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<b>BRING A FRIEND AND ATTEND</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 5:00 P.M.
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	
<b>WORSHIP A.M.</b>	
<b>WORSHIP P.M.</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
<b>MID-WEEK CLASSES</b>	7:00 P.M.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6 :33 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 KOCE—TV34

**SEARCH PROGRAMS:**

May 24, "Can Christians Be Lost"

May 31, "Does Jesus Care?"

June 7, "Who is your Lord"

June 14, "A Servant's Heart"

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Bible School	No Classes
Worship Service	55
Sunday Evening	No Services
Wednesday Evening	No Services
Contribution	\$2,777.30

Cleaning Team for this week is #4

You can find our worship service on:

Central's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralchurchofchristshawneeok/>

Central's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq8ft4soarDDSYok8ol9xpw>

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 for someone to drop off communion supplies, pick up your contribution, or have any other needs please call the Church office at 405-273-3065, or you can contact one of our Elders or Deacons.

Our recorded worship services will be ready by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday you can find this on Our Church website

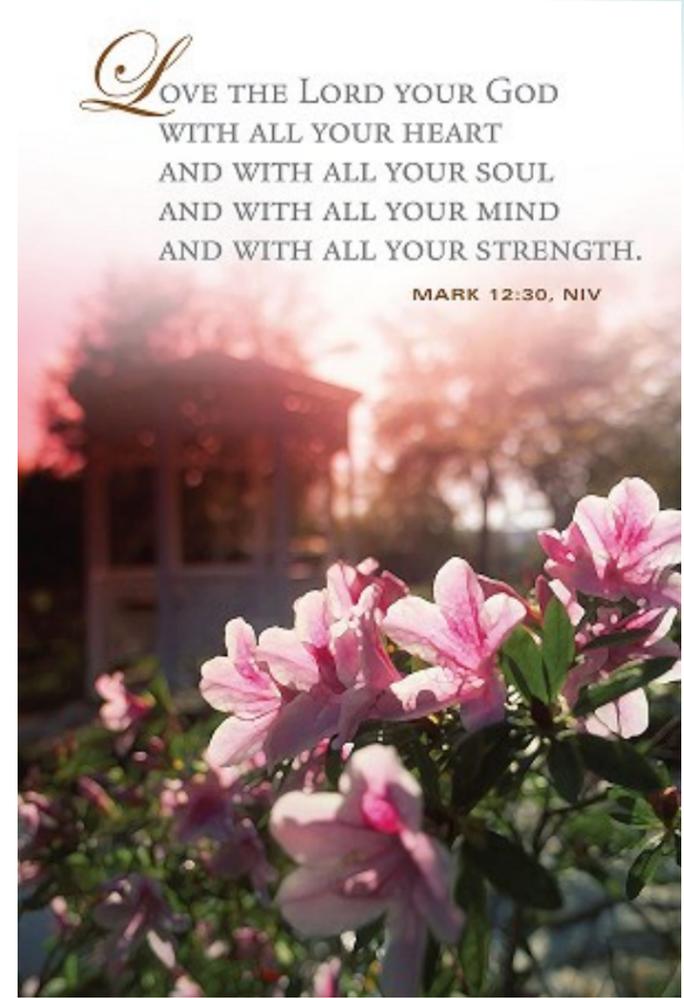


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# THE GOSPEL GUIDE

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART  
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND  
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

MARK 12:30, NIV



**ELDERS:**

- Dennis Brodersen
- Paul Harris
- Steve Kelly
- Bob Perry
- Bob Stephens

**DEACONS:**

- Dale Beard
- Jim Cross
- Joe Curtis
- Tracy Gettle
- Keith Lawrence
- Ron Taffe

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## Finding That Loving Feeling

In 1964, the Righteous Brothers recorded a song entitled, *"You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling."* It has become a theme of pop culture to write songs, books, and movies about love...without really understanding love.

In Matthew 22:35-40, Jesus takes an opportunity to emphasize the importance of a spirit of love in fulfilling God's law to the educated, powerful, and influential people of his day.

