

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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March 22, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:32

### Bible studies

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

Presentation study—2:00 . . . . . Wynn Skelton  
(also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Neil McIver

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . Exodus 12:21–30

Sermon . . . . . Wynn Skelton

### Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—Today, Dave Havir is giving presentations in Huntsville.
2. Fire on Lexington Drive—Last Sunday, there was some excitement on the north end of Lexington Drive. One of the neighbors was burning on a windy day and flames headed south into the wooded areas. Neighbors fought the blaze until fire departments came to help. The fire was most active behind the homes of Jonathan Havir, Rick and Rita Miller and the McIvers. (If the fire had continued aggressively on its southern path, it would have eventually reached the backyards of the Cartwrights and the church property.) Various members of the neighborhood attend churches and were openly praying—as they worked together to put as much water on the flames as they could until the fire trucks arrived. Helpful neighbors are great. Thanks be to our Heavenly Father.
3. Dominoes tomorrow—If you are interested in playing dominoes tomorrow at 11:00 a.m., please let Sue Jones know.
4. Wednesday-night Bible study—March 26 at 7:00.

5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Why Judges Cannot Run the Executive Branch" by George Landrith.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Deliverance From Egypt—Part 1" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—Not completed before bulletin deadline.

## Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we gave an update about **Linda Avey's** appointment with a neurologist. The doctor talked about three courses of action. First, the doctor immediately cut back some of the seizure medications. Second, the doctor informed her about a previous cluster of blood vessels in her frontal lobe and wanted her to have an MRA—which she had last Thursday but has not yet received the analysis. Third, the doctor told her about having probes attached to her forehead for three days—which will occur this coming Monday to Thursday. On this past Wednesday, she had her regular shot in her eye (which she does once a month, rotating eyes each month). Also this week, she received good financial news. You may have heard on the news that some professions in Texas would not receive Social Security if they were also drawing a retirement pension. Teachers had been included in that limitation. However, the Texas Legislature recently changed the law and now teachers can receive both their retirement pension and Social Security.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Shirley Spearman** was scheduled for an MRI on March 21. She reported: "I did good with the MRI."

**Gloria Hoppe** gave the following update last Sunday: "Apparently, I have long covid. This explains a lot. Long covid (LC) is nothing more than a descriptive term for the condition one's body can be left in after having covid-19. Most people don't get LC. If someone is left with it, it is almost always a result of having contracted covid-19 while already having a compromised immune system such as having one of the top five autoimmune disorders. Mine is rheumatoid arthritis. Covid-19 takes a whole lot out of the body—strength, energy, endurance, mental capacity, etc., are severely affected. LC is when those things are not readily restored. This has limited my public activity for a while. I hate it, because I miss everyone. Thank you for your prayers."

## New prayer requests

**Rose Ann Terhorst** (who has started attending with us from Mineola) requests prayers. In February, she was scheduled to have hip-replacement surgery, but the doctor delayed the surgery because of a cardiac issue. She appreciates your prayers.

**Wynn Skelton** reported that he is scheduled for a left-knee replacement on June 17. (He had a hip replacement last May.) His doctor said: "After the surgery, you are going to hate me for the first month." Mr. Skelton is expecting a good recovery and is anticipating spending much of the Feast at our Feast site here in Big Sandy. He is making arrangements to camp. He appreciates your prayers.

On Saturday, **Terry McAdams** sent the following prayer request: “I just heard my cousin **Lynn Jansky** was in an auto accident. (We have been asking prayers for her father.) She broke both bones above her wrist.”

**Claire Goodman Gilles** of Sunland, Calif., died on Feb. 22. Please remember her husband, **Vance**, and the family in your prayers.

**Helen Worthen** of Big Sandy died on March 15. Please remember her 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

## “Deliverance From Egypt—Part 1”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website ([churchofgodbigsandy.com](http://churchofgodbigsandy.com)). It was posted for the weekend of March 22, 2025.

### By Dave Havir

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a four-part series leading up to the Spring Feast days. The title of the presentation was: “Deliverance From Egypt—Part 1.” The subtitle was “Shall Know That I AM the Lord.”

### Quick background

At the beginning of the study, I briefly mentioned a few scriptures about how Israel

ended up in Egypt. Even though I love talking about that aspect of history, I didn’t take the time to discuss those details on Wednesday night. Instead of talking about Joseph in the book of Genesis, we started in the book of Exodus.

■ Exodus 1:8—A new king arose who did not know Joseph.

■ Exodus 1:9-10—Since the children of Israel were multiplying rapidly in Egypt, the king wanted to keep control over any potential trouble.

■ Exodus 1:11-14—Here are some terms used to describe the Egyptians' approach to the children of Israel—taskmasters, afflict with burdens, serve with rigor and make their lives bitter with hard bondage.

■ Exodus 1:22—Pharaoh commanded that Israelite newborn boys should be drowned in the river.

■ Exodus 2:1-6—Moses was born and his Israelite identity was hidden.

### Message to Moses

■ Exodus 3:2-5—An angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a burning bush.

■ Exodus 3:6—The Lord said: "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

■ Exodus 3:7-9—The Lord confirmed that He saw the affliction of the people, and was going to rescue them.

### Moses did not want to speak

■ Exodus 3:10—Then, the Lord told Moses: "I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people (the children of Israel) out of Egypt."

■ Exodus 3:11-13—Moses resisted and asked how he should identify the Lord.

■ Exodus 3:14—God said to Moses: "I AM WHO I AM." Tell the children of Israel: "I AM has sent me to you."

■ Exodus 3:15—Tell the children of Israel: "The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob has sent me to you."

■ Exodus 3:18—Tell Pharaoh: "The Lord God of the Hebrews has met with us, and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God."

■ Exodus 3:19—"But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go."

■ Exodus 4:1-5—When Moses answered

that the people would not believe him, the Lord showed Moses that a rod would turn into a snake.

■ Exodus 4:6-9—The Lord mentioned three more signs—a normal hand becoming leprous, a leprous hand becoming normal and the action of turning water into blood.

■ Exodus 4:10-17—When Moses again resisted the notion of being the one to go to Pharaoh, the annoyed Lord added Aaron to the project.

### The outcome was established

■ Exodus 4:21—The Lord told Moses that He was going to harden Pharaoh's heart.

■ Exodus 4:22-23—When the Lord told Moses what message to give to Pharaoh, He mentioned the idea of killing Pharaoh's firstborn—thus showing that this discussion in chapter 4 mentioned what was going to occur in chapter 12.

### Three approaches with Pharaoh

At this point in the presentation, I briefly mentioned three approaches that God was going to take with Pharaoh.

■ God's words to Pharaoh—found in Exodus 5:1 through Exodus 7:7.

■ God's miracle to Pharaoh—found in Exodus 7:8-13.

■ God's Ten Plagues—found in Exodus 7:14 through Exodus 12:30.

### Two audiences

Do you remember the subtitle: You "Shall Know That I AM the Lord."?

Before I concluded, I asked: Who were the main two target audiences to come to know that the I AM was the Lord?

■ Exodus 6:6-7—The children of Israel shall know.

■ Exodus 7:1-5—The Egyptians shall know.

## Thoughts for the Week

"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."—*John 13:14-15*