

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church of God Big Sandy

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Feb. 5, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:56

### 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 . . . . . Daniel 11:36–45

Sermon . . . . . Dave Havir

### Quick takes

1. Bad weather doesn't stop us—Since the beginning of this congregation, it has been our tradition to avoid canceling a church service due to weather. We expect each individual to use personal judgment and freedom for himself and his family. (Besides, you could join our Internet audience to watch our presentations online.)
2. Loss of electricity could slow us down—Although the circumstance would be rare, we would probably cancel a church service in the building due to a loss of electricity. (However, knowing our audience, anyone who showed up might enjoy a small Bible study—as long as we stayed warm enough.)
3. Traveling speakers—We are pleased to announce the following traveling speakers coming to our congregation.
  - Feb. 19                      Robert Onsando (from Kenya)
  - March 12                     Morris Foster
  - March 19                     Wynn Skelton
4. Wednesday-night Bible study on Feb. 9—The next Wednesday-night Bible study is scheduled for Feb. 9.

5. 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
6. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Black History Is American History" by Ken Blackwell.
7. Among Friends—This week's article is "Water in Biblical History" by Dave Havir.
8. Eye on the World—This week's "Eye on the World" is 26 pages. (This edition has five articles and 207 headlines.)

## Prayer updates

**Timberly Dunnam** had a good week in two regards. First, she had a decrease in pain this week. Second, the doctors have discussed the possibility of her having degenerative disk loss. (Someone could ask why that is viewed as positive. The family views that diagnosis as less intrusive than other possible explanations.) The Dunnam's are looking into getting cortisol shots in the disk. On another front, we reported in the Jan. 8 bulletin that Timberly was being referred to the Texas Spine and Joint Hospital in Tyler—after previously anticipating treatment from Longview Orthopedics. As it turns out, she is bouncing back and forth between Longview and Tyler. There are two reasons for that. First, her doctors have been trying to work out a way for her to have treatment in East Texas without having to travel to Dallas. Second, some of the previous health workers have quit instead of taking the covid jab, and the temp replacements are not as familiar with the protocol and paperwork. Most important, Timberly had a good week, and the family greatly appreciates your prayers.

**David Bonilla** continues to do physical therapy at home—helping him to get stronger. He and **Becky** appreciate your prayers.

In the Jan. 8 bulletin, we mentioned that **Andrew McIver** had a colonoscopy rescheduled to Jan. 31. He received a good report from his doctor. The doctor believes that his recent digestive/intestinal problems will go away on their own.

## New prayer requests

On Thursday, **Joy Garbs** of Hemphill (mother of **Leslie Harroff**) had a stroke and multiple seizures. She was transported to a hospital in Beaumont.

**David Hope** of Tulsa, Okla., reports that his back surgery went well.

**Randy Glass** of Holdenville, Okla., was found unresponsive on the floor and taken to a nearby hospital.

**Viorica Graham** died unexpectedly (without warning) and suddenly (without suffering) on Jan. 27. Please remember her husband, **Bruce**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Jimmy Rogers** of Denton (who regularly listened to our church service on the Internet) died on Jan. 30. **Dave Havir** was planning to attend the funeral on Feb. 3, but the family moved the funeral up a day to Feb. 2 to avoid the oncoming weather. (Since Mr. Havir could not attend on Wednesday, the family hoped that he would not be offended. He complimented family members for doing what was best for the family.) Please remember his wife, **Jean**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Gary Mercer** of Birmingham, Ala., died on Jan. 30. Please remember his family in your prayers.

### Scriptures to consider

**Isaiah 40:18-23**—“To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him? The workman molds an image, the goldsmith overspreads it with gold, and the silversmith casts silver chains. Whoever is too impoverished for such a contribution chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks for himself a skillful workman to prepare a carved image that will not totter. Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless.”

### Eye on the World

- An article by Arpan Rai titled “ ‘Freedom Convoy’ [the Canadian Truckers’ Group That Is Being Called a ‘Fringe Minority’] Raises Nearly \$10 Million, More Money Than Canada’s Main Political Parties” was posted at independent.co.uk on Feb. 1, 2022.
- An article by Melissa Koenig, Adam Manno, Gina Martinez and Mansur Shaheen titled “So Why Did So Many American Mainstream Media Outlets Ignore a Reputable University’s Study That Lockdowns Didn’t Work? *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, ABC, NBC and CBS All Failed to Run the Story Because They ‘Have Their Own Narrative Written’ ” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Feb. 3, 2022.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled “Oh, So That’s Who Is Funding Flights for Illegal Immigrants” was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 4, 2022.

### Thought for the week

My bucket list: Keep breathing.

## “Water in Biblical History”

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 Feb. 5, 2022.

**By Dave Havir**

**B**IG SANDY, Texas—For the past three articles in the “Among Friends” section of our website, I have written about the subject that I covered on the previous Wednesday-night Bible study.

Since I didn’t give last Wednesday’s Bible study, I decided to write an article about an adjacent topic, even though the subject was not directly listed in 1 Kings 19:11-12.

In 1 Kings 19:11-12, we read about four methods in which the Lord can communicate to His people on the earth. (We realize that He is not limited to these four methods.)

- Strong wind
- Earthquake
- Fire
- Still small voice

Today we will focus on the adjacent subject of water.

### Water for creating

**Genesis 1:2**—“The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

**Genesis 1:6-7**—“Then God said, ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.’ Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.”

**Genesis 1:9-10**—“Then God said, ‘Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear’; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.”

**Psalms 24:1-2**—“The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters.”

### Water for destruction

**Genesis 6:17**—“And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that

is on the earth shall die.”

**Genesis 7:4**—“For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.”

**Genesis 7:19-20**—“And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.”

**Genesis 7:24**—“And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.”

**Genesis 9:11**—“Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

### Mentioned in New Testament

**2 Peter 2:5**—“[He] did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly.”

**2 Peter 3:5-6**—“For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.”

### God challenged Job

**Job 38:4**—“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?”

**Job 38:25-30**—“Who has divided a channel for the overflowing water, or a path for the thunderbolt, to cause it to rain on a land where there is no one, a wilderness in which there is no man; to satisfy the desolate waste, and cause to spring forth the growth of tender grass? Has the rain a father? Or who has begotten the drops of dew? From whose womb comes the ice? And the frost of heaven, who gives it birth? The waters harden like stone, and the surface of the deep is frozen.”