*And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments **depend all the law and the prophet.**"*

Jesus was asked, "Which is the greatest commandment?" to ensnare him in the law. After instructing them about the paramount importance of loving God and the like significance of loving their fellow man, Jesus uses the phrase "...depend all the law and the prophets." Love is the most important thing to a Christian. The pop culture definition of love in our society makes it difficult to comprehend the importance Jesus places on this concept. We think of love as an emotion or a feeling. In the teachings of Jesus, love is not an emotional feeling; it is an attitude, a way of relating to and treating other people.

Jesus taught love as an attitude in Matthew 5:43,44 by saying, *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."* It is hard to imagine Jesus would expect his followers to have an emotional feeling or infatuation with an enemy. He implies, however, that it is possible to develop a loving attitude toward other people, even those we may dislike or find offensive. The love Jesus is talking about and placing as the cornerstone of his teachings is an attitude of respect in dealing with other people (continued in the next column)

Love is not an emotion: it is an attitude, a state of mind that can be learned and applied to all human relationships, without having affection or infatuation for the other party. An excellent definition of the loving attitude is found I Corinthians 13:4-7. *"Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."*

This passage is often used in a romantic context in weddings, but the definition and conduct applies in dealing with a host of interpersonal situations including interactions with an enemy and persecutor. The passage is a list of what love is and is not. Galatians 5:14 says, *"For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"* This one idea of loving your neighbor as yourself summarizes the whole philosophy of Jesus.

### Application

The Bible is worthy of a lifetime study, but can be overwhelming. It is probably not realistic to think we will fully know the spiritual God living in our physical nature. Jesus Christ, however, has given us a tremendous focal point in trying to live righteously. Treat other human beings with dignity and respect. Focus on becoming more selfless and less selfish by heeding the teachings of Jesus on developing a loving attitude. *"No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us."*

**Become more selfless and less selfish**

**by developing a loving attitude.**

**Article by Bob Perry**

Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1 KJV

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

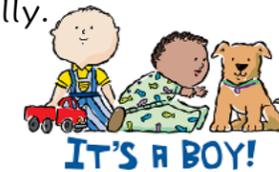
**Ron Cole** is scheduled to see the Doctor on Thursday, May 21, to get test results.

**Don Mack** is scheduled to have surgery on May 28th at South West Medical Center

**Jim Pettyjohn** spent some time in the hospital with pneumonia. He is now home.

**Beverly Woodard** had a fall. She is not hurt, just bruised.

Vaughn Thomas Kelly was welcomed into the world on May 16th by his Big Sisters Jones and Gentry, and his parents Nathan and Kylee Kelly. Grand parents are Steve and Mary Kelly.



On Wednesday, May 27th there will be a drive by shower for Dalton and Kristin Path to celebrate the upcoming birth of their baby boy. We will meet at the church building at 6:30pm and will drive to their home to show our love and excitement for them. They are registered at Walmart, Amazon, and Target. Gifts may be sent directly to them or you can drop off a gift in a box we will provided at their home during our drive-by. If you would like to contribute to a group gift see Hillary Whittington, Alex Beard, or Janet Stephens.

## CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Chad Beard, Carol Brodersen, Debra Campbell, Harold Carothers, Blake Carter (great grandson of Sue Merritt), Boyd Cheney, Joe Curtis (bother-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), and Ann Bivins, Don Mack

**All these members and friends have continuing health concerns or other special circumstances.**

**They appreciate your interest and prayers.**

Doris Phillips has a new address:

Doris Phillips  
521 Cottage Park Ln  
Shawnee, OK 74804

Her phone number is the same



## TIPTON HOME



Our Tipton Home collection for the month of May is **Saltine Crackers**. Please place these items in the barrel in the foyer. Thank you.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday morning worship service only  
10:30a.m.**

We will be rescheduling the Senior Reception as soon as it is safe to gather together again. We are collecting money for our six seniors. You can donate to one of the elders or their wives.

All 2020 summer camp sessions at Burnt Cabin have been cancelled. We are saddened by this, but are also thankful that the camp board is concerned about the health and safety of our children.