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**SUNDAY** 10:30 A.M. Canceled  
**WORSHIP A.M.**  
**WORSHIP P.M.**  
**WEDNESDAY** 7:00 P.M.  
**MID-WEEK CLASSES**

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And into His courts with praise.  
Psalm 100:4 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:**  
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 October 11, 2020

Bible School No Classes  
Worship Service 86  
Sunday Evening No Services  
Wednesday Evening 23  
Contribution \$2,691.10

Cleaning Team for the week of October 18th: Team #1

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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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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 each Sunday by 2:00 p.m.  
You can find this on our Church website.



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# THE GOSPEL GUIDE

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