

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Oct. 30, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 6:31

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Kemmer Pfund

Presentation study—2:00 Wynn Skelton
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Ron Avey

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Revelation 2:18–29

Sermon Wynn Skelton

Quick takes

1. Upcoming speakers—We are pleased to announce that various speakers from sister congregations are reviewing their personal schedule as they prepare to give a commitment to Dave Havir. Following is the schedule for the near future.

- Oct. 30 Wynn Skelton
- Nov. 6 Jim Johns
- Near future Ben Mauldin III
- Dec. 4 Terry Post
- Dec. 18 Scott Hoefker

2. Wednesday-night Bible study on Nov. 3—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for Nov. 3.

3. Memorial service for Laura Moran—The family is planning a memorial service on Nov. 6. Following is information about the memorial service.

- Date—Saturday, Nov. 6
- Time—4:30 p.m.
- Location—our building
- Food for family—yes
- Food contact—Linda Avey

4. Daylight-saving time ends on Nov. 7—We are giving you a week’s notice that daylight-saving time ends on Nov. 7.
5. Community Thanksgiving service—The community Thanksgiving service is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21, at 5:00 p.m. Although the Ministerial Alliance discussed having the service at the Big Sandy Civic Center (the former Church of Christ), Dave Havir offered our building for the event. In his message, Mr. Havir mentioned that if the alliance does not prefer to use our building this year, its decision “doesn’t hurt our feelings.”
6. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

■ Mickey Ashcraft	■ Ruth Roe
■ David and Becky Bonilla	■ Sonny Rosenberger
■ Timberly Dunnam	■ Ronnie Shirley
■ Elaine Holloway	■ Elaine Townsend
■ Annette Payne	■ Donna Weese
7. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “School Choice Overcomes School Propaganda “ by Thomas Sowell.
8. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Matthew 24:15—Part 2” by Dave Havir.
9. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 32 pages.
10. Pastor’s schedule today—While Dave Havir went on a trip to do some pastoral work, he is enjoying today as a day of rest. He anticipates returning on Monday.
11. Bulletin finished early this week—Due to the pastor’s travel this weekend, this bulletin was completed during the middle of the week and therefore does not have the usual prayer information.

Eye on the world

- An article by Megan Williams titled “March for Life Announces ‘Equality Begins in the Womb’ as Theme for 2022 Rally” was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Oct. 27, 2021.
- An article by Carol Roth titled “We’re Living Through the Greatest Transfer of Wealth From the Middle Class to the Elites in History” was posted at [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com) on Oct. 24, 2021.
- An article by Thomas Colson titled “Xi and Putin Are Snubbing the COP26 Climate Summit, Even Though China and Russia Produce Some 32% of Global CO₂ Emissions” was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Oct. 25, 2021.
- An article by Philip Wang titled “China Tells Mines to Produce ‘As Much Coal As Possible’ ” was posted at [ctvnews.ca](https://www.ctvnews.ca) on Oct. 20, 2021.
- An article by Ben Zeisloft titled “Florida Has the Fastest Job Growth Rate in the Nation, Significantly Faster Than National Average” was posted at [dailywire.com](https://www.dailywire.com) on Oct. 26, 2021.

Synopsis of board meeting on Oct. 23

All five board members (Ron Avey, Carol Bald, David Coleman, Reg Killingley and Neil McIver) were in attendance.

- Ron Avey asked the board members for their comments about our three Feast sites.
- Since the church copy machine was 10 years old, the company with the service contract was having difficulties finding replacement parts—therefore the recent quality of the copies has been unacceptable. The board discussed a written proposal for a new machine and discussed getting a second proposal. (For the record, the church bought a new machine on Thursday.)
- In the treasurer's report, Neil McIver gave an update about our investment portfolio and asked Linda Cartwright to give a report about the offerings at the recent Feast of Tabernacles.
- The board provided an official statement to Austin Bank confirming that Mrs. Cartwright is authorized to do business with it on behalf of the church. (It is common to provide such updates.)
- Although Dave Havir was in attendance, he did not give a pastor's report—to keep the meeting short.

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.

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| ■ 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 |
| ■ Sept. 1 | Armor of God—Sword of the Word of God |
| ■ Sept. 8 | The Sound of the Trumpet |
| ■ Sept. 15 | Behind the Veil |
| ■ Oct. 6 | Matthew 24:1–5 |
| ■ Oct. 13 | Matthew 24:6–14 |
| ■ Oct. 20 | Matthew 24:15—Part 1 |
| ■ Oct. 27 | Matthew 24:15—Part 2 |

Thought for the week

“Who controls the food supply controls the people; who controls the energy can control whole continents; who controls money can control the world.”—*Henry Kissinger*

“Matthew 24:15—Part 2”

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 Oct. 30, 2021.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Wednesday-night Bible studies, I recently began a series covering Matthew 24. After presenting the material orally on Wednesday night, I decided to write a short article about the material for the Saturday bulletin.

Today, we will talk about Matthew 24:15—Part 2.

Spoken by Daniel

Matthew 24:15—“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whosoever reads, let him understand) . . .”

Daniel 8:13—“Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, ‘How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot?’”

- Daily sacrifices halted.
- The sanctuary trampled underfoot.

Daniel 11:31—“And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.”

- Defile the sanctuary.
- Take away the daily sacrifices.
- Place the abomination of desolation.

Daniel 12:11—“And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.”

- Take away the daily sacrifice.
- Set up the abomination of desolation.

Physical solutions

Notice three problems listed in Daniel and three physical solutions.

1. Defiled the sanctuary—Rebuild a sanctuary.

2. Took away daily sacrifices—Reconcilene daily sacrifices.

3. Set up an idol in sanctuary—Remove idol from sanctuary.

Spiritual solutions

Notice the same three problems listed in Daniel and three spiritual solutions.

1. Defiled the sanctuary—The believer is the sanctuary.

2. Took away daily sacrifices—The believer gives spiritual sacrifices.

3. Set up an idol in sanctuary—The believer avoids spiritual idolatry.

Religious tyrants

Let’s look at how a spiritual application applies to religious groups.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4—“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

2 Corinthians 11:20—“For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face.”

Spiritual reaction to dangerous groups

Matthew 20:25-27—“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.’”

2 Corinthians 6:17-18—“Therefore ‘Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.’”