

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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March 7, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:24

Bible studies

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

Presentation study—2:00 Rod Lewis
(also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Exodus 1:8–22

Sermon Kenneth Lewis

Quick takes

1. Pastor's travel—On Thursday (March 5), Dave Havar embarked on a trip with the goal to complete the following schedule.
 - March 7—Bible study in Huntington, W.Va.
 - March 9—Pick up the church car in Bristol, Tenn.
(The car had a cracked radiator and other problems.)
 - Mid-week—Fellowship with brethren in Rocky Mount, Va.
 - March 14—Two presentations in Decatur, Tenn.
 - March 15—Return to Texas
2. Community music program tonight—The Big Sandy Museum's music fundraiser ("Music Memories") is scheduled in our building tonight at 7:00.
3. Reminder—Daylight-saving time begins tonight.
4. Dominoes tomorrow—Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.
5. Wednesday-night Bible study by Wynn Skelton—March 11 at 7:00.
6. Wedding announcement (March 14)—When Ron Feaker died, Dave Havar promised him that he would maintain a friendship with his daughter Karen. Karen sent him an invitation to her wedding. Mr. Havar responded: "May I announce it (without inviting everyone)?" She replied: "Yes. Anyone is invited if they would like to come." Karen Dean and Jeff Johnson are getting married on March 14.

7. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Christ Our Passover " by Vance Stinson.
8. Among Friend—This week's article is "Proverbs 6:16-19—Part 9" by Dave Havar.
9. Eye on the World—Due to the pastor's travel schedule, Stephanie Hammons has agreed to compile Eye on the World for this week and next week.
10. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

■ Mickey Ashcraft	■ Ruth Roe
■ Judy Biggs	■ Ronnie Shirley
■ Jon Coffee	■ Elaine Townsend
■ Angela Dunnam	■ Mickey Voyce
■ Timberly Dunnam	■ Donna Weese

Spring Feast days

1. Memorial on Tuesday evening—March 31, 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—Wednesday, April 1, at 3:00 p.m.
3. Traditional meal on Wednesday, April 1—evening
 - 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—Thursday, April 2
5. Remember the timing of Christ's resurrection—three days and three nights later
6. Seventh day of Unleavened Bread—Wednesday, April 8

Prayer updates

On Tuesday, **Dave McLearen** reported: "Back shots went great—very little pain at the moment. Gout has been reduced drastically, so maybe I am also on the high side of being well. We will see what the MRI has to say tomorrow [Wednesday]. I am planning to attend the Bible study on Wednesday and church on Saturday this week."

In recent bulletins, we mentioned that **Meg McAnally** (22 years old) was involved in a serious automobile accident that caused many injuries and rendered her unconscious. The family appreciates your prayers.

In the Feb. 14 bulletin, we mentioned that **Jim Stintsman** (59-year-old son of **Dave Havir's** older sister) was diagnosed with stage-4 squamous-cell carcinoma (outside of the lung that spread to his lymph nodes). On Feb. 26, he had a biopsy of a tonsil, since the cancer was also spotted there. On March 3, he visited an oncologist and learned of additional cancer at two more lymph nodes. (The doctors do not want to operate on the cancer at the top of his lung, because of the fear of bleeding.) On March 7, an MRI of his brain is scheduled. Another appointment is scheduled on March 13.

New prayer requests

On Monday, **Dave Havir** texted the following introductory comments before sharing a health report about **Steve Andrews**: “For many years (up to 1995), I knew Steve as a longtime executive (accountant and lawyer) in a large Church of God organization. Since then, I have seen Steve be helpful in serving various congregations that have spawned off from the large group.” Here was the prayer request: “Steve had a TIA (ministroke) yesterday [Sunday] and is in a Maryland hospital (his family’s home is near the West Virginia border). A CT scan was done that showed some damage from a previous stroke last month that was not realized. An electrocardiogram also showed an irregular heartbeat. Today [Monday], they are doing more testing on his heart and an MRI on his brain. But he is lucid today, and he rested well last night.” He, **Liz**, children and grandchildren appreciate your prayers.

