

Church of God Big Sandy
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October 17, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:47

Bible studies

Interactive study–1:00 p.m.	Mark Weiss
Presentation study–2:00	Dave Havir
	(also transmitted live)

Order of service–3:00 p.m.

Song leader	Neil McIver
Scripture reading	Proverbs 6:16-19
Sermon	Reg Killingley

Quick takes

1. More variety at 1:00 p.m. presentations – Dave Havir is making an adjustment to our Saturday schedule.
 - Some weeks – We will continue to have some interactive Bible studies
 - Other weeks – We will schedule seminars
2. Upcoming seminars – On two consecutive Saturdays, Barbara Lingle will conduct a two-part seminar about dealing with grief titled “A Journey Through the Valley.”
 - October 31 – from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m.
 - November 7 – from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m.
3. Dominos tomorrow – Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.
4. Edifying the Body – “Watch God Work” – by Max Lucado
5. Among Friends – “Book of Job – Part 1” – by Dave Havir
6. Eye on the World – Compiled by Dave Havir
7. Report about Destin – Last Saturday, a hurricane hit Destin, Florida. Our congregation has hosted a Feast of Tabernacles site at the Pelican Beach Resort in Destin for 28 years. Last Saturday, Dave Havir sent a text: “We are praying for you as you deal with the aftermath of the hurricane.” Last Sunday, one of our contacts at the Pelican establishment responded: “Thank you so much. Prayers are appreciated. We are safe and now just cleaning up.”
8. Thank you from the West family – Brandi West and her family thank those in the congregation who participated in a community benefit for Brandi last Sunday afternoon in Hawkins. The West family had not intended to advertize the fund-raiser at church. However, when Dave Havir became aware of the activity last Saturday night, he used his text list to advertize the event to many people on his text list. A band from Fort Worth played at the establishment in Hawkins to attract people to the venue. Money was raised for Brandi’s treatment options. Thank you to those who prayed directly for the success of the fund-raiser. And thank you to those who continue to pray for God’s overall hand in Brandi’s life.

Prayer updates

Recently, **Gary Wilson** informed **Dave Havir** that he was moving from Lindale to Tyler. You remember that Mr. Wilson had a stroke several years ago. (He reminded us that the stroke was in February 2023.) Mr. Wilson has appreciated the help that various people have given him. (Mr. Havir remarked: **Lisa Smith** has given him much more help than I have.") On Friday, Mr. Wilson moved into an assisted-living facility in Tyler. The place is called "Brookdale Tyler East." The address is 3505 University Boulevard in Tyler. His apartment is #137. Mr. Havir reported: "Earlier – Gary was telling me about the possibility of a van transporting him in his wheelchair to a church service. Unfortunately for us, such a service would only be to a church in Tyler. I would miss seeing Gary on a weekly basis, but I recommended the CGI congregation in Tyler. Charles Groce was my first boss in the ministry when I was 21 – and CGI congregation would make Gary feel welcome. Gary told me that he likes visitors at his new place. I told him that I would not just drop in on him. Gary thanks you for your prayers – past, present and future."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Dave Havir** saw the piano at the rehab facility that we previously found for **Dixon Cartwright** after his stroke in 2018. On Monday, Mr. Cartwright played two songs ("Peace in the Valley" and Precious Lord, Take My Hand") on that piano. Some of the staff mentioned their plan to include him playing the piano in his physical therapy. On Thursday, Mr. Cartwright went to the ER. **Linda** reported: "His troponin levels got high and the doctor was afraid he might have a heart attack." He was moved to room #5810.

New prayer requests

Last Saturday around 2:00 p.m., **Mark Searer** started having weakness in his right arm and leg. When it was brought to **Nina's** attention around 6:00, they went to an ER in Tyler. Besides the challenges with his right side, Mr. Searer also had some speech impairment. Tests revealed no clots on the brain. On Thursday, Mr. Searer went to a rehab facility.

"Watch God Work"

The following quote is from the "Edifying the Body" section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website (churchofgodbigandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of October 17, 2026. (It was posted at maxlucado.com on Oct. 16.)

By Max Lucado

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—During World War I, Biddy Chambers, her husband and small daughter moved to Egypt (where he served as a chaplain). He taught. She transcribed. It was a perfect partnership.

