

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 8, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:14

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Dave Havir

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

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Revelation 11:1–13

Sermon Terry McAdams

Quick takes

1. Speaker in Huntsville, Texas—Although Dave Havir was originally scheduled to speak in Huntsville, Texas, today, he conferred with individuals down there and they accepted his recommendation to have Neil McIver speak there today in place of Mr. Havir.
2. Welcome to Terry McAdams—The congregation welcomes Terry McAdams (who does not view himself as a guest speaker, since he comes to serve our congregation on a regular basis).
3. Dominoes—Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.
4. Wednesday-night Bible study—Aug. 12 at 7:00.
5. Edifying the Body—"Why Are Muslim American Politicians Democrats?" by Star Parker.
6. Among Friends—"Matthew 24:14" by Dave Havir.
7. Eye on the World—Abbreviated issue compiled by Dave Havir.

Thought for the week

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."—*The apostle Paul*

Prayer updates

On Wednesday, **Roxanna West** reported about **Brandi**: “Brandi has one last test. Surgeons are reviewing results today and we meet tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. Please pray for clear answers and a path to move forward.” On Friday, **Stan West** reported: “As we continue to ask God for Brandi’s healing, please continue praying as the road ahead is challenging. Here is a summary. Chemo for three more months. A CT scan after that. If the scan shows improvement, then they will add another colonoscopy and laparoscopic exploratory surgery on the same visit. Then, they will decide if full open surgery and HIPEC will occur. That surgery and HIPEC are 15 hours long—with 10 to 12 days in the hospital. Then, six weeks of recovery at home. They would also do a complete hysterectomy.”

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Gloria Hoppe** was dealing with intense itching. That has continued this week. Then on Thursday, Mrs. Hoppe went to her rheumatoid-arthritis (RA) doctor. She reported that inflammation is back in her left hip (due to not having the heavy-hitter RA medicine for many weeks, because of an insurance mistake). She mentioned that she has had episodes of “slurring my words” and short-term “blacking out.”

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Lisa Smith** was dealing with gastroenteritis (an inflammation of the stomach and intestines) and dehydration. On Friday, she reported that she had also been dealing with a balance problem—but received a new medication that she hopes will help the situation.

New prayer requests

On Monday, we heard that a home in Visalia, La., “exploded and burned to the ground.” This resulted in three family members being badly burned. The father (**Ryan Kemp**) had burns on 70 percent of his body, the mother (**Jayne Kemp**) had burns on 70 percent of her body, and an adult son (**Robert**) had 40 percent burns on his body. All three were airlifted to a burn unit in Baton Rouge, La., for treatment. A report on Wednesday explained the following: “Robert has made amazingly good progress today. He walked up and down the hallway under his own steam. He is eating well, which is good because our bodies use about three times the normal calories when healing burns. Jayne was moved into a chair with a lift to help with circulation by having her in different positions. She was able to raise both arms a few inches by herself three times. She is still unable to eat because of severe nausea and is receiving nutrition through a feeding tube. Ryan had his second debridement surgery today and medical personnel had trouble keeping him stabilized when they were working on his back. He continues to remain sedated.” A report on Thursday explained: “Mr. Kemp passed away last night after his organs began to fail. Throughout the process, he was kept sedated and comfortable. Thank you for the outpouring of love, kindness and support. It has brought comfort to our family during an incredibly difficult time.”

On Tuesday, **Karen Johnson** (daughter of **Ron** and **Gracie Feaker**) reported that her husband, **Jeff**, suffered a stroke. On Wednesday, he was moved to a facility to begin seven to 10 days of rehab.

On Tuesday, **David Fisher** (brother of **Bernice Burson**) went to a doctor due to the following three symptoms—an equilibrium problem, vomiting and hearing loss. On Friday, Mrs. Burson reported that a doctor suspected a stroke may be involved.

On Thursday, **Penny Goodchild** (who attends in Gladewater) had surgery to remove her appendix.)

On Friday morning while **Mike Bailey** was playing tennis, he experienced a health episode after which paramedics diagnosed him with a stroke and sent him by helicopter to a hospital in Tyler. During surgery, a doctor sucked out a blood clot in Mr. Bailey's brain. The doctor said that he was glad that it was treated quickly, that the surgery went well and he is expecting a good recovery.

Next Monday, **Dwayne Gallia** is scheduled to have prostatectomy surgery. (**Linda**, who is continuing to heal from knee-replacement surgery, plans to drive him home from the appointment.)

Next Monday, **Mickey Voyce** is scheduled for outpatient surgery (a 30-minute procedure to remove varicose veins. She said: "God's blessings on those who pray for all the brethren."

Kelly Foard in Oklahoma asked for prayers for her friends who live near her. Her friend **Missy** had a chemotherapy treatment on Friday. Missy's husband (**Wesley**), who is dealing with diabetes, had emergency surgery (details unclear) and was diagnosed with sepsis.

Scriptures to consider

Deuteronomy 17:18—"Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites."

Acts 17:10-11—"Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."

1 Thessalonians 5:21—"Test all things; hold fast what is good."

2 Timothy 2:14-16—"Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness."

2 Timothy 3:16-17—"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

1 John 4:1—"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

“Matthew 24:14”

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 Aug. 8, 2026.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Matthew 24:14.” This is a common scripture periodically read in many denominations—including congregations among the Church of God.

■ Matthew 24:14—Christ said: “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

After reading Matthew 24:14, I organized the material into three main sections.

1. God using two prophets.
2. God using angels.
3. God using believers.

God using two prophets

To discuss this prophecy, we read in verses in Revelation 11.

■ Revelation 11:3—“And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

■ Revelation 11:5—“If anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies.”

■ Revelation 11:7—“When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.”

■ Revelation 11:8—And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the city where our Lord was crucified.

■ Revelation 11:9—This event will be seen by peoples, tribes, tongues and nations.

■ Revelation 11:10—“Those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.”

■ Revelation 11:11—“Now after the three-and-a-half days, the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet—and fear fell on those who saw them.”

God using angels

Revelation 14:6-11 mentions the prophecy of three angels.

■ Revelation 14:6—An angel will preach “the everlasting gospel” to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue and people.

■ Revelation 14:8—A second angel will announce: “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

■ Revelation 14:9-11—A third angel expresses consequences for those who worship the beast and his image and for those who receive his mark on his forehead or on his hand.

God using believers

The scriptures used for this category involved believers suffering consequences because of their obedience to God.

■ Hebrews 11:35-38—Notice the list of consequences that believers face for obeying God.

■ Revelation 2 and 3—Notice the wonderful list of rewards that believers among the seven congregations receive for obeying God.

■ Revelation 6:9—Notice the prophecy about people being slain for the word of God and their testimony.

■ Revelation 17:6—Notice the prophecy about people being martyrs.

■ Revelation 20:4—Notice the prophecy about people being beheaded.

■ Luke 21:12—Believers will be persecuted by the religious leaders (in the synagogues) and by civil leaders (before kings).
■ Luke 21:13—“But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.”

■ Luke 21:14-15—“Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.”