articles.
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 | ■ Shirley West |

Prayer updates

In the Feb. 22 bulletin, we mentioned that **Dianna Payne** of Gladewater (sister of **Roxanna West**) was waiting for a lung transplant. Last Saturday night, the doctor informed Mrs. Payne that he had found a match and he quickly went through the paperwork. On Sunday, both the surgeries for the two individuals (the donor and recipient) went well. The family thanks you for your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Shirley Spearman** was going to re-schedule an MRI. It looks like her appointment is now on March 18.

Following are excerpts from **Gloria Hoppe**: "As of Monday afternoon, the coughing is back, but so far the heavy congestion like I had with the covid/flu is not. Neither is the nausea. The hip pain is worsened, and the knee tends to buckle as a result. So walking is risky. Medicare has just informed me via a letter that they will cover the cost of rheumatoid-arthritis medicine. Answered prayer. With **Keith** being sick, my challenge now is doing for myself the 101 things around here that he routinely does. Thank you for your prayers."

New prayer requests

Vonda Ouellette of Houston has been diagnosed with shingles. She reports that her case is very painful.

Mike Miele of Clinton, N.C. (who suffered a massive heart attack on Monday), died on March 5. Please remember his wife, **Susan**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Sarah Rice of Houston died on March 5. Please remember her husband, **Edgar**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Pam Kimmons of Brookhaven, Miss., died on March 7. Please remember her husband, **Anthony**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Spring Feast days

1. Memorial on Friday evening—April 11, at 7:30
 - Memorial of the suffering and death of our Lord
 - Christ, our Passover—1 Corinthians 5:7
 - “Night He was betrayed”—1 Corinthians 11:23
 - Foot-washing—John 13:1-17
 - Foot-washing pans are provided—please bring a towel
 - Broken bread and wine—1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 - Live transmission
2. Remembering the time of Christ’s death—Saturday, April 12, at 3:00 p.m.
 - Since this falls on a Saturday this year, we get to be together
3. Traditional meal on Saturday evening—April 12
 - Traditional meal—depicting deliverance from Egypt
 - Remember the Old Testament history—gathering in homes
 - The pastor recommends cozy gatherings in homes
 - The building will be available for a cozy gathering
 - Old Testament history and spiritual applications
4. First day of Unleavened Bread—Sunday, April 13
5. Remember the timing of Christ’s resurrection—three days and three nights later
6. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—Saturday, April 19

Thought for the week

“Gideon said to Him, ‘O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are His miracles which our fathers told us about?’ ”—*Judges 6:13*

“Victory Over the Enemy—Part 3”

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 March 8, 2025.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a series by giving a presentation titled “Victory Over the Enemy—Part 3.”

The first two presentations were designed to address the concept of not underestimating the enemy.

- Part 1—We talked about “overt danger” from the enemy.

- Part 2—We talked about “subtle dan-

ger” from the enemy.

The next two presentations were designed to address the concept of not overestimating the enemy.

- Part 3—Victory Over the Enemy from the Old Testament.

- Part 4—Victory Over the Enemy from the New Testament.

Verses to lay a foundation

In the presentation on Wednesday night, I listed 18 sections of Scripture on a handout.

I knew that I couldn't read all of them, but I wanted to present them to the audience.

Let's look at three sections of Scripture that will lay my foundation.

■ Genesis 3:15—When the Lord explained a penalty (consequence) for the sins of the serpent, He mentioned that the serpent would have some success (“you shall bruise His heel”) before he would fail (“He shall bruise your head”).

■ Isaiah 45:5-7—In these verses, the Lord repeated the truth about His sovereignty—creating light and darkness and making peace and calamity.

■ Daniel 10:13, 20—In these verses, we read about good angels battling with evil angels—with one battle lasting 21 days and with the help of a strong angel called Michael.

Verses from the Pentateuch

Next were seven sections of Scripture from the Pentateuch.

■ Genesis 50:20—The history of Joseph reveals God allowing people to do evil behavior toward other people, so that God can make something good to occur.

■ Exodus 4:21-23—Although there are many verses in the Bible to support the concept of believers having free choice, this particular example reveals one of the few times when the Lord micromanaged details to accomplish His will.

■ Exodus 14:13-14—As the children of Israel were facing a crisis, Moses reminded the people to manage their fear and look to the Lord to accomplish His outcome.

■ Numbers 13:17-33—This example shows that children of the Lord are instructed to recognize negative factors, but then certainly to dwell on the positive promises.

■ Numbers 14:6—Joshua and Caleb kept their eyes on the promises.

■ Deuteronomy 20:1-4—These verses remind the children of the Lord that He is with them and He will fight for them.

■ Deuteronomy 30:15-20—These verses remind the children of the Lord to choose the way of life and blessing.

More verses

Next were eight sections of Scripture from other parts of the Bible.

■ Joshua 1:6-9—The Lord instructed Joshua to be strong and to remember that the Lord was with him wherever he went.

■ 1 Samuel 8:1-22—After the people asked Samuel to make someone a king, the Lord told Samuel to warn the people but to let them decide—for them to learn a valuable lesson.

■ 2 Kings 6:15-17—When a man expressed concern about the physical details of the upcoming battle, Elisha prayed for the Lord to show the man the spiritual army that was there for the battle.

■ 2 Kings 20:1-6—When the Lord told King Hezekiah that he was going to die, the king prayed fervently, and the Lord added 15 years to his life.

■ Job 1:12—After the Lord gave the devil permission to test Job, the Lord placed binding restrictions on what the devil could do.

■ Job 2:6—After the Lord gave the devil permission to test Job again, the Lord again placed binding restrictions on what the devil could do.

■ Psalm 18:1-50—David wrote a beautiful psalm describing how the Lord delivered him from his enemies and from the hand of Saul. (This material is also listed in 2 Samuel 22:1-51.)

■ Psalm 20:1-9—Here is a shorter psalm that David wrote about how the Lord helped him in his days of trouble.

The pastor stole our spoon

A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church. After he left, the wife said to the husband: “I think he stole our spoon!” A year later, the couple invited the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, “Did you steal our spoon last year? The pastor smiled and replied, “No, but I did put it inside your Bible.”