

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Dec. 20, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:20

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Daniel Hammons

Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havar
(also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Mark Weiss

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Psalm 22:1–22

Sermon Neil McIver

Quick takes

1. Thank you—The congregation thanks the following people for serving at the Wednesday-night Bible studies.
 - David Coleman—serving as the host
 - Michael Bald—serving in the sound booth
 - Dixon Cartwright—playing two piano selections
 - Bernice Burson—singing once a month
 - The individuals who bring snacks
2. Dominoes tomorrow—Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.
3. Wednesday-night Bible study—Dec. 24 at 7:00.
4. Board meeting—A board meeting is scheduled on Sunday, Dec. 28, at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.
5. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Australia Allowed Jewish Hate to Fester" by Miranda Devine.
6. Among Friends—This week's article is "Obey to Glorify and Honor the Father and Son—Part 3" by Dave Havar.
7. Eye on the World—Not available at bulletin deadline.

Prayer updates

In the Aug. 9 bulletin, we mentioned that **Tim** and **Angela Dunnam** identified mold in their home (that probably contributed to **Timberly's** health challenges). In the Oct. 18 bulletin, we mentioned that Timberly was going to her brother's home (**Jake** and **Tiffany** live in Longview) for a while. In the Dec. 13 bulletin, we mentioned that **Dan Stone** (father of **Tiffany Dunnam**) died on Dec. 7—which resulted in a crowded house with family members and in Timberly returning to her home. The mold project is steadily getting solved. Thank you for your prayers.

In the Dec. 6 bulletin, we mentioned that **Donna Weese** went to an ER that week, but no conclusive diagnosis was given. Someone said this week that Mrs. Weese may have been dealing with overwhelming grief—following the death of her friend **Shirley West** (that may have also influenced her to remember the deaths of other family and friends).

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Martha McIver** fell out of her bed. She reported that she is doing better. She said: "I still have a knot on my head, but it only hurts when I touch it." She had a whirlwind of appointments this week, so she is tired and was looking forward to a day of rest.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Shirley Spearman** recently dealt with her blurred eyesight and dizziness one day while she was out running errands. (We also mentioned that she went to an eye doctor that week to receive drops and reported that she was doing better.) On Friday, she reported having moments of being weak, wobbly on her feet, and one episode of dealing with dizziness while driving in Lindale. (She pulled off the road for a few minutes and the dizziness went away.) She also reported that she is having pain in her arm that has been disrupting her sleep at night—so she is scheduled to have an X-ray on Monday. She thanks you for your prayers.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Sharon Burgin** had been dealing with gout since the Feast and was slowly improving. Mrs. Burgin gave us additional information. When she originally experienced the recent encounter with gout, she treated it with common natural items (and kept walking on it). There was good news and bad news. The good news was that the natural items did their job well to clear up the gout diagnosis. The bad news was that Mrs. Burgin kept walking on the side of her foot—resulting in her tearing a tendon in her ankle. She thanks you for your prayers.

Sharon Wilson (of Tyler) gave an update about her health and **Karl's** health. She reported: "I have been doing well and healing according to all of my reports and will go back to the oncologist for a follow-up visit in March. Karl's recent scan has led us to reevaluate his treatment options. Further testing is scheduled for January. We would appreciate prayers for his healing."

Jerome Ellard had his anticipated MRI on Dec. 18 and is waiting for his follow-up appointment on Monday. He reports improvement in his pain level, so he thanks you for remembering him in your prayers.

New prayer requests

On Monday, **Angela Dunnam** reported that she fell the previous night (Sunday) while collecting firewood in the dark. She has bruised ribs but reports that she does not have bleeding. She is continuing to improve.

Recently, **Lou Ann McKay** of Chatsworth, Ga. (sister of **Linda Cartwright**), fell twice. On Friday (Dec. 12), she fell the first time. On Sunday (Dec. 14), her second fall resulted in her suffering a broken hip.

On Monday night, **Mike Wiesman** (of Tennessee) went to an ER due to heavy bleeding associated with his prostate. (He had a similar situation five years ago.) The doctors did the normal procedure (of trimming excess prostate tissue).

