

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 16, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:24

Welcome to our guests

Members of the Church of God Big Sandy welcome all guests as we worship on the Feast of Trumpets. Following is the schedule.

- 1:00—Interactive study—Dave Havir
- 2:00—Presentation study—Dave Havir
(Also transmitted live)
- 3:00—Church service
- 4:00—Enjoying food together

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader	Neil McIver
Pianist	Dixon Cartwright
Offertory	Piano solo
Scripture reading	1 Corinthians 15:12–28 1 Corinthians 15:35–58
Sermon	Reg Killingley

Quick takes

1. Wednesday-night Bible study on Sept. 20—This will be the last Wednesday-night Bible study before the Feast of Tabernacles. (We will resume on Oct. 11.) The Internet presentation (at 7:00) and the interactive session in the building (after 7:30) will be about the Feast of Tabernacles.
2. Day of Atonement—Monday, Sept. 25
 - 1:00—Interactive Bible study led by Dave Havir
 - 2:00—Presentation study by Dave Havir
(Live transmission 2:00 and 3:00)
 - 3:00—Church service with sermon by Stan West

3. 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 |
| ■ Timberly Dunnam | ■ Elaine Townsend |
| ■ Annette Payne | ■ Donna Weese |
| ■ Ruth Roe | |
4. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Young Americans Are Not Taught About Evil” by Dennis Prager.
5. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Day of Atonement” by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—The version of this week’s “Eye on the World” that is distributed in the hall is 42 pages. (The number of pages on the website varies slightly due to a different layout program.) This edition has 336 headlines and four articles.

Prayer updates

Angela Dunnam reports that she had a good week. She reported: “I don’t have that burning fire inside my body I’ve had for the last two months.” On Sept. 19, Mrs. Dunnam has an appointment with a new oncologist in Tyler (at which time she will hear an update about her condition and will receive a second opinion about whether chemo treatments are recommended).

On Thursday, **Mickey Voyce** was discharged from the hospital, and she went to a rehab facility in Tyler.

Shirley Spearman is scheduled to have an ultrasound for her leg and kidney on Sept. 12.

New prayer requests

On Tuesday, **Doyle Welborn** had surgery to remove his gallbladder. He returned home on Wednesday.

Mark and **Nina Searer** request prayers for their daughter **Meghan**, who went into a hospital on Thursday due to a lung infection. The doctors were not yet sure what bacteria were causing the infection, but they gave her IV antibiotics.

Judy Biggs reports that her son **Brian** went by ambulance to a hospital on Thursday due to his continuing battle with infection. (He spent time in the hospital in both July and August.) Mrs. Biggs mentioned that her son has been dealing with severe pain—which doctors are trying to alleviate with the use of morphine.

Bill Stenger of Weeki Wachee, Fla., died on Sept. 12. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Scriptures for the season

Revelation 11:15-18—Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

1 Corinthians 15:50-55—Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17—For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Matthew 13:44-46—Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 25:1-13—Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: “Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!” Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise answered, saying, “No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.” And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, “Lord, Lord, open to us!” But he answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.” Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

“Day of Atonement”

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 Sept. 16, 2023.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Day of Atonement.” Following are some of the ideas and some of the scriptures from that Bible study.

Deuteronomy 16

Deuteronomy 16:1-16 mentioned three different seasons of observance.

- Deuteronomy 16:1-15 mentioned “Pass-over,” “Feast of Weeks” and “Feast of Tabernacles.”

- Deuteronomy 16:16 mentioned “Feast of Unleavened Bread,” “Feast of Weeks” and “Feast of Tabernacles.”

The Day of Atonement is one of the fall festivals—lumped between the Feast of Trumpets and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mentioned in Leviticus

The Day of Atonement is mentioned in Leviticus 16 and Leviticus 23.

- Leviticus 23:26-32 mentions the Day of Atonement as one of the “feasts of the Lord.”

- Leviticus 16:1-34 mentions the Lord telling Moses to give Aaron specific instructions for that day (in that time).

For the purpose of this Bible study, I am going to mention three instructions given to people.

Solemn rest (no work)

The Lord instructed Moses to tell the people to have a solemn rest with no work on the Day of Atonement.

When a person is convicted to keep a seventh-day Sabbath, he would certainly be convicted to keep the Day of Atonement in a similar manner—and probably in a more fervent manner.

An offering was made for them

Bible students are aware of the connection between the earthly tabernacle and the earthly priesthood.

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- Exodus 25-27 gave information about the tabernacle.

- Exodus 28-30 gave information about the priesthood.

- Hebrews 2-8 gave information about the priesthood.

- Hebrews 9 gave information about the tabernacle.

- Hebrews 9:1-2—Here is information about the first area of the tabernacle.

- Hebrews 9:3-5—Here is information about behind the second veil.

- Hebrews 9:7-8—Once a year, the high priest went behind the veil to present an offering.

Afflict your souls

- Matthew 4:1-11—The Son of God fasted when anticipating the temptation from the devil.

- Matthew 6:16-18—The Son of God said: “When you fast . . .”

- Matthew 9:14-15—The Son of God said His disciples would fast after He was resurrected.

- Isaiah 58:3-5—The Lord wasn’t impressed with the typical fast of the people.

- Isaiah 58:6-7—The Lord enjoyed watching the benefits of a proper fast.

Thought for the week

“We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”—*Acts 14:22*