

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Dec. 19, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:17

### Bible study and classes

Interactive study (1:00) . . . . . Dave Havir  
Bible study (2:00) . . . . . Bill Crow

### Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader . . . . . Neil McIver  
Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright  
Scripture reading . . . . . Psalm 73:12–28  
Sermon . . . . . Bill Crow

### Quick takes

1. Welcome to guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Bill and Kari Crow from the Houston area. Mr. Crow is scheduled to give the 2:00 Bible study and the sermon at the 3:00 church service.
2. Guest speaker next week—Dave Havir is pleased to announce that Blake Silverstein is scheduled to join us next week.
3. Seeing Elaine Townsend's new home—The children of Elaine Townsend have arranged for her to move onto the property of a son—while they arrange for the sale of her home. Because of covid-19, the family will not have a housewarming party. However, family members want to arrange a drive-by to view the home. If you are interested, please notice the following information.
  - Tomorrow, Dec. 20, at 1:00 p.m.
  - Meet at Riverside Trade Day parking lot (at Highway 42 and FM 2206).
  - Family and friends will caravan to her home south of White Oak.
4. Upcoming winter activities—Some of our sister congregations are organizing winter activities in Texas.
  - Common Faith Network (CFN) is hosting at the Tanglewood Resort in Pottsboro—Dec. 23-26.
  - A sister congregation near Waco is hosting a campout (for personal RVs or on-site cabins) at Leisure Resort in Fentress—Dec. 24-26.

5. Pastor's schedule at the two Winter Weekends—Dave Havar has accepted invitations to serve at both Winter Weekends.
  - Thursday at Tanglewood—Give two seminars.
  - Saturday at Fentress—Speak at a church service.
6. Providing a meal at Tanglewood activity—Dave Havar wanted the congregation to know how our congregation is helping at the Winter Weekend at Tanglewood. The Church of God Big Sandy is providing the entrée and dessert at a free “Texas-style brisket dinner” on Friday night, Dec. 25, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Thanks to Neil McIver for preparing the meat.)
7. Prayers for peaceful protesters—Please pray for the citizens who are maturely and responsibly exercising their right of peaceful protest.
8. Prayers for victims—Please pray for the citizens who are suffering from the criminals, mobs and thugs who are tormenting our country.
9. 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 our spacious hall by spreading out.
10. Edifying the Body—This week's article is “Leftist Democrats Promote ‘Constitutional Secularism’ and ‘Patriotic Pluralism’ ” by Rep. Jamie Raskin and Rep. Jared Huffman (endorsed by Rep. Jerry Mc Nerney).
11. Among Friends—This week's article is “Amos 6:3-6” by Dave Havar.
12. Eye on the World—This week's “Eye on the World” is 36 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**.

**Eli Benedict** was scheduled for an eye doctor's appointment yesterday.

**Annette Payne** reports that she is not having pain (after being diagnosed in November with cancer in her lung and in one lymph node).

**Laura Moran** reports that she was not able to make progress reports with getting new dentures and that she had to cancel her appointment with a dietitian.

Last Sunday, **Grace Kouniadis** (sister of **Laura Moran**) was finally able to move from the Dallas area to the Park Place facility in Tyler.

## New prayer requests

**Emma Lou Bacher** of Plano was diagnosed with covid-19. Her only problem was exhaustion, which is common for covid patients considered to be asymptomatic.

On Tuesday morning, **Mike Kennebeck** of a local Church of God congregation was taken to an emergency room in Tyler due to chest pain and numbness. On Wednesday, he had a heart catheterization. He is scheduled for a double-bypass surgery on Tuesday.

**Lindsey Neller** of Los Angeles, Calif. (granddaughter of **Don** and **Wanda Ward**), has been diagnosed with covid—her symptoms involving a loss of smell and difficulty breathing.

**David** and **Rose Weber** of Wheatland, Wyo., have been diagnosed with covid.

**Dael Baughman** of Kilgore died on Dec. 12. Please remember his wife, **Alice**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

## The Son at the Right Hand

**Acts 2:33**—“Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.”

**Acts 5:31**—“Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.”

**Acts 7:55-56**—“But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, ‘Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’”

**Romans 8:34**—“Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

**Ephesians 1:20**—“Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.”

**Colossians 3:1**—“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.”

**Hebrews 1:3**—“Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

**Hebrews 8:1**—“Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.”

**Hebrews 12:2**—“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**1 Peter 3:22**—“Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.”

## “Amos 6:3–6”

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 Dec. 19, 2020.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—On Nov. 14, I began a series of articles about the book of Amos. The first article was titled “Overview of the Book of Amos.”

Since that time, I chose to write about various verses from the book of Amos. This article will discuss Amos 6:3-6.

### **Reason for choosing**

Someone could ask: Why did you choose to write about Amos 6:3-6?

My answer: I wanted to remind friends about God’s view concerning rulers who are more interested in obtaining power and money instead of serving people.

### **Negative characteristics**

Notice the negative behavior described in Amos 6:3-6.

**Amos 6:3-6**—“Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, who cause the seat of violence to come near; who lie on beds of ivory, stretch out on your couches, eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall; who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, and invent for yourselves musical instruments like David; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint yourselves with the best ointments, but are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.”

### **Civil rulers**

Bible students are aware of examples in the Bible concerning civil rulers who don’t truly serve the people. Notice God’s warning to Samuel.

**1 Samuel 8:11-17**—“And he said, ‘This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots. He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, will set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. He will

take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers. And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants. He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants. And he will take your male servants, your female servants, your finest young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants.’”

### **Religious rulers**

Bible students are also aware of examples in the Bible concerning religious rulers who don’t truly serve the people. Notice a few examples in the New Testament.

**Matthew 23:4**—“For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.”

**Matthew 23:13**—“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.”

**Matthew 23:15**—“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.”

### **Example of the Son of God**

The Son of God taught a different way of helping people. Notice what He taught His disciples about leadership.

**Matthew 20:25-28**—“But Jesus called them to Himself and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.’”