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

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord... for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation.

Isaiah 61:10 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:

June 7, "Who is your Lord"

June 14, "A Servant's Heart"

June 21, "Because of Jesus"

June 28, "Is God Active Today?"

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Bible School	No Classes
Worship Service	70
Sunday Evening	No Services
Wednesday Evening	No Services
Contribution	\$4,149.07

Cleaning Team for this week is #6

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/UCq8ft4soarDDSOk8ol9xpw>

Central's Webpage:

[http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php/t=sermons](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.

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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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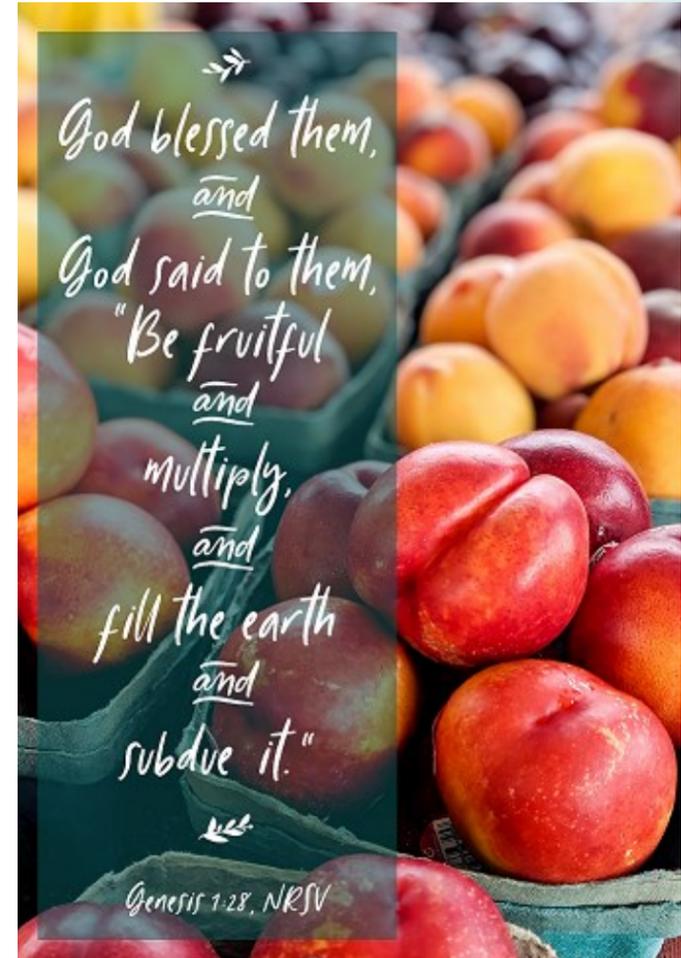
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Happy Are the Helpless
Steve Kelly

Recently, Central has been blessed with new babies: one, a new member of the Central family (Case), others - grandchildren or great grandchildren of Central members and there are more to come. There's nothing sweeter or more precious than a new baby, but there is also nothing more helpless than a newborn. They are totally dependent for care, nourishment, protection. As sweet as they are, they are the essence of helplessness. In God's plan it is natural for a newborn to be helpless, but as adults we do not like the feeling or the idea of helplessness. Helplessness suggests weakness, inadequacies and can bring on bouts of depression, frustration, or anger. This feeling runs counter to the American spirit which is to fight through and "pull yourselves up by your bootstraps".

There are great stories of people who have done that very thing - overcoming great adversity, but our Savior wants us to understand that regardless of our success in this life, we are all helpless creatures. Jesus said in His most famous sermon that "Blessed are those who recognize they are spiritually helpless. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them." You recognize the verse, Matthew 5:3. Note that this is the first of what we call the "Beatitudes" and I believe it is first for a reason. It is impossible for us to become the spiritual beings that He desires us to be without accepting that we can do nothing on our own to achieve spiritual success. There's no "pulling yourself up by your bootstraps" here.

Recognizing spiritual helplessness is humbling. It is when we are helpless and humbled that we recognize our desperate need for a solution to our spiritual condition. Of course, our Father provides for us the avenue of escape from our helplessness through His grace and mercy. This avenue of escape? It is available to all but beneficial only to those who like a newborn readily accept the care, the nourishment, the protection offered through Christ.

In other words, it's beyond our abilities to remedy our sin problem, but Jesus tells us there is one thing we can and must do. We must recognize our spiritual helplessness, then accept His care (and teachings) which then results in a life that demonstrates our gratitude to our God "...who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57

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Jesus said in His Beatitudes that to find happiness, we must embrace our need for and our acceptance of the cure that comes through a faith in His Son. This begins with understanding our spiritual helplessness. Isn't it interesting - a kingdom awaits those who recognize they are helpless.



Don Mack had surgery on his shoulder and he is home.

Sara Epley fell and broke her leg last week; she will be going to a rehab center.

Gus Beard - broke his heal bone and will be in a cast for a few weeks. He will then have another x-ray to see how it is doing and they'll determine if he will need to wear it longer.

Blake Carter had his last radiation treatment on Wednesday. The radiation was successful in treating the cyst. He will have a MRI on June 22 and will have a appointment later that day to discuss the treatment options for the tumors.

*Our condolences go out to **Keith Lawrence** and his family in the passing of his father. Services were held last Thursday. Keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.*



Earthly fears are no fears at all. Answer the big questions of eternity, and the little questions of life fall into perspective.

Don't be afraid, because I have saved you. I have called you by name and you are mine. When you pass through the water, I will be with you. When you cross the rivers, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire, you will not burn nor will the flames hurt you. This is because I, the Lord, am your God, The Holy One of Israel, your savior." Isaiah 43:1-3

ENOUGH AS NEEDED

When God is our strength, it is strength indeed; when our strength is own, it is only weakness.

St. Augustine of Hippo

Tornado sirens echoed through the thunderstorm in the small farm town. Mary turned on the radio just in time to hear an urgent message that a tornado had touched down nearby. With her husband out of town, Mary's heart raced. She thought, "I have to be strong. I can't let panic and confusion overtake me."

Mary whispered a short prayer asking God for wisdom and strength. Then she sprang into action. With a calm voice, she explained to her children what was happening...and then holding their hands descended into the basement.

For the next thirty minutes, as the lights flickered, Mary kept the kids occupied with colorful stories from her childhood. After an hour, the storm passed. As she later tucked the kids back into their beds, she thanked God for the timely strength He had given her.

In this life, from time to time you will encounter stressful, frightening situations that leave you fighting panic and confusion. God has given you a mighty provision. The next time you find yourself in one of those situations, don't become overwhelmed by fear and anxiety. God has promised to give you the strength you need to do what you have to do. Look to Him. Not only will He fortify your own human strengths, but He will infuse you with His divine strength. You will have all you need to see you through.

"God gives strength to the Weary and increases the power of the weak." Isaiah 40:29

From "Proverbs for Everyday Living"

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith with out wavering; For he is faithful that promised.

Hebrews 10:23 KJV

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.



We will honor our seniors Sunday, June 14 after our morning worship, in the auditorium. We will have cupcakes and punch outside on the lawn, weather permitting. Our six seniors are Laura Farris, Paige Fullbright, Adam Park, K'la Shadaram, Kolby Shadaram, and Miguel Shadaram. You can see one of the elders or their wives if you like to contribute to a money tree for them.



TIPTON HOME

Our Tipton Home collection for the month of **June** is **Dryer Sheets**. Please place these items in the barrel in the foyer. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

June 14- Honoring our Seniors after worship