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

In Him we live, and move, and have our being.
ACTS 17:28

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:
October 4, "The Church Jesus Built"
October 11, "Just a Christian"
October 18, "The Church of Christ"
October 25, "Membership in the Church"

Record for September 27, 2020

Bible School No Classes
Worship Service 102
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening 23
Contribution \$2,610.10

Cleaning Team for the week of October 4th: Team #5

You Can Find Our Worship Service On:

Central's Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralchurchofchristshawneeok/>

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

Central's Webpage:
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If you would like to mail your offering, 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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GUEST SPEAKER THIS SUNDAY
BOB WHIDDON
Formerly with Hope Harbor
Bob will be teaching a Bible Class in the auditorium and will preach for us this Sunday, October 4th.
Bible Hour for children will be provided during Bible Class time.
Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Come Join Us This Sunday for Bible Class and Worship

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Compassion: a Christian trait
Logan Edmison

On two occasions in the book of Matthew, Jesus cites an old testament passage that says, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice." Does Jesus think that obeying God doesn't matter?

In the first instance, Jesus is criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners (Matthew 9:10-13). The Pharisees were more concerned with condemning the sinners than understanding them. The people Jesus was encountering were most likely stuck in their lives of sin, and Jesus knew the way out. Mercy means to have compassion, and compassion involves empathizing with people's situation. Jesus did not approve of the sin, He just had compassion for their desire to be freed from their sin. They were spiritually suffering.

The second instance, Jesus' disciples are criticized for eating grain on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:1-8). The text indicates that they were hungry, but of course the Pharisees did not care. They were more concerned with the law being broken. The only problem was that they were not breaking God's law (Deuteronomy 23:25). Jesus gives two examples in the Old Testament; one in which the law was broken and the other in which the law was not being broken. For both examples, the Pharisees were inconsistent in their judgments. They will not criticize David who is clearly in the wrong. The priests work on the Sabbath and according to their logic, the priests ought to be in the wrong. Jesus' disciples are hungry and doing nothing wrong by eating. They were physically suffering.

It is no coincidence that at the end of the previous chapter, Jesus says that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. This was not true of the Pharisees.

So why does Jesus twice remind them that God requires mercy and not sacrifice? First, because they made no attempt to empathize with people who are spiritually suffering, and second, because they made no attempt to empathize with people who are physically suffering. It is not that God does not want obedience, it's that a lack of compassion for people voids obedience. Let us never lose our compassion for people who need spiritual or physical help. The moment that we stop showing compassion for the needy is the moment we cease to be Christians. I believe this is a good reminder for all of us.

A note from Bertha Akin

To my church family. Although I have not been able to be with you in person this past year due to my daughters illness, I have been with you in prayer. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, cards, prayers and food brought to me after her passing.

No words can express my gratitude

Love
Bertha Akin

Church Family,

Do you realize how much a card or a visit means to someone? Because it gives them Hope and something to look forward to. That is exactly what it did for James and I. Thank you for that. On Sept 4 when James passed away this Wonderful Church Family gave me and my family so much Love and Caring. I can't find enough words to let everyone know how much I appreciate you.

In Christian Love
Joan Reeves

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Reggie Ford, Lois Carters dad is in the hospital in Topeka Ks. He is being monitored, after having some medical issues last Sunday September 27th.

We have many of our members who are not able to be with us . Please continue to keep them in prayer. We also have some of our members who are in Care Centers. Sending a card or a phone call is a great way to show we are thinking of them.

- 3- Jim Cross
- 9- Ann Perry
- 9- Chris Nipper
- 9- Jacob Borcharding
- 9- Paula Harris
- 14-Joan Reeves
- 18- Roger Farris
- 21- Dena Nipper
- 22- Dennis Jones
- 22- Maddie Curtis
- 24- Beverly Aylor
- 25- Joe Curtis
- 27- Virginia Herrera
- 28- Jean Pointer
- 29- Chrissy Harmon



- 1- Colt & Lacy Goodman
- 2- Chris & Kelsey Nipper
- 11- Carl & Yuvonda Weeks
- 15- Austin & Alex Beard
- 18- Tom & Donna Chesnut



The Dedicated Life

Someone asked as concert violinist how she became so skilled. She said that it was by "planned neglect." She planned to neglect everything that was not related to her goal.

"Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Phil 3:13-14

THIS WEEK

Sunday Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday Night services at 7:00pm

TIPTON HOME



Our Tipton Home collection for the month of October is Liquid HE Laundry Detergent 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.



Happy is the man that findeth wisdom... Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Proverbs 3:13 KJV

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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| Don Mack | Emma White | Sandra Pollard |
| Boyd Cheney | Thelma Divine | Hayden Leonard |
| Carla Dame | John Sullivan | Debra Campbell |
| Carl Weeks | Joan 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 | Rita Romberg |
| Frank Romberg | Harold Carothers | |