Colleen Cambron (age 68 of near Bennett, Colo.) learned that her breast cancer (that started with two lumps in one breast) has become very aggressive metastatic breast cancer. Doctors have scheduled scans to see if it is also in the bones.

A few weeks ago, **Pam Havir** fell while in a parking lot of a business in Tyler. (She just now gave her husband permission to include her in the bulletin.) She said: "I face-planted on the pavement." There was no one close to help her, but she struggled to get herself up. She chose not to go to an ER. She hadn't passed out and she wasn't dizzy—so she drove herself home. When her husband got home, he saw the following—a swollen face, the right side of her face was bruised, a black eye and a knot on her forehead. She appreciates your prayers.

"Obey to Glorify and Honor the Father and Son—Part 3"

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. 20, 2025.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued (and finished) a series. The title was "Obey to Glorify and Honor the Father and Son—Part 3." This series was related to a presentation that I gave on Saturday, Oct. 18. In that presentation, I presented three reasons why we obey God.

Those three reasons were the following.

- To Be Blessed Now
- To Be Blessed at the Resurrection
- To Glorify and to Honor the Father and the Son

When I covered the concept of being blessed now, I gave two presentations. When I covered the concept of being blessed at the resurrection, I gave three presentations. When

I covered the concept of glorifying and honoring the Father and the Son, I gave three studies.

■ Part 1 was about "The Father and Son Glorify and Honor Each Other."

■ Part 2 was about "The Father and Son Glorify and Honor Themselves Through Flawed People."

■ Part 3 was about "Glorify and Honor the Father and Son Through Words and Actions."

(The first two parts focused upon how the Father and Son do the glorifying. Part 3 mentioned how we can glorify the Father and Son. It is my belief that the Father and Son do most of the glorifying, but children of God also have a small part in it.)

Father and Son

Here is a verse about glorifying the Father.

■ 1 Timothy 1:17—Now to the King (eternal, immortal, invisible), to God (who alone is wise) be honor and glory forever and ever.

Here are five verses about honoring the Son.

■ 1 Timothy 2:5-6—This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior (who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth). For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men—the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.

■ Hebrews 2:9—We see Jesus (who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death) crowned with glory and honor—that He (by the grace of God) might taste death for everyone.

■ Revelation 3:21—The Son of God said: “To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

■ John 9:24-29—The Pharisees told the blind man (who was healed) to “give God the glory” instead of giving credit to Christ. The Pharisees hated Christ. The Pharisees claimed to be “Moses’ disciples” and disregarded Christ.

■ John 13:31-32—The Son said: “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.”

Glorify with private actions

Let’s notice only a few verses that show how the children of God glorify the Father and Son with private actions.

■ Psalm 51:1-19—David wrote a beautiful psalm revealing his action of repentance before the Lord.

■ Acts 2:38—On the Day of Pentecost, the children of God expressed their repentance and were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

■ Matthew 6:1-4—The Son of God taught that the Father in Heaven would notice their private actions—which were done to please Him.

Glorify with public actions

Let’s notice only a few verses that show how the children of God glorify the Father

and Son with public actions.

■ Matthew 5:14-16—The Son of God instructed the disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

■ 1 Peter 2:11-12—Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul (having your conduct honorable among the gentiles) that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may (by your good works which they observe) glorify God in the day of visitation.

■ 1 Peter 4:16—If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

Glorify with words

Notice some examples of praising the Father and Son with our words.

■ Psalm 22:1-21—Here are some words spoken by David that he said privately to God—(with Christ quoting the first verse publicly on the cross in the New Testament Gospel accounts).

■ Psalm 22:22—David referred to public praise when he said: “I will declare Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly, I will praise You.”

■ Psalm 22:25—David referred to public praise when he said: “My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.”

■ Psalm 50:14-15—Offer thanksgiving to God.

■ Psalm 113:1-3

■ Psalm 145:1-21

■ Psalm 146:1-10

■ Psalm 147:1-20

■ Psalm 148:1-14

■ Psalm 149:1-9

■ Psalm 150:1-6

■ Romans 15:5-6—“May the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus—that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”