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SUNDAY	9:30 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY	10:30 A.M.
WORSHIP	5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY EVENING	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	
MID-WEEK CLASSES	

"O sing unto the Lord a new song;
For He hath done marvellous things".
Psalm 98:1 KJV

IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

"These were more noble...
they searched the scriptures daily..."
(Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 AM on KOCB—TV34

SEARCH PROGRAMS:
April 26, "The First Gentle Convert"
May 3, "Born in Sin"
May 10, "Faith Alone"
May 17, "Free Will"

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Bible School	No Classes
Worship Service	No Services
Sunday Evening	No Services
Wednesday Evening	No Services
Contribution	\$4,573.07

You can find our worship service on:

Central's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ron.taffe/cideos/10215781038790816/>

Central's YouTube Channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7o8gO2pWlxU>

Central's Webpage:

<http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php/t=sermons>

If you would like to mail your offering in the mail to the church, you can mail it to:

Central Church of Christ
P.O. Box 1228
Shawnee, OK 74802

If you would like someone to pick up your contribution, drop off communion supplies, or have any other needs please call the Church office.

405-273-3065

Or you can contact one of our Elders or Deacons.

To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV



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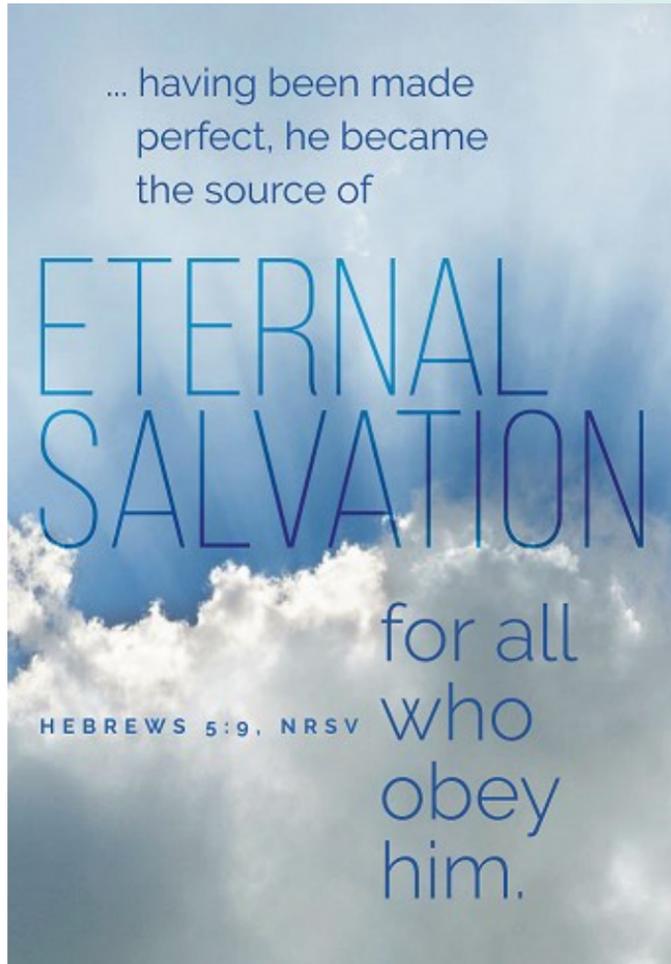
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Fellowship

With this pandemic are you missing social interaction? Are you missing being together with your church family? To some degree, we are all social. Some more than others, but we all do need interaction with other people. As you know this crisis has required that we not assemble as a body of believers for worship. Do you miss corporate worship?

Some years ago, a young man was working his summer break away from home. His job required that he work by himself each day. Although he was a Christian, he lived with a group of good young men but men with different doctrinal convictions. After working 12 to 14 hour days six days a week, he would come back each night to a rented apartment shared with his co-workers. It was this summer that this young man came to appreciate being with people of like mind.

On Sundays he had to drive ten to fifteen miles to worship with other Christians. They were kind to him and encouraging. Most Sundays he was invited into a home for a home cooked meal. As the summer progressed, the young man grew in his appreciation for worship and fellowship with God's people. It was this summer that he discovered his need for both.

God did not intend for man to be isolated. He did not intend for His Church to not be together. We need each other. Two are better than one. Ten are better than two and one hundred fifty are better than ten. That is why the writer of Hebrews 10:25 tells us to "not forsake the assembling of the Church". Instead we should "encourage each other even more". We really do need each other. We are stronger when we are together.