Then her husband's complications from appendicitis rendered Biddy a widow. All the dreams of a teaching ministry would have to be abandoned, right? Well, no.

She turned her husband's notes into pamphlets. Eventually, they compiled into a book – *My Utmost For His Highest*. This work of Oswald Chambers has sold more than 13 million copies and has been translated into more than 35 languages.

The next time you feel overwhelmed, remind yourself of the One who is standing next to you. Give Him what you have, offer thanks, and watch Him go to work. Remember friends, you are never alone.

Book of Job – Part 1

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy's website, (churchofgodbig sandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of October 17, 2026.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas--At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a new series that I expect to last for five parts. The title of that presentation was “Book of Job – Part 1.”

There is much material written about the book of Job. One source said: “Set in the period of the patriarchs, the book of Job tells the story of a man who loses everything (his wealth, his family and his health) and wrestles with the question, ‘Why?’ ”

After the Bible study (which was transmitted online), a friend of mine on the East Coast sent me a comment and asked a question: “I have seen your presentation on Job 3-4 times [over many years]. Just wondering why that one is so important to you?”

- Since the topic of suffering is an important subject for a believer, I seek to help people face that topic in their lives.
- And it is my perspective that there is much mis-information about the book of Job among people who read their Bibles (including people among Church of God congregations).

Five presentations

Following are the five anticipated parts of the series.

1. God Started the Trial – (chapters 1-3).
2. Job Responded to His 3 Friends – (chapters 4-31).
3. Elihu Confronted Job – (chapters 32-37).
4. God Confronted Job Twice – (chapters 38-41).
5. Comparison between Job 40:2 and Job 42:1-6.

Job in the Bible

- Job 1:1–“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job.”
- Ezekiel 14:12-20–Even though Noah, Daniel and Job were in the land, they could only deliver themselves by their righteousness. (Those three men were referenced four times in those nine verses.)
- James 5:11–When James talked about the perseverance of Job, he also mentioned the compassion and mercy of the Lord.

Two common misconceptions

In this study, I mentioned what I believe to be two common misconceptions about the book of Job.

- Many people say that the trials in Job's life occurred because of Job's sins. Wrong.
- Many people say that Job had a wonderful attitude through the Book of Job. Wrong again.

While Job's initial attitude (in chapters one and two) was wonderful (even spectacular), the book has 40 additional chapters.

God started the trials

God started the trials – Satan did not start the trials.

- Job 1:8–The Lord said to Satan: “Have you considered My servant Job?”
- Job 2:3–The Lord said to Satan: “Have you considered My servant Job?”

God did not start the trials because of Job's sins.

- Job 1:1–Job was blameless, upright, one who feared God and shunned evil.
- Job 1:8–“There is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil.”
- Job 2:3–“There is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil. And he still holds fast to his integrity although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.”

Satan suggested details

- Job 1:11–Satan said: “Stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”
- Job 2:4-5–Satan said: “Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. Stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”

Approved details with restrictions

- Job 1:12–The Lord said: “Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.”
- Job 2:6–The Lord said: “Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.”

Initial response was great

- Job 1:20-22–At that time, Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.
- Job 2:10–At that time, Job did not sin with his lips.

Started complaining

- Job 42:7–Near the end of the book of Job, we learn that his three friends were a negative influence upon him.
- Job 3:1-26–But Job’s frame of mind became negative – before the three friends started talking in chapter 4.

Better than yours and mine

I am not seeking to paint Job as a horrible individual. His reaction was probably better than yours and mine. But let us consider Job’s behavior.

- Job 33:9–Elihu heard Job say: “I am pure, without transgression. I am innocent and there is no iniquity in me.”

Obviously, Job slipped into a bad frame of mind. But let’s think about the circumstances for a moment.

Job could have said the following.

- “This trial did not start because of my sins.” True.
- “God started this trial.” True again.

Those two statements would not excuse Job’s reaction. But those two facts might help us understand Job’s situation and might influence us to have a measure of compassion toward him.

Final thoughts

- Remember – It is true that God started Job’s trial.
- Remember – It is true that Job’s initial reaction was wonderful.
- Remember – Job’s reaction turned sour (extremely sour).
- Remember – Even though there was none like Job (Job 2:3), God helped Job to be closer to Him.