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

Edify one another, even as also ye do.
1 Thessalonians 5:11 **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 21, "Because of Jesus"
June 28, "Is God Active Today?"

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Bible School	No Classes
Worship Service	92
Sunday Evening	No Services
Wednesday Evening	No Services
Contribution	\$3,230.40

Cleaning Team for this week is #2

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/UCq8ft4soarDDSYork8ol9xpw>

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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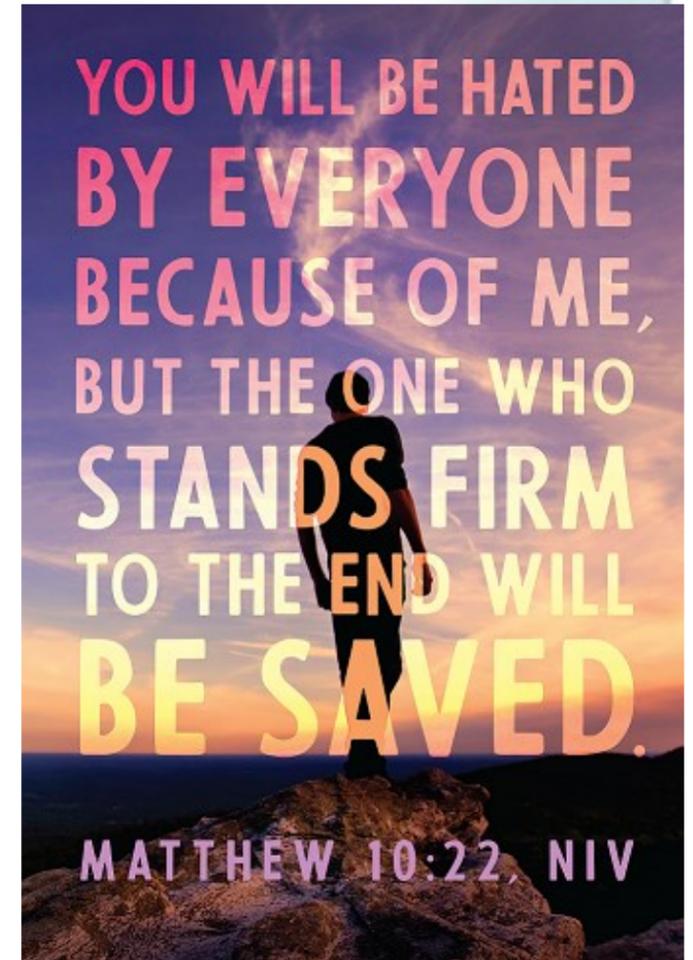
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Searching for Spirituality

Bob Perry

"That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Jesus, John 3:6

Spirituality is something many search for at some point in their life. Spirituality, however, is a difficult idea to describe or define, since it is intangible. We experience daily the material, tangible, finite nature of the physical world. The five basic senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell help us perceive tangible objects, places, and people. These senses convert direct, physical contacts through nerve endings found in the eyes, ears, and skin to the brain.

Emotional and intellectual senses experience the non-physical aspects of human encounters like feelings, ideas, and even time. The experience of spirituality, however, lies in the realm of faith, as Hebrews describes in 11:1, *"the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."* Spirituality is the infinite and intangible opposite of the physical world we experience as human beings.

We tend to lump all things not easily understood about humanity under the broad heading of spirituality, but it is more than human psychology or a feeling. It is the moral, mental, and immaterial part of humanity, the part hidden and difficult to discern.

A person's character includes the assurance they have in their self-worth, the attitude that person has about the things in life happening to them, and finally their actions, which are demonstrations of what they believe and feel. Deeper in the consciousness of a person lay their essence; the beliefs, values, desires, morals, ideals, and ethics that really determine the character of a person. Spirituality resides in this deepest realm of a person's existence. Although spirituality is a difficult thing to define, the effects of spiritual degeneration are acute. Feelings of frustration, anxiety, emptiness, and a void of purpose can be devastating to people.

We are responsible to monitor and detect our spiritual purpose, because no one else can observe this part a person's being. Paul wrote about the hidden aspects of human character in I Corinthians 2: 7-11 *"...we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived,*

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*what God has prepared for those who love him,' God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what person knows a man's thought **except the spirit of the man which is in him?** So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."*

People can observe our behaviors and actions. They may also be able to predict our attitudes based on these observations. The inner-self (the essence of a person) is composed of beliefs, ethics, desires, ideals, morals, and values that are hidden far from all but that person and God. Paul wrote, "For what person knows a man's thought except the spirit of the man which is in him?" To live spiritually, we must align our inner person with the will of God. Paul concluded his thoughts about this "secret and hidden wisdom" in I Corinthians 2:12, *"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit."*

Application

Great thinkers of the ages, as well as the most common of us, have struggled at times with the meaning and purpose of life. Solomon found emptiness and despair in his tremendous material accomplishments, then concluded to "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." The Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy after much self-searching wrote, "Faith in God is the strength of life," and "Live seeking God, and then you will not live without God."

Spiritual renewal begins with a focus on purpose, an acceptance of God as the Father and Creator of all things. The next step in spiritual renewal involves reflection of the inner thoughts deep within us. We need to analyze the beliefs, ethics, desires, ideals, morals, and values that motivate us. After establishing God as our purpose, and identifying the gaps between our worldly desires and his spiritual will, we need to,

Align our thoughts with God's will.

Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world
1 John 4:4 KJV

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

At this time we have no members in the hospital. Please remember our Shut-Ins, and our members with continuing health concerns.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

On June 14, 2020 Dalton & Kristen Path were blessed with the arrival of Roland Asher Path. He weighed 6lbs and 15oz and was 20.5in.



A MORE POWERFUL ENEMY

The world at large has been opposed to God's will since creation. In the days of the patriarchs people rebelled against God. In the Mosaic age, folk fought against God's law. When Christ walked the earth, most people around Him were His enemies. Today, in the age of the Lord's church, the same rule applies, except to a greater degree. The world is a greater enemy of the child of God than ever before. It has power over Christians because of its favors, riches, honors, rewards and stronger methods of tempting than ever before. It is a more dangerous enemy because it has lost its appearance of being an enemy, posing as an angel of light. Therefore, people do not fear it, and instead give themselves over to be ruled by it. The power wielded by Satan in today's world has greater impact than the fire and fury of persecutions in New Testament days. Peter, in 1 Peter 5:8 describes the dilemma as Satan being a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Temptation is not getting less. Wickedness is not getting less, but is growing and getting more powerful every day.

John Wright

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), and Ann Bivins, Don Mack, Selene Williams.

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

They appreciate your interest and prayers.

A DAY OF CAMP

For Shawnee/Central's session– intermediate & Senior campers.

When: Saturday, June 27 Time: 3PM-10PM

The Van will leave the building at 2PM

Where: Perkins– Home of Mark & Kasey Stacell

Who: Intermediate and Senior campers and ALL counselors

What To Bring: Chairs, Sunscreen, Outdoor Games

What WE'LL DO: Play games, Visit, Eat, Sing, Fellowship...



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 24: Wednesday Services no classes

June 27: A Day OF Camp

"For more details, see Bob Stephens"