

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 4, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:41

**Service next Sabbath: 2:00 p.m.**

### Order of service

Song leader	Reg Killingley
Pianist	David Maas
First sermon	David Maas
Teen class—Classroom #1	Martha Mclver
Bridges class—Classroom #1	Martha Mclver
Kids' class—Classroom #2	Mindy Forrestier
Interactive Bible study—Foyer	Canceled
Second sermon	Neil Mclver

### Quick takes

1. Guest pianist and speaker—The congregation welcomes David Maas, who will be playing the piano and giving the first sermon at our church service today.
2. Interrelating with other congregations—Today, Ron Feaker is giving a sermon in Tyler and Dave Havir is giving a sermon in Houston.
3. Potluck meal today—There is a potluck meal scheduled immediately after the church service today.
4. Private wedding in the building tomorrow—There is a private wedding in the building tomorrow. The families will begin preparing the hall tonight after sunset. Please give the families privacy.
5. Feast of Trumpets—Our congregation will observe the Feast of Trumpets on Thursday, Sept. 9, with the following schedule:
  - 11:00 a.m. Church service
  - 1:00 p.m. Potluck meal
  - 2:15 Bible study

6. **Speakers on Trumpets**—Here are the scheduled speakers for Thursday. Stan West and Dave Havir will give the sermons and Ron Feaker will give the Bible study.
7. **Day of Atonement**—Our congregation will observe the Day of Atonement on Saturday, Sept. 18, with a church service at 2:00 p.m.
8. **Excused-absence forms**—If you need an excused-absence form for the upcoming feast days, see Pam Havir.
9. **Financial assistance for those staying in Big Sandy for the Feast**—If anyone in the congregation who is staying at our site here in Big Sandy for the Feast of Tabernacles needs financial assistance, please contact Dave Havir.
10. **Edifying the Body**—This week's article is "An Outline for Salvation" by Wesley Higgins.
11. **Among Friends**—This week's article is "Beware of Bedbugs" by Dave Havir.
12. **Eye on the World**—This week's collection has 18 pages.
13. **Last week's Bible study**—On Wednesday, Sept. 1, Bernie Monsalvo gave a Bible study titled "Purpose of Trumpets."

## Prayer updates

**Norene Martz** reports that the procedure at the Spine and Joint Hospital in Tyler on Friday, Aug. 27, went well and she began to feel better.

**Jean Benedict** was able to go home from the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview on Friday, Aug. 27, as anticipated. She reports that she had a good week. She went to the doctor on Thursday to have the staples removed. She had physical therapy in her home on Wednesday and Friday. She appreciates the prayers, cards and food provided for her and **Eli**.

**Dorothy Thomas** reports that her physical therapy (three times a week at a facility) is extremely painful, but she keeps pushing herself because she has noticed some slight progress in the use of her shoulder.

**Adron Thomas** of Longview (son of **Dorothy Thomas**) went to the specialist on Monday. The doctor would like to see what he can do in the abdomen area. (As you might recall, Mr. Thomas was shot several years ago in that area and has had trouble ever since.)

In the Aug. 21 bulletin, we announced that **Donna Weese** received a medical diagnosis of "reactive hypoglycemia." On Wednesday, when **Vonda Ouellette** took her to see the doctor in Hawkins, he speculated that she might have Parkinson's. He recommended that she visit a neurologist. While Donna is awaiting an appointment, she most certainly requests your prayers.

This is a reminder to pray for **Carol Schmidt** of Staunton, Ill., who is suffering from bone cancer that has spread to her lungs, liver and skull. She has visited a cancer-treatment center in Chicago.

## New prayer requests

**Roland Ouellette** fell on Wednesday and was in considerable pain. Although he found relief by going to a chiropractor, he still appreciates your prayers.

**Lou Green** of Waxahachie requests prayers because she is experiencing much aching due to fibromyalgia. (She and **Melvin** also thank you for your prayers for their 2-year-old great-grandson, **Aiden Barnes**, who has recovered well from his problem with abscessed teeth.

**Leo Daniel** of Lubbock is suffering from pancreatitis.

**Pat Regoord** of Brooksville, Fla., recently had surgery to remove a cyst and was dealing with an infection. Mr. Regoord, who has already had one leg amputated because of diabetes, is hoping the infection will clear up soon.

**Sarah Yee** of Goddard, Kan., suffers from primary progressive multiple sclerosis (MS).

**Tom Cole** of Taft, Tenn., recently learned that his right carotid artery is 95 percent blocked with plaque. His vascular surgeon does not recommend surgery.

**Louis Parker** of Anaheim, Calif., suffered a heart attack on Wednesday. He has been recovering in an ICU at West Anaheim Hospital.

## “Eye on the World”

These five short news item from the “Eye on the World” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s Web site, [www.churchofgodbig sandy.com](http://www.churchofgodbig sandy.com), were among the many posted for the weekend of Sept. 4–5, 2010.

