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WORSHIP A.M.
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WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M.
MID-WEEK CLASSES

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.
Hebrews 10:22 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:
September 6, "Jesus the Son of God"
September 13, "Jesus the Christ"
September 20, "Jesus the Savior"
September 27, "Jesus the Lord"

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Bible School No Classes
Worship Service 63
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening 23
Contribution \$3,686.10

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/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 bring you 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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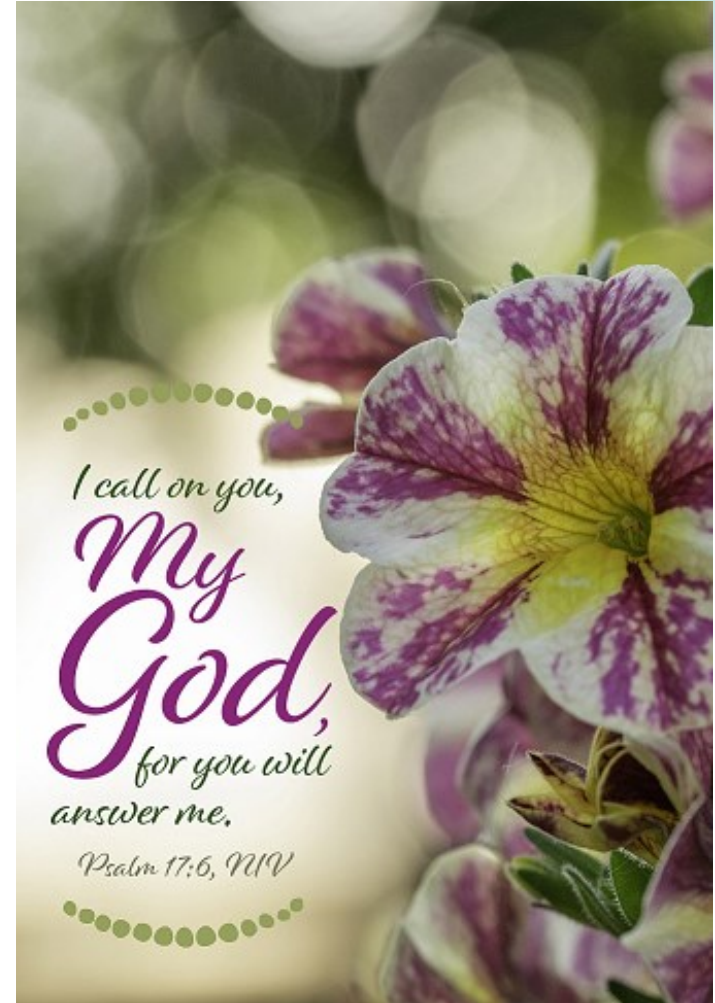
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The Need for Renewal

“... like grass which is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.”

David, Psalms 90: 5, 6

What would life be like if we were never tired, always alert, full of vigor, and ready to tackle all of life’s problems? It would be great! We would enjoy a tireless flow of energy while our accomplishments, temperament, finances, relationships, and health would all improve.

Unfortunately, we are more often weary and worn out. We often lack the energy to effectively deal with the many challenges life throws at us. In the physical sense, we deal with fatigue sometimes to the point of exhaustion. We look forward to the weekend, a vacation, or maybe just a good night’s rest to help recharge our batteries. We need physical renewal on a regular basis, but we also need renewal of the spirit. The problems of life beat down and beat up some people. They never feel re-energized or refreshed while despair, hopelessness, and apathy become their perpetual mindset.

Achieving physical renewal becomes more difficult as we age. We tire more easily, our muscles ache when overextended, and sleep becomes more elusive. At some point, most of us recognize the temporary nature of the physical bodies in which we exist.

Romans 12:2 advised, *“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”* Fatigue can be as much a mental feeling as a physical condition. Spiritual renewal begins with transforming the mind. By learning to think differently and more positively, we can achieve more peace of mind, more energy, and more satisfaction in life. Joy, hope, peace, happiness, and a brighter future can be yours. The ability to be spiritually renewed is within you right now!

