

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 29, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:47

### Bible study and classes

Interactive study (1:00) . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
Bible study (2:00) . . . . . Dave Havir

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Neil McIver  
Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
Scripture reading . . . . . Revelation 2:8–11  
Sermon . . . . . Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Guest speaker postponed—We apologize to everyone who was expecting a guest speaker today. We have postponed the visit of George Crow until Sept. 26.
2. Interrelating with other congregations—This morning, Dave Havir is giving a sermon in the Tyler congregation of the Church of God International. He is scheduled to be back in time for our Bible study and church service today.
3. Maintenance on church parking lot—We wanted to inform the congregation that we anticipate workers to begin doing maintenance on the church parking lot on Monday.
4. Interactive topic today—Dixon Cartwright is scheduled to moderate an interactive discussion with a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount.
5. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are mature and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
6. Prayers for the victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
7. Supporting your freedom of choice—We understand that some of you may hesitate to come to the building for church at this time, and we certainly support your freedom of choice.
  - Please be comfortable with your decision.
  - Please consider the protective opinion of your family.

8. Reminders for attending—Here are some reminders for people who choose to attend the church service in the building.
  - We do not provide masks or gloves. If these are important to you, please bring your own.
  - We expect attendees to make good use of the space in our hall.
9. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "What Is the Violence All About?" by Victor Davis Hanson.
10. Among Friends—This week's article is "Julia Blake Pleads for Peace" by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 44 pages.

## Prayer updates

Please remember to pray for the following people who live at home but are not able to regularly attend our church service—**Sonny Rosenberger, Laura Moran, Annette Payne, Ronnie Shirley** and **Timberly Dunnam**.

Please remember to pray for the following people who are rehabbing at Legend Oaks Nursing Home in Gladewater—**Ron Feaker** and **Elaine Holloway**.

As we mentioned last week, **Eli Benedict** turned 98 on Friday (Aug. 21). Two daughters visited him last Saturday, and his son visited him last Sunday. On the health front, Mr. Benedict still has discomfort with his legs. His appointment to have his right cataract removed was postponed to Sept. 3. **Jean Benedict** reported that she is still dealing with an infection in her leg. The stinging and burning have made her uncomfortable.

**Linda Avey** reports that she is steadily improving. She and **Ron** want to thank everyone for the many prayers.

**Laura Moran** reports that she had some appointments (dentist and doctor) this week and that she is feeling well.

In the Feb. 22 bulletin, we mentioned that **Linda Foster** (who had been diagnosed with rapidly progressing dementia) had been placed under hospice care in the home. This was not end-of-life hospice care. On Wednesday, Mrs. Foster was taken off hospice care in the home. **Morris** reports that, although his wife's decline has not been drastic, they would certainly appreciate our continued prayers.

**Donna Searer** (mother of **Mark Searer**), who is recovering from hip surgery, has lost 13 pounds in 21 days (down to 86 pounds). Since she needs nourishment, health personnel are giving her medication with the hope of enhancing her appetite.

Please remember **Emma Lou Bacher** of Plano, who is dealing with cognitive challenges.

Please remember **Thayne Slater** of Canyon, who recently had a brain tumor removed and was recently diagnosed with cancer of the spine.

Please remember **Tim Lindholm** of Minneapolis, who is anticipating the beginning of chemo treatments with the intent of shrinking the cancer blocking the stents.

## New prayer requests

**Oscar Baldivieso Valencia** of La Paz, Bolivia, has been hospitalized due to “heart failure,” but treatment has been slow due to the coronavirus.