An article by Jerry Seper and Matthew Cella titled “Signs in Arizona Warn of Smuggler Dangers” was posted at [washingtontimes.com](http://washingtontimes.com) on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: “The federal government has posted signs along a major interstate highway in Arizona, more than 100 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border, warning travelers the area is unsafe because of drug and alien smugglers, and a local sheriff says Mexican drug cartels now control some parts of the state.

“The signs were posted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) along a 60-mile stretch of Interstate 8 between Casa Grande and Gila Bend, a major east-west corridor linking Tucson and Phoenix with San Diego.

“They warn travelers that they are entering an ‘active drug and human smuggling area’ and they may encounter ‘armed criminals and smuggling vehicles traveling at

high rates of speed.’

“Beginning less than 50 miles south of Phoenix, the signs encourage travelers to ‘use public lands north of Interstate 8’ and to call 911 if they ‘see suspicious activity.’”

The article quoted Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu as saying: “Mexican drug cartels literally do control parts of Arizona. They literally have scouts on the high points in the mountains and in the hills and they literally control movement. They have radios, they have optics, they have night-vision goggles as good as anything law enforcement has. This is going on here in Arizona. This is 70 to 80 miles from the border—30 miles from the fifth-largest city in the United States.”

The article continued: “He [Mr. Babeu] said he asked the Obama administration for 3,000 National Guard soldiers to patrol the border, but what he got were 15 signs.”



An article by Paul Bedard titled “EPA Rejects Attempt to Regulate Lead in Bullets After NRA Protests” was posted at usnews.com (*U.S. News and World Report*) on Aug. 27, 2010.

It said: “In a swift and unexpected decision, the Environmental Protection Agency today rejected a petition from environmental groups to ban the use of lead in bullets and shotgun shells, claiming it doesn’t have jurisdiction to weigh on the controversial Second Amendment issue.

“The decision came just hours after the *Drudge Report* posted stories from *Washington Whispers* and the *Weekly Standard* about how gun groups were fighting the lead bullet ban.”

It later said: “The NRA has spent two years tracking down rumors that the Obama administration wants to impose gun and ammo bans on the public, but hasn’t found anything credible.

“While the lead ban was viewed initially as a substantial chance for the administration to move into challenging the Second Amendment, the swift rejection by the EPA settled concerns inside NRA headquarters today.”



An article titled “Stephen Hawking Picks Physics Over God for Big Bang” was posted at foxnews.com on Sept. 2, 2010.

It said: “Physics was the reason for the Big Bang, not God, according to scientist Stephen Hawking.”

The article mentioned that Mr. Hawking coauthored a book *The Grand Design* with American physicist Leonard Miodinow. The article said that the book “sets out to contest Sir Isaac Newton’s belief that the universe must have been designed by God as it could not have been created out of chaos.”

It later said: “Professor Hawking had previously appeared to accept the role of God in the creation of the universe, writing in *A Brief History of Time* in 1988.”

It later said: “Professor George Ellis, emeritus professor at the University of Cape Town and President of the International Society for Science and Religion, says science may be the loser in this battle.

The article quoted Mr. Ellis as saying:

“My biggest problem with this is that it’s presenting the public with a choice: science or religion. A lot of people will say, ‘OK, I choose religion then’ and it is science that will lose out.”



An article by Gil Ronen titled “800,000 Refugees in Syria Drought” was posted at israelnationalnews.com on Aug. 29, 2010.

It said: “A harsh four-year drought, along with poor national infrastructures, has driven hundreds of thousands of Syrian farmers off their land in the country’s northeastern section. The land where wheat grew abundantly is dry, and provides no sustenance.

“The United Nations estimates that 800,000 people had to leave their homes. Most relocated to camps at the entrance to cities, and have no access to electricity or running water. The residents complain that there are no schools, either, in the camps, and that many of the children have to work to sustain their families.”



An Associated Press article by Dale Gavlak titled “3,000-year-old Iron Age Temple Unearthed in Jordan” was posted at msnbc.com on Sept. 1, 2010.

It said: “The Jordanian antiquities department announced Wednesday the discovery of a 3,000-year-old Iron Age temple boasting a trove of figurines of ancient deities and circular clay vessels used in religious rituals.”

The article mentioned that archaeologists found the 8th century B.C. sanctuary near the town of Mabada (20 miles southwest of the capital, Amman).

It later said that the Babylonians eventually in 582 B.C. conquered the Moabites, “whose kingdom ran along the present-day Jordan’s mountainous eastern shore of the Dead Sea . . .”

It also said: “Archaeologists also unearthed some 300 pots, figurines of deities and sacred vessels used for worship at the site. [Antiquities chief Ziad] al-Saad said it was rare to discover so many Iron Age items in one place.”