

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 20, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:19

### Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. . . . . Mark Weiss

Presentation study—2:00 . . . . . Dave Havar  
(also transmitted live)

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Neil McIver

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Sermon . . . . . Dave Havar

### Quick takes

1. Feast of Trumpets on Sept. 23—The congregation will be observing the Feast of Trumpets on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Following is the schedule.

- 1:00 —Interactive Bible study
- 2:00 —Presentation Bible study—Dave Havar
- 3:00 —Church service—with Daniel Hammons giving the sermon

2. Recent string of postponements by traveling speakers—Midway through this week, Gary Woodring informed Dave Havar that he would not be able to travel (due to a health challenge) from North Carolina to his home in Texas. Mr. Havar informed Mr. Woodring that we understood and look forward to rescheduling him. Mr. Havar wanted to remind the congregation (in alphabetical order) about the quality speakers who recently had to postpone due to health reasons. The individuals appreciate your prayers.

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| ■ Jon Coffee    | ■ Terry McAdams |
| ■ Morris Foster | ■ Gary Woodring |
| ■ Ray Hall      |                 |

3. Gift to the congregation—Yesterday, Joyce Coleman and Linda Cartwright spent time in the kitchen organizing some of the dish sets that have been accumulated in our kitchen.
  - We organized and stored the dish sets that we will keep.
  - Today, we are offering 248 dish sets to members of the congregation. (The dish sets are various sizes and various patterns.)
4. Dominoes—Tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
5. Wednesday-night Bible study—Sept. 24 at 7:00.
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Epidemic of Leftist Violence" by Miranda Devine.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "The Sound of Trumpets—Part 3" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—Not available at bulletin deadline.

## Prayer updates

Here is an update from **Barbara Lingle**: "Some good news to share about our son **Michael**. Over two years ago, **Joe** and I asked for prayers for Michael. He had a progression of health issues—first covid, then a heart attack, then esophageal cancer and then cancer in his pancreas. God has been good to him as he has gone through this roller coaster. His precious wife, who is also a nurse, gave us the great news. The spot on his liver is gone, and the masses in his abdomen have 'significantly improved.' No further cancer was noted. He will have five more rounds of chemo. Then another scan to see where he's at. Thank God above."

## New prayer requests

**Gary Woodring** was scheduled to give the 3:00 sermon today, but a health matter arose. Mr. Woodring (who has lived in Texas for a long time and now has a second home in North Carolina) was scheduled to drive back to Texas this week. But he started having dizziness, which was hindering his walking and discouraged him from driving. **Dave Havir** told him that we would schedule him again in the near future.

Following are excerpts from a prayer request by **Karen Dean** (daughter of **Ron** and **Gracie Feaker** and an active member of **Dave Havir's** text prayer list). On Monday, she reported: "I am just leaving the ER in Tyler. The doctor thought that I might have a blood clot. They did a scan, and no blood clots found. He said I had cellulitis and he is giving me antibiotics." On Wednesday, she reported: "I have taken the antibiotics for a day now and I have them for six more days. I am feeling better, but still have a hard time walking—because my leg and ankle are still swollen (about double the size). Thank you for all the prayers. There is so much power in prayer."

Following are excerpts from a prayer request sent by **Linda Dean** of New London, N.C., on Tuesday: “My granddaughter (**Zeppelin**) is scheduled for a heart echocardiogram and an MRI on Thursday morning at 6:00. Because of her age (3), she will have to be sedated. While her autism diagnosis is very low on the spectrum, this would rule out possible issues that neurodiverse children could be facing in the future. Praying that she gets through this with ease—free and clear and back to her happy self. Thank you.” On Friday, Mrs. Dean reported: “Thank you for your follow-up call. We are still waiting for an official reading of both tests. My granddaughter handled the procedures and sedation like a rock star. Thanks to all who prayed for her and her parents. I will send an update when I know something official. God does answer prayers.”

