

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Sept. 13, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:28

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 Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Zephaniah 1:12–18

Sermon Anthony Kimmons

Quick takes

1. Dominoes—Tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
2. Wednesday-night Bible study—Sept. 17 at 7:00.
3. Feast of Trumpets on Sept. 23—The congregation will be observing the Feast of Trumpets on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Following is the schedule.
 - 1:00—Interactive Bible study
 - 2:00—Presentation Bible study—Dave Havir
 - 3:00—Church service—with Daniel Hammons giving the sermon
4. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "“Charlie Kirk Built His Career With Words and Courage” by Joel Pollak.
5. Among Friends—This week's article is "The Sound of Trumpets—Part 2" by Dave Havir.
6. Eye on the World—Not available at bulletin deadline.

7. Early print schedule—This bulletin was completed a day earlier than normal.

Prayer updates

Shirley West continues to deal with low energy and a lack of appetite.

Timberly Dunnam requests your prayers: “Usually my back pain gets worse this time of year when fall and winter get closer. But, for some reason, it’s been a lot worse this year.I ask for prayers for relief from pain and nausea.Thank you.”

In last week’s bulletin, we mentioned that **Gary Wilson** (who suffered a stroke on Feb.13, 2023) gained more Medicare help and was admitted on Wednesday, Sept. 3. to Christus Rehabilitation Facility on 3131 Troup Hwy. in Tyler for a regimen of inpatient care. He appreciates your prayers.

In the Aug. 23 bulletin, we reported that **Lisa Smith** reported on Aug. 20 that she had suffered a fractured kneecap.One of the blessings of **Gary Wilson** having inpatient care at a rehab facility is that Mrs. Smith can devote her time to ongoing home projects and to catch up on her sleep.She appreciates your prayers.

Morris Foster reports that he is continuing to make progress.

Here is an update from **Linda Moers**: “The follow-up doctor visit on Friday, Sept. 5, was good news. My left vocal cord is now moving as it should again.The right cord is still paralyzed, though, and has probably been that way for a long time. My breathing has improved, and I am able to do most things that I could do before this all started six months ago. I have not completely returned to where I was, but I am very grateful for my improvement.My doctor was very pleased and I could tell taken back by the positive changes in my condition from my last visit six weeks ago. I don’t need to see him for six months and, if by then everything is still as good as it is now, he won’t need to see me again. Praises to my Heavenly Father for His tender mercies.I have asked that all of you are blessed for lifting me up in my time of need.Thank you and God bless you!”

New prayer requests

On Tuesday, **Mark Goodchild** (who lives in Gladewater and attends a congregation in Gladewater) went to an ER with a suspected stroke. On Thursday, his wife, **Penny**, reported that her husband did have a stroke and blood clot in his brain.The doctor did the normal protocol of dealing with the stroke and did a procedure to “suck out the blood clot.” He was expected to

go to a rehab facility on Friday—where he could stay between seven and 14 days.

On Thursday, **Tameika Leday** of the Huntsville (Texas) congregation was taken to an ER with a possible stroke. At the ER, a stroke was ruled out. (Because the bulletin was printed early this week, we do not have the latest news.)

Karen Doig of Houston (sister of **Ken Treybig**) died on Sept. 8. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Charlie Kirk of Scottsdale, Ariz., died on Sept. 10. Please remember his wife, **Erika**, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

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“Charlie Kirk Built His Career With Words and Courage”

This article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbigsandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Sept. 13, 2025.

(A version was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 11.)

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Charlie Kirk wrote to us at Breitbart in 2012 as a high-school student, and we proudly published his first foray into political commentary.

A friend ever since, Charlie had been inspired by Andrew Breitbart, who had passed away just weeks before, and wanted to know if we could help him stand up for conservative views at his high school.

In the spirit of citizen journalism, upon which Breitbart was founded, we encouraged this young high-schooler to write down his thoughts and submit them for publication.

Charlie never looked back. He built his career that way: with words, and with courage.

It took incredible bravery, and mental sharpness, to debate people with opposing views on college campuses, taking on all comers and all questions.

His mind was clear and uncorrupted by what our universities have become. He understood that civil discourse was the way, which fueled his ability to debate anyone, anywhere.

Charlie proved to be not only an exceptional debater but an exceptional organizer, fundraiser and administrator, launching Turning Point USA, which changed youth politics in America.

He reached young voters, but his influence extended far beyond that.

