

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Aug. 28, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:47

### 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 . . . . . Neil McIver

Pianist . . . . . Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading . . . . . Psalm 37:30–40

Sermon . . . . . Morris Foster

### Quick takes

1. Guest speaker—The congregation welcomes Morris Foster to be with us today. Mr. Foster is scheduled to give the sermon during the 3:00 p.m. church service.
2. Pastor's trip postponed—Originally, Dave Havir was scheduled to make a church visit this week, but that visit has been postponed until next Saturday.
3. Thank you—Thank you to all the individuals who helped at the memorial service last Sunday for Ron Feaker. The daughters and grandchildren appreciated your service.
4. Wednesday-night Bible study on Sept. 1 at 7:00—Dave Havir is scheduled to complete his series about the "Armor of God" in Ephesians 6. People are encouraged to attend in the building or via a live transmission.
5. Feast of Trumpets—The congregation will be observing the Feast of Trumpets on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Following is the schedule.
  - 1:00 Interactive study—Dave Havir
  - 2:00 Presentation study—Morris Foster
  - 3:00 Church sermon—Dave Havir
  - 4:15 Congregational food

6. Day of Atonement—The congregation will be observing the Day of Atonement on Thursday, Sept. 16. Following is the schedule.
- 1:00 Interactive study—Dave Havir
  - 2:00 Presentation study—Neil McIver
  - 3:00 Church sermon—Dave Havir
7. Please remember to pray for the following people who are presently in an assisted-living facility (or a nursing home) and are not able to regularly attend our church service.
- Elaine Holloway
  - Laura Moran
  - Annette Payne
  - Ronnie Shirley
  - Donna Weese
8. Please remember to pray for the following people who live at home but are not able to regularly attend our church service.
- Mickey Ashcraft
  - David and Becky Bonilla
  - Timberly Dunnam
  - Vi Lehman
  - Ruth Roe
  - Sonny Rosenberger
  - Elaine Townsend
  - Donna Weese
9. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Does Israel Have Operational Plan for Iran?” by Anna Ahronheim.
10. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Armor of God—Helmet (Hope) of Salvation” by Dave Havir.
11. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 42 pages.

## Prayer updates

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Laura Moran** had a procedure on Thursday (Aug. 19) to remove fluid from her lungs. Unfortunately, the doctors felt a need to remove more fluid on Tuesday morning. And then, on Tuesday evening, a lung collapsed and doctors performed a procedure to fix that problem. On Friday, the doctor was able to remove the tube from her lung. **Mickey** and **Joshua** report that she continues to be alert to their interaction with her. Mrs. Moran and the family appreciate your prayers.

Although we have not been successful in getting the latest updates concerning **Herman Stevenson** (husband of **Dorothy Stevenson**), who is recovering from a stroke, we know that the Stevensons appreciate your prayers.

Here are some reminders about **Jimmy Rogers** of Denton. First, a recent transesophageal echocardiogram procedure (sending an instrument down the throat to assess the function of his faulty heart valve) confirmed that his heart valve had not gotten significantly worse. Second, he is scheduled to have another CT scan on Sept. 2 to monitor a spot on his lung. He and his wife, **Jean**, appreciate your prayers.

## New prayer requests

**Penny Bald** (wife of **Jim Bald**) is experiencing severe pain due to complications from Parkinson's disease. The doctors are trying different dosages of medications to reduce her symptoms and pain—but so far the results have not been encouraging. Prayers for cessation of pain and encouragement of mind would be greatly appreciated.

**Lee Stolley** of Big Sandy had a stroke on Aug. 27. He went to a hospital in Tyler.

**Elbert Bailey** of Joaquin died on Aug. 7. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Linda Roberts** of Texarkana died on Aug. 15. Please remember the family in your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Ken Martin** of Woodstock, Ga., was in a hospital after experiencing a brain aneurysm on Aug. 19. He died on Aug. 21. Please remember his wife, **Barbara**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Debbie Rogers** of the Waco congregation had covid. She died on Aug. 22. Please remember her husband, **Gill**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Beverly Jackson** of Tulsa, Okla., died on Aug. 22. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## Recent topics at Wednesday-night study

The following list of Bible-study topics at the recent Wednesday-night Bible study is given for two reasons. First, this will give members of the congregation the opportunity to listen to subjects that they may have missed. Second, the pastor thinks that it is important for the congregation to see what subjects are on his mind.

- July 28            Armor of God—Belt of Truth
- Aug. 4            Armor of God—Breastplate of Righteousness
- Aug. 11          Armor of God—Gospel of Peace
- Aug. 18          Armor of God—Shield of Faith
- Aug. 25          Armor of God—Helmet (Hope) of Salvation

## Local speaking schedule—before Tabernacles

- Saturday—8/28            Dave Havir and Morris Foster
- Saturday—9/4            Neil McIver and Ron Avey
- Trumpets—9/7            Morris Foster and Dave Havir
- Saturday—9/11            Dave Havir and Stan West
- Atonement—9/16           Neil McIver and Dave Havir
- Saturday—9/18            Dave Havir and Dave Havir

## “Armor of God—Helmet (Hope) of Salvation”

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. 28, 2021.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—One of the most encouraging sections of Scripture is found in the book of Ephesians. In that letter, the apostle Paul described a spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:10-13) and the spiritual weapons (verses 14-17) available for the children of God to use.

In this article, we will discuss the fifth weapon—the helmet (hope) of salvation (verse 17).

**1 Thessalonians 5:8**—“But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.”

### Reminders about faith

**Matthew 8:13**—“Then Jesus said to the centurion, ‘Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.’ And his servant was healed that same hour.”

**Romans 4:5**—“But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.”

### Eager expectation

The Greek word *apokaradokia* (which is a noun that is used only twice in the New Testament) means eager expectation.

**Romans 8:19**—“For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.”

**Philippians 1:19-20**—“For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.”

### Hope and expectation

The Greek word *elpis* is a noun that means hope and expectation. The Greek word *elpizo* is a verb that means to hope and to expect.

**Romans 8:24-25**—“For we were saved in

this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”

■ Hope that is seen is not hope.

■ People hope for and anticipate a wedding ceremony. Once the wedding ceremony happens, people have no need to anticipate it anymore.

■ People hope for and anticipate a trip. Once the trip happens, people have no need to anticipate it anymore.

**Romans 15:4**—“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”

### Believing and anticipating

■ Faith is believing, and hope is anticipating.

■ I believe that faith is based more on facts—knowing and accepting the promises.

■ I believe that hope is based more on feelings and emotions—anticipating the promises.

### Faith and hope working together

**Hebrews 11:1**—“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

**1 Peter 1:20-21**—“He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”

**Acts 24:14-15**—“But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.”

**Romans 15:13**—“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”