Dan and **Linda Stevens** have two prayer requests. “**Ken Krock** [Mrs. Stevens’ brother, who lives in Huntsville, Texas] is going into M.D. Anderson, Houston, for cancer tests—which might entail immediate surgery.” “**Roberta Krock** [wife of Ken Krock] is suffering from a rare form of rheumatoid arthritis and is ‘starting to fail.’”

“Proverbs 6:16-19—Part 9”

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 7, 2026.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I completed a multiple-part series. The initial plan was a seven-part series. On Feb. 18, I announced the series expanding into eight parts, and on Feb. 25, I announced the series expanding into nine parts. Therefore, the title of the presentation last Wednesday was “Proverbs 6:16-

19—Part 9.”

While Proverbs 6:16-19 mentions seven characteristics that the Lord “hates,” the plan was to mention both the negative characteristics (and the contrasting positive characteristics) in seven separate presentations.

What changed? I decided to spend extra time on the seventh characteristic that God hates—that being “sowing discord.” So I changed

the plan to spend three studies on the seventh characteristic.

■ In the Feb. 18 study, I focused solely on “sowing discord.”

■ In the Feb. 25 study, I began a discussion on “sowing peace and unity”—talking about how the Father and Son sow peace and unity.

■ In the March 4 study, I continued a discussion about “sowing peace and unity”—talking about how believers can sow peace and unity.

Right hand of fellowship

■ Galatians 2:6-13—Paul talked about how he and Barnabas had the “right hand of fellowship” with James, Peter and John.

In the presentation, I gave a brief example of words spoken about James, Peter, John, Barnabas and Paul.

What did James sow?

■ James 1:19—James taught friends to be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath.

■ James 1:26—James taught that religious people often do not bridle their tongue.

■ James 3:17—James reminded people that the wisdom from above was pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy, full of good fruit, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

■ James 3:18—James reminded people that the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What did Peter sow?

In 1 Peter 5:1-3, Peter gave the following good instruction.

■ Do not serve by compulsion, but serve willingly.

■ Do not serve for dishonest gain, but serve eagerly.

■ Do not serve by lording it over people, but serve by being an example.

■ 1 Peter 5:4—“When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.”

What did John sow?

■ 3 John 9-12—John described the difference in the approaches of Diotrephes and Demetrius.

What did Barnabas sow?

■ Acts 4:36—Barnabas was called the “Son of Encouragement.”

■ Acts 9:27—Barnabas was willing to introduce Saul (who had a bad reputation) to the apostles in Jerusalem.

■ Acts 15:36-40—Paul and Barnabas had a disagreement that caused a separation in their preaching the gospel.

What did Paul sow?

■ 2 Corinthians 10:1-2—Paul sought to be meek and gentle, hoping that he would not need to be bold.

■ Philemon 9—Paul appealed to Philemon with love for him to accept Onesimus.

■ Philemon 17-18—Paul expressed his offer to pay Philemon what Onesimus owed him.

■ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13—Paul pleaded with the brethren not to put an emphasis upon people.

■ 1 Corinthians 3:1-8—Paul wanted to treat the brethren with maturity, but he admitted that he sometimes begrudgingly treated them like children.

■ 1 Corinthians 5:1-5—When Paul wanted the brethren to remove someone from the congregation, there was a valid reason.

■ 1 Corinthians 5:6-8—Paul sought to help them have sincerity and truth.

■ 1 Corinthians 5:9-13—Paul warned the brethren.

■ 1 Corinthians 8:11—Paul taught the brethren to help weak people.

■ 1 Corinthians 10:32—Paul taught the brethren to seek to avoid offending brethren.

■ 1 Corinthians 11:16-17—Paul did not praise the people when they were contentious.

■ 1 Corinthians 11:18-19—Paul did acknowledge that bad behavior had one positive outcome—people could see the contrast between good and evil.

■ 1 Corinthians 11:20-22—Paul corrected their poor behavior when they met together.

■ 1 Corinthians 11:23-33—Paul reminded the people about the symbols of the broken bread and the wine.

■ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13—Paul reminded the people about the importance of love.

Thought for the week

“But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.”—*Exodus 4:21*