The logic, reason, and the rational thinking ability of humankind is a marvelous capability. We have developed knowledge, technology, and expertise to solve a myriad of life’s questions. Humankind is the only creature in the physical world with the ability to process ideas, develop theories, and synthesize information. We alone have the power to imagine and invent things that do not currently exist.

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Yet with all this knowledge and expertise, we still struggle with the real questions of life. Where did we come from? How did something come from nothing? What started it all? When was the beginning? The same seemingly unanswerable questions perplex all of us. What does it all mean? Why am I here? Is there a purpose to life and if so, what is it? Trying to know the spiritual God in the physical world is perhaps the essence of a renewed spirit and a transformed mind. Understanding the omnipresent, omniscient, and almighty God (a presence not bound by the constraints of time, space, or dimension) by mortal men and women is a daunting task.

Understanding spirituality becomes confusing because we experience and exist in the physical world. Our hope, however, is for a better existence. Jesus said in John 6:63, *“It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail”* Our physical existence is limited, but the power of the mind and the hope of a spiritual eternity sustains countless people through good times and bad. Spiritual renewal is possible and can make your life better. We have the power inside of us to renew the spirit by transforming the mind, but we must know how.

Discovering purpose and meaning in life is a powerful step in becoming spiritually mature. Transforming the mind to think beyond the constraints of the physical world and toward a promise of a more meaningful existence involves:

the **Power of Belief**,
the **Responsibility to Choose**, and
the **Opportunity to Change**.

These essential elements of spiritual renewal only work when you can unleash the power and energy of spiritual renewal within you.

Application

Belief is a powerful force. Confidence in yourself and optimism in your abilities permit you to be innovative, successful, self-reliant, empathic, and humble. Being a mature, poised, and assured person requires strong self-assurance. One way to become more self-assured is to have an even greater faith in a higher power. A belief in God as the creator of the universe and a faith that we are made in his image is a good reason to feel self-assured. As David proclaimed in Psalms 139:14, *“I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*

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We also have responsibility and authority for the choices we make. Until we are willing to accept responsibility for our actions, spiritual renewal is not possible. When we blame others, worry and complain about our circumstances, we are not accepting this responsibility. You are empowered to choose your actions and your attitude. If you are feeling resentful, worried, cynical, anxious, timid, apathetic, or angry, it is your choice. The transformed mind fills with optimism, hope, tolerance, and contentment, because thinking positively is a choice.

Besides tapping into the power of belief and accepting the responsibility to choose, the opportunity to change becomes a great tool for spiritual renewal. How dismal life would be, if we were not able to learn from past mistakes. The great gift from God is the chance to alter the direction of our lives and begin again on a positive path. Consider how you can use **The Power of Belief, Responsibility to Choose, and Opportunity to Change!**

Bob Perry

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Vivian Cross– Has been ill and is very weak. They have hospice coming in to help Jim care for her.

Bill Lawerance SR- Is improving and is still in rehab and recovering from COVID.

Volunteers Needed to Help Jim and Vivian

If you are able to help with :

Sitting with Vivian a couple hours a week to give Jim a break

Providing a meal

Mowing the lawn

Please call the Church office or call Lois at 405-434-9097

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Wednesday Night services 7:00pm



TIPTON HOME

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

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



Rejoice in every good thing
Which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee.

Deuteronomy 26:11 KJV

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

All these members and friends have continuing health concerns or other special circumstances. They appreciate your interest and prayers.

Don Mack	Emma White	Sandra Pollard
Ann Bivins	Thelma Divine	Hayden Leonard
Carla Dame	John Sullivan	Debra Campbell
Carl Weeks	James Reeves	Selene Williams
Chad Beard	Fredith Hanifan	Thearlene Morris
Blake Carter	Sandon Hilditch	Beverly Woodard
Vivian Cross	Diane Lawerance	Dorothy Strickland
Debbie Taffe	Carol Brodersen	
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