**Joseph Jacoby** of Seattle, Wash., had surgery involving his retina.

**Judy Bittner** of Murfreesboro, Tenn., had colon-cancer surgery.

**Elsie Hooser** of McKinney has been hospitalized due to kidney problems.

**Marcie Merritt** of Tampa, Fla., died on Aug. 13. Please remember her husband, **John**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Zenaida Santos** of Manila, Philippines, died recently. Please remember her husband, **Gener**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## Feast speaking schedules

### Big Sandy, Texas

Saturday, Oct. 3	Wynn Skelton and John Reedy
Sunday, Oct. 4	Reg Killingley
Monday, Oct. 5	Daniel Botha
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Dean Roberts
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Morris Foster
Thursday, Oct. 8	Max Davis
Friday, Oct. 9	Ron Avey
Saturday, Oct. 10	Wynn Skelton and John Reedy

### Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Saturday, Oct. 3	Lyle Kerby
Sunday, Oct. 4	Jim Johns
Monday, Oct. 5	Chris Kerby and Arnold Stamey
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Steve Andrews
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Ryan Andrews and John Bair
Thursday, Oct. 8	Ralph Hanahan and Jim Johns
Friday, Oct. 9	Dave Havar
Saturday, Oct. 10	Dave Havar

### Destin, Fla.

Saturday, Oct. 3	Dave Havar and Neal Parker
Sunday, Oct. 4	Dave Havar and Ken Tate
Monday, Oct. 5	Neil McIver and Bill Crow
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Chad Tate and John Havar
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Family day—no church service Evening Bible study—TBA
Thursday, Oct. 8	Luke Przeslawski and Neal Parker
Friday, Oct. 9	Steven Gibson and Mike Wiesman
Saturday, Oct. 10	Ken Tate

## Julia Blake Pleads for Peace

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 Aug. 29, 2020.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—On Sunday, Aug. 23, Jacob Blake (a 29-year-old man) was shot in Kenosha, Wis. There are many disturbing facts about the incident.

- Mr. Blake was shot by police in the back as he tried to enter his car.

- His three sons were in the car and saw the shooting.

- The initial report by medical professionals is that Mr. Blake may be paralyzed.

- Mr. Blake is a black man.

- The police officer who shot him is a white man.

### Riots ensued

When a video of the shooting went viral, many people were upset and angry about the incident.

Because of the racial tension in our country right now, many citizens engaged in civil disturbance in Kenosha and in other cities.

- Rioting.

- Burning.

- Looting.

- Shooting.

### Mourning mother sees clearly

It is obvious to see the emotional pain of Mr. Blake’s family. It is heartbreaking to see the pain in Mr. Blake’s mother.

Although most people would allow the pain to influence an incorrect view towards the world, many mothers are wired to react with maturity. Julia Blake is such a person. She reflected the mature attributes of many mothers.

An article by Jordan Davidson titled “Jacob Blake’s Mother Pleads for Peace Amid Kenosha Rioting” was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 26, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

**J**ulia Blake, the mother of Jacob Blake, who was shot by police in Kenosha Sunday night, expressed how “disgust-

ed” she is at the people who hijacked her son’s shooting for their own gain.

“To use my child or any other mother or father’s child, our tragedy, to react in that manner is just not acceptable. And it’s not helping Jacob or any other of the men or women who have suffered in these areas,” she added.

Destructive, violent and fatal riots erupted in Kenosha, Wis., after police shot Jacob Blake, a black man, seven times in the back, leaving him partially paralyzed. According to the family’s attorney, three of Blake’s children saw the shooting occur from a nearby vehicle.

“My family and I are very hurt. And quite frankly disgusted. And, as his mother, please don’t burn up property and cause havoc and tear your own homes down in my son’s name. You shouldn’t do it,” Julia Blake urged.

According to Blake’s mother, rioting is not justified, especially without knowing the full story of situations like the one with her son.

“We should always get the details from the right source before we start throwing bricks,” she warned.

Julia Blake also apologized for comments made by a family member about President Trump and expressed regret that she missed his phone call because “maybe the comments that you made would have been different.”

She clarified, however, that she is not mad at the president and respects his leadership.

The victim’s mother previously spoke against the violence and destruction at a press conference on Tuesday afternoon in front of the Kenosha County Courthouse, encouraging people to stop the hate.

“I noticed a lot of damage. That does not reflect my son or my family,” she said

She also told reporters that she had been “praying, even before this, for the healing of our country.”