**Joanne Koeneke** of Big Sandy is dealing with multiple autoimmune illnesses.

**Norma Penney** of Big Sandy is dealing with congestive heart failure.

**Linda Wells** of Gladewater died on Sept. 13. Please remember her husband, **Harold**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## “The Sound of Trumpets—Part 3”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website ([churchofgodbigandy.com](http://churchofgodbigandy.com)). It was posted for the weekend of Sept. 20, 2025.

### By Dave Havar

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I concluded a three-part series. The presentation was titled “The Sound of Trumpets—Part 3. This was the final Wednesday-night Bible study before our congregation observes the Feast of Trumpets on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

### Reminder of part 1

In part 1 of the series, we looked at four examples in the Old Testament talking about trumpets—

Exodus 19:10-20; Numbers 10:1-10; Joshua 6:1-16; and Judges 7:2-23.

### Reminder of part 2

In part 2 of the series, I talked about the assassination of Charlie Kirk (who was murdered on that afternoon).

■ We read what our Savior said about anger in Mark 3:5-6.

■ We read what our Savior said about mourning in Luke 23:27-31.

■ Then, we read scriptures in the Old Testament in the books of Joel and Zephaniah.

### Reminder of contrasting purposes

At the beginning of part 3, I went back to two Bible verses in the part 1 presentation to remind the audience that the sound of trumpets occurs for bad news and for good news.

■ Numbers 10:9—They were instructed to sound an alarm with trumpets when they went to war against their enemies.

■ Numbers 10:10—They were instructed to blow the trumpets in the day of gladness.

Bible students are not surprised when the book of Revelation describes the same picture.

### Book of Revelation

■ Revelation 6:1-16—When the Lamb opened the first six seals, the apostle John heard a voice like thunder.

■ Revelation 8:1-2—When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, the apostle John saw seven angels standing before God—and they were given seven trumpets.

■ Revelation 8:6—“So the seven angels (who had the seven trumpets) prepared themselves to sound.”

■ Revelation 8:7—The first angel

sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 8:8-9—The second angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 8:10-11—The third angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 8:12—The fourth angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 8:13—An angel in heaven said with a loud voice: “Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”

■ Revelation 9:1-11—The fifth angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 9:12—When the fifth angel was done sounding his trumpet, John wrote: “One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming.”

■ Revelation 9:13-21—The sixth angel sounded his trumpet.

■ Revelation 9:14—When the sixth angel sounded his trumpet, a voice from the four horns of the golden altar (which is before God) said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet: “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”

■ Revelation 11:14—When the sixth angel was done sounding his trumpet, John wrote: “The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.”

Although the Bible describes the seventh trumpet announcing troublesome events, the seventh trumpet also announces the glorious Kingdom of God.

■ Revelation 11:15—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!”

■ Revelation 11:16-18—The 24 elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God.

### The Son of God said

■ Matthew 24:29—This verse quotes the Son of God saying: “Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. The stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”

■ Matthew 24:30—This verse quotes the Son of God saying: “Then the sign of the

Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

■ Matthew 24:31—This verse quotes the Son of God saying: “And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds—from one end of heaven to the other.”

### Apostle Paul wrote

■ 1 Corinthians 15:50—Paul wrote: “Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption.”

■ 1 Corinthians 15:51-52—Paul wrote: “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.”

■ 1 Thessalonians 4:16—Paul wrote: “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.”

■ 1 Thessalonians 4:17—Paul wrote: “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.”

■ 1 Thessalonians 4:18—Paul wrote: “Therefore, comfort one another with these words.”

### Chapter 5

While 1 Thessalonians 5 does not mention the word *trumpets*, these verses follow up the description of the “last trumpet” (in chapter 4) with comforting words.

■ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3—The Day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night.

■ 1 Thessalonians 5:4-5—We are to be children of light.

■ 1 Thessalonians 5:6-10—Disciples should not sleep.

■ 1 Thessalonians 5:11—Comfort each other and edify one another.

■ 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28—Here are various words of encouragement.