

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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Jan. 10, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 5:34

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Mike Bailey

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

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil McIver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Psalms 42 and 43

Sermon Mark Weiss

Quick takes

1. Thank you for the improved lighting—The congregation appreciates how the board and Michael Bald continue to make updates to our building.
2. Dominoes tomorrow—Interested participants should contact Sue Jones.
3. Wednesday-night Bible study—Jan. 14 at 7:00.
4. Community activity in our building—Our church building will be the location for the community event titled “Musical Memories” sponsored by the Big Sandy Museum on Saturday evening, Jan. 24. Attendees will have the opportunity to buy their tickets at locations around town. (Dave Havar is reminding the widows to contact him so that the congregation can buy their tickets to the event.)
5. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Seven Quotes From Max Lucado” by Dave Havar.
6. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Proverbs 6:16-19—Part 1” by Dave Havar.
7. Eye on the World—four articles, 125 headlines and seven lists.

Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Karl Wilson** was scheduled for a biopsy on Friday, Jan. 2. Yesterday, **Sharon Wilson** reported: "We are still waiting on the pathology report. Thank you for your prayers."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Lisa Smith** was dealing with pain in her left hip and challenges with her vision. Although her busy schedule has delayed her giving a full update, she did mention that she is going to be fitted with glasses to help her with her vision problem.

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Jessica Griffin** (daughter of **David** and **Joyce Coleman**) was scheduled for an orthopedic appointment this week to check out her problem with her ankle/foot. Here is an update: "The break is at the end of the fibula. They can't get a boot to fit right, so she will be in a cast for at least a month. They will evaluate in a month to see if it has healed enough to remove the cast."

New prayer requests

On Monday, we heard from the daughter of **Lana Hicks** (of Thomasville, Ga.) that Mrs. Hicks had a seizure on Friday (Jan. 2) night. On Monday, the daughter reported: "The doctors put her on a ventilator to protect her brain, because the seizures were not stopping. They basically have her in a medically induced coma right now." Mrs. Hicks was transferred to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla. On Wednesday, the daughter reported: "Her EEG has improved. She does have some mild pneumonia from aspirating when she had her initial seizure. All other vital signs are still good."

On Tuesday, **Michael** and **Linda Baggett** while driving were hit by another vehicle. (A picture of the damaged vehicle shows how badly they were hit. The picture reveals what a blessing it was that the Baggetts survived.) They went to an ER. She was not admitted, and he was released on Thursday.

Darrell Watts of Greenbrier, Ark. (brother-in-law of **Linda Cartwright**), was diagnosed with a "vocal stroke"—meaning he can no longer swallow. A surgeon implanted a feeding tube until he is strong enough to start swallowing rehabilitation.

About a month ago, **Rod Loomis** of Tulsa, Okla., was diagnosed with a mass in his stomach. He has since learned that he has cancer.

Thoughts for the week

"Never wrestle with a pig. You both get dirty. And the pig likes it."—*George Bernard Shaw*

"When you turn your worries into worship, God will turn your battles into blessings."—*Joseph Walker*

“Seven Quotes From Max Lucado”

This article is from the “Edifying the Body” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website (churchofgodbig sandy.com). It was posted for the weekend of Jan. 10, 2026.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—One of my favorite authors is Max Lucado. (He is a pastor, but I am not really sure what denomination he is in. While I do not believe all of his doctrinal positions, I find him to be an excellent writer.)

I especially like the way his books describe the suffering of our Lord and Savior. I suppose his compassionate writing style resonates with me.

While the following quotes will not display the full depth of his books, I hope that you will find them encouraging as you deal with the current trials in your life.

1. “If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If he had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it, friend. He is crazy about you!”

2. “You weren’t an accident. You weren’t mass-produced. You aren’t an assembly-line product. You were deliberately planned, spe-

cifically gifted and lovingly positioned on the earth by the Master Craftsman.”

3. “God loves just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus.”

4. “Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.”

