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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.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son..
John 3:16 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 28, "Is God Active Today?"

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Bible School	No Classes
Worship Service	68
Sunday Evening	No Services
Wednesday Evening	18
Contribution	\$3,260.90

Cleaning Team for this week is #5

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](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
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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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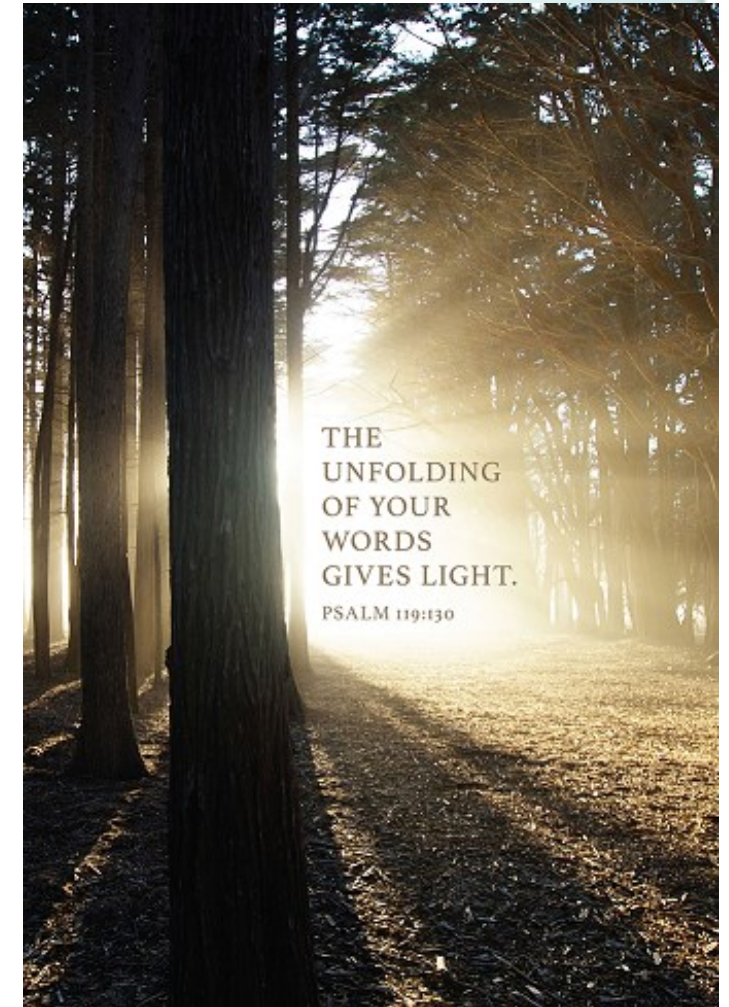
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OBEDIENT LIVING

Steve Kelly

One of the difficult stories of the Old Testament is that of Uzzah and his death while transporting the Ark of the Covenant from its long-time residence in Balaam in Judah to David's capital city, Jerusalem. Along the way the oxen pulling the cart in which the Ark was being carried stumbled and Uzzah reached with his hand to keep it from falling and was struck down by God (2 Sam 6:6-7). To many this punishment appears to be extreme for a God who is said to be a loving, caring, longsuffering God. It wasn't an act of premeditated defiance toward God. It was a reflex reaction to protect the Ark from being damaged or contaminated by falling to the ground. Why then did God's anger burn?

Let's look at some of the contributing factors that led to Uzzah's death.

First, the Ark of the Covenant was the visible pledge of the presence of the unseen God. Before this Ark is where God met and communicated with man. As the symbol of the unseen God it was due the same reverence that God is due. To touch any of the Holy Things (including the Ark) would result in death (Num 4:15). The Ark was an item that was to be handled and moved in a special way. God instructed the sons of Kohath (Levites) to carry the Ark and other items of the tabernacle. (See Ex 37:1-5, 1 Chron15: and Num 4:15). So, there was a specific method for moving the Ark.

Second, if Uzzah was a Levite (there's a question as to whether he was), he should have known of the proper way in which to move this important article of the tabernacle and yet Uzzah and his brother placed the Ark on a cart pulled by two oxen.

Third, even if Uzzah was ignorant of the proper way to transport the ark, David failed in that he did not consult with God. See his confession in 1 Chron 15:13 where he admits his error in not asking God about the "proper order" for transporting the Ark.

As hard and as challenging as this story is, there are important lessons to be gleaned.

The best of intentions does not excuse disobedience. Many in good conscience are doing what they believe to be God's will but have failed in understanding God's instruction. Doing what we believe is right, as Uzzah did, does not mean we are doing what God wants.

It is presumptuous of man to impose his will over God's. In this case Uzzah's action implied that God

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needed his help to protect the honor of the Ark as if God is incapable of protecting His own Ark. It is our duty to put forth efforts, believing that His Church is safe, however threatened, because it is His. His will be done. It's our duty to perform.

We can never quench our thirst for understanding His word. This was then and is now the ultimate failure of man. We act without acknowledging God, without calling on God, without searching His word for guidance.

May we live in faith, trusting His care, searching His Truth and living compliant and obedient lives
"Be still and know that I am God." Ps 46:10 (ESV)

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

⁵ *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*

⁶ *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths*

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Keith Lawrence's mother, **Sandra Pollard**, was taken to the hospital in Lawton Sunday night. Test confirmed that she has pneumonia, a UTI and Covid-19. She has been taking chemotherapy for Stage 2 Breast Cancer.. Let's remember Sandra, Keith and his family in our prayers.

Please join us Wednesday at 7:00 for another great lesson by Bob Perry.



**Love one another with a pure heart fervently.
 1 Peter 1:22 KJV**

QUIZ

1. *Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but with what shall his mouth be filled afterwards?*

Sand Bitter Herbs Gravel Fire

2. *Who walked barefoot and naked for 3 years at the Lord's command?*

Ezekiel John the Baptizer Nebuchadnezzar Isaiah

3. *Who addressed an epistle to the 12 tribes which were scattered abroad?*

Paul John James Peter

4. *What is the number of fish caught by the disciples after the resurrection of Jesus?*

Samson Ehud Othniel Shamgar

6. *Who gave thanks to the Lord when they saw the baby Jesus?*

Herod Simeon Anna the Prophetess The Shepherds

2- Alice Salter

3- Chad Beard

4-Craig McKnight

4-Essie Collier

7-Janice Watson

9-Sue Merritt

10-Judy Wills

10-Magnolia Beard

11-Miguel Shadaram

15-Raylan Nipper

19-Ann Bivins

20-Ben Salter

22- Winona Seikel

12-Joe & Amber Curtis

14-Tracy & Mary Gettle

14-Dennis & Lecia Jones

14-Burl & Barbara Vanlandingham

21-Mitch & Jennifer Harmon

24-Dale & Denise Beard

24-Jon & Zhila Haggard

31-Matt & Lindsey Borcharding



24-Brooklyn Motley

25-Barney Sneed

25-Paula Branson

26-Cary Leonard

26-Dwyane Dennis

28-Lydia Carter

28-Zhila Haggard

29-Jim Pritchard

29-Carson Watson



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.



Answers to the Quiz:

1. *Gravel (Prov 20:17)*

2. *Isaiah (Isa 20:3)*

3. *James*

4. *153 (Jn 21:11)*

5. *Ehud (Jdg 3:12ff)*

6. *Anna the Prophetess (Lk 2:36)*

TIPTON HOME



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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday morning worship service will be at 10:30a.m.

Wednesday Night services 7:00pm