My 10-year-old son told me today that he had enjoyed watching Charlie's videos on YouTube—that he knew our family was Republican, but it was only after watching Charlie that he understood why.

This is a sentiment that I've heard from other parents throughout the day after Charlie's assassination.

I admired Charlie, even though I disagreed with him at times. I thought he was too didactic in his approach to social issues.

He was right, but when he told young people to stop partying and get married, I thought it better to say: Marriage is when the party really starts.

But that was Charlie: You could disagree with him and still respect him, even love him, and he would love you back.

He found love and happiness in his young family. You could say that his most effective argument was not a clever turn of phrase at the podium or on social media, but simply the way he lived.

He was not afraid to lead; he was not afraid to share his faith; he was not afraid to take a chance on an unpopular view.

In doing so, he inspired millions.

I am furious about his assassination. Despite having little information about the assassin, I believe the left has created a landscape that normalizes violence against the right.

And I believe that the left has never had to answer for its violent rhetoric—not after the shooting of a Republican baseball practice in 2017; not even after the assassination attempts against President Trump last year.

There was no soul-searching; there were no investigations; there were no calls for civility.

Much of the left simply went back to talking about Trump and his supporters as it always had—in ways that ultimately could lead to violence.

But I have to put that anger aside—not because his enemies deserve mercy, but because of who Charlie was and how he died.

He was assassinated doing what he loved and what he did so well: He was exercising his right to free speech and encouraging civil dialogue among any who would participate.

He wanted his opponents to be as free as he was—even when they were hateful and wrong.

I knew a happy warrior once, who changed my life. His name was Andrew Breitbart.

Charlie Kirk was likewise a happy warrior who changed the lives of so many.

“The Sound of Trumpets—Part 2”

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbigsandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Sept. 13, 2025.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with part 2 of our series. The presentation was titled “The Sound of Trumpets—Part 2.”

An event in Utah on Wednesday afternoon (the assassination of beloved broadcaster Charlie Kirk, age 31) influenced me to change my introduction to my prepared material. With the assassination fresh on my mind, I chose to mention that the event produced two reactions within me—anger and sadness.

Son of God’s example

I read and discussed two sections of Scripture. The first section was about Christ’s example of appropriate anger. The second section was about Christ’s perspective of our mourning.

Mark 3:5—The Son of God “looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts.”

Mark 3:1—When Christ entered the synagogue, He saw a man with a withered hand.

Mark 3:2—The Pharisees watched Him closely to see if He would heal the man on the Sabbath—“so that they might accuse Him.”

Mark 3:4—When the Son of God asked the Pharisees questions (Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil? Is it lawful on the Sabbath to save life or to kill?), they kept quiet.

Mark 3:5—Christ healed the man.

Mark 3:6—And the Pharisees immediately plotted with the Herodians how they might destroy Him.

Luke 23:27-31—When the Son of God saw the people mourning and lamenting for what was occurring to

Him, He suggested that they weep for themselves and for their children—because He understands the grieving process.

After reading those sections of Scripture in Mark and Luke, I turned to my prepared scriptures—dealing with hearing the sound of trumpets.

Book of Joel

Joel 2:1—“Blow the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; for it is at hand.”

Joel 2:15—“Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly.”

Let’s notice some of the verses surrounding those scriptures.

Joel 1:1-20—These verses mention some of the negative conditions facing the people of God at that time.

Joel 1:4—This verse talked about the chewing locust, the swarming locust, the crawling locust and the consuming locust.

Joel 1:5—This verse warned people to avoid drunkenness.

Joel 1:13—This verse warned the priests to repent.

Joel 2:2-11—These verses warned about aspects of the day of the Lord.

Joel 2:12-14—These verses talked about turning to the Lord with repentance—fasting, weeping and mourning.

Book of Zephaniah

In Zephaniah 1:14-16, notice how the “great day of the LORD” is described.

A day of wrath.

A day of trouble and distress.

A day of devastation and desolation.

A day of darkness and gloominess.

A day of clouds and thick darkness.

A day of trumpet and alarm—
against the fortified cities and against the
high towers.

In Zephaniah 2:3, notice the reminder
to seek the Lord, to seek righteousness
and to seek humility—that “it may be
that you will be hidden in the day of the
LORD’s anger.”

In Zephaniah 3:2, notice four
characteristics that displeased the
Lord—realizing the opposite of these
characteristics produces a meaningful
relationship with Him.

She has not obeyed His voice.

She has not received correction.

She has not trusted in the Lord.

She has not drawn near to her God.