5. “When you are in the final days of your life, what will you want? Will you hug that college degree in the walnut frame? Will you ask to be carried to the garage so you can sit in your car? Will you find comfort in rereading your financial statement? Of course not. What will matter then will be people. If relationships will matter most then, shouldn’t they matter most now?”

6. “Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free—and realizing you were the prisoner!”

7. “Forgive and give as if it were your last opportunity. Love like there’s no tomorrow. And, if tomorrow comes, love again.”

“Proverbs 6:16-19—Part 1”

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By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a seven-part series. The title of the presentation was “Proverbs 6:16-19—Part 1.”

The presentation began with the first listed characteristic that God hates—that being a “proud look.” From there, I also talked about the first characteristic that God loves—that being a “humble outlook.”

Proud look

The book of proverbs is filled with material that describes a proud look. Notice many verses in the book of Proverbs.

Proud

- Proverbs 6:17
- Proverbs 15:25
- Proverbs 16:5
- Proverbs 16:19
- Proverbs 21:4
- Proverbs 28:25

Pride

- Proverbs 8:13
- Proverbs 11:2
- Proverbs 13:10
- Proverbs 14:3
- Proverbs 16:18
- Proverbs 29:23

Haughty

- Proverbs 16:18
- Proverbs 18:12

Pride and haughty

- Proverbs 16:18

Proud, haughty and pride

■ Proverbs 21:24—A proud and haughty man (“Scoffer” is his name); he acts with arrogant pride.

Pride of the devil

The pride of the devil contributed to his fall and to the fall of the spirit world that followed him.

- Genesis 3:1-5
- Matthew 4:9
- Luke 10:18
- Jude 6
- Revelation 12:4
- Revelation 12:7-9

Famous examples of pride

■ Isaiah 10:12-15—The king of Assyria was filled with pride.

■ Isaiah 14:12-14—Lucifer was filled with pride.

■ Ezekiel 28:12-19—The king of Tyre was filled with pride.

Humble outlook

Just as God hates a proud look, He loves a humble outlook. Having a humble outlook includes properly loving yourself.

■ Matthew 22:37-40—Part of the Great Commandment is: “You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.”

■ Philippians 2:3-8—We are to esteem other people better than ourselves.

Bad examples

■ Matthew 20:25—Many leaders seek to lord it over other people and to exercise authority over other people.

■ Matthew 23:6-15—Even church “leaders” want the best seats, the best titles and other things that exalt them over people.

■ 2 Corinthians 11:13—Deceitful workers transform themselves into apostles of Christ.

■ 2 Corinthians 11:14—Satan transforms

himself into an “angel of light.”

■ 2 Corinthians 11:20—The people allowed religious leaders to do the following five things to them—take them into bondage, devour them, steal from them, exalt themselves over them and strike them on the face.

Good examples

■ Exodus 32:10-14—When the Lord God offered Moses to receive power, Moses refused and demonstrated a humble outlook.

■ Acts 14:9-17—When the people of Lystra called Paul and Barnabas the names of two Roman gods and offered to sacrifice animals to them, the two men reacted strongly against the idea.

■ Romans 16:1-15—The apostle Paul publicly thanked many servants—as the list mentioned a total of 29 people (which included 10 women).

■ Philippians 2:19-22—The apostle Paul publicly complimented the serving attitude of Timothy.

■ Revelation 19:10—An angel told John not to fall down and worship him.

■ Revelation 22:8-9—An angel again told John not to fall down and worship him.

Perfect example

■ Matthew 4:10—The Son of God told the devil: “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.”

■ John 5:30—The Son of God said: “I do not seek My own will, but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

■ John 6:38—The Son of God said: “I did not come down from heaven to do My own will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me.”

■ John 10:17-18—The Son of God came to lay down His life—willingly.

■ Matthew 26:36-44—Remember the words of the Son of God in the Garden of Gethsemane.

■ 1 Corinthians 15:24-28—The Son of God will put an end to all rule, authority and power—as He continues to subject Himself to the Father. The end result is: “God may be all in all.”