This crisis will pass as with all crises. It has been unnerving at times. It has been unpleasant, but just maybe this forced separation has caused in you a yearning to lift up your voice with fellow Christians to praise God, to pray together in unity to our Father, to be encouraged by the teaching of His Word.

I'm looking forward to the time when we can be together again. Until then, let's hold firm, be aware of the needs of those about us, and be creative in finding ways to serve our wonderful God and Father.

Steve Kelly

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

James Reeves- Was in the Hospital last week. He was able to go home Saturday. The doctors said he had a TIA.

Ann Bivins -is still waiting for a appointment for her back. This will be with a new doctor.

Blake Carter- started his radiation treatments on Monday the 20th. He is doing great with them and has only slowed down a little.

MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1- Barbara Collier | 22- Boyd & Joann Cheney |
| 1- Jason Perry | 30- Bill & Diane Lawerance |
| 3- Lysa Park | 30- Joan & James Reeves |
| 7- Janet Stephens | |
| 10- James Reeves | |
| 13- Alex Beard | |
| 13- Geraldine Outlaw | |
| 13- Rita Romberg | |
| 19- Clavin Norwood | |
| 19- Kaci Shadaram | |
| 22- Louise Perry | |
| 24- Andrew Harmon | |
| 26- Angela Farris | |
| 26- Jeff Lawerance | |
| 29- Jennifer Harmon | |
| 29- Lindsey Borcharding | |

"GOD'S STRONG ARM"

"The cords of death encompassed me, and the torrents of ungodliness terrified me. The cords of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God for help; He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry for help before Him came into His ears" (Psalm 18:4-6).

In Psalm 18 David spoke of having been brought out of a great tragedy that he likened to death. All of us have faced grave circumstances, physical illnesses, automobile accidents, or other tragedies. What should be our reaction to God's preservation?

Let us give God the credit for our salvation. David realized that God was the one who brought deliverance, although he might have had a small hand in the victory. God often uses us in His work. However, really the great Deliverer.

Let us praise him for what he has done. One of the basic responses we can make to God's goodness is to praise him for his grace and to share the blessings of His goodness with others. Both David and Paul wrote of how God had delivered them so that others could see His mercy and rejoice with them.

Let us plant in our minds the great truth that God is good. Since we have seen God's grace, let us resolve that we will never forget it. He has answered us according to His love. God always covers people with his love before He brings judgment upon them because of their impenitence.

Let us remember to praise God in the assembly. When we gather with the saints for worship, let us praise God out of our appreciation for what He has done for us. Someone has said, "God should not be praised alone." All have been blessed by Him, and all should give thanks to Him.

We should provoke one another to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24), but we should also provoke one another to the praise of the Lord. We can do this exhorting by example as well as by word. What will it do to others when they see us praising God out of joyful hearts that are full of gratitude for His kindnesses? Surely, they will take note and will be encouraged to have the same attitude of praise.

David had been through a trying experience, but he had come out on the other side more conscious of God's goodness, protection, and strength. He had gained a greater appreciation of how gracious God had been to him.

God, at times, allows us to experience trouble so that we may see more clearly His strong arm, our failures, and His infinite grace.

Give thanks to God for delivering you— for the times you know about and for the times that are hidden behind the veil of His providence.

In prayer, praise God for the times He has delivered you. You may want to name some of them specifically and then thank him for all of them in general.

(Come Let Us Magnify the Lord Eddie Cloer pages 37-39)

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Chad Beard, Carol Brodersen, Debra Campbell, Harold Carothers, Blake Carter (great grandson of Sue Merritt), Boyd Cheney, Joe Curtis (brother-in-law of Joe Akins), Thelma Divine, Fredith Hanifan, Sandon Hilditch, Diane Lawerance, Thearlene Morris, James Reeves, Carl Weeks, Dorothy Strickland, John Sullivan, Debbie Taffe, Emma White, Beverly Woodard, Hayden Leonard, Reggie Ford (brother to Lois Carter), Ron Cole (son in law to Paul and Paula Harris), Carla Dame (daughter of Betty Emery), Ann Bivins,
All these members and friends have continuing health concerns or other special circumstances.

They appreciate your interest and prayers.

For with God
Nothing shall be impossible.
Luke 1:37



TIPTON HOME



Our Tipton Home collection for the month of April is **Liquid Dishwasher soap** Please place these items in the barrel in the foyer. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

No Services at this time follow us on our website, facebook, or youtube.

May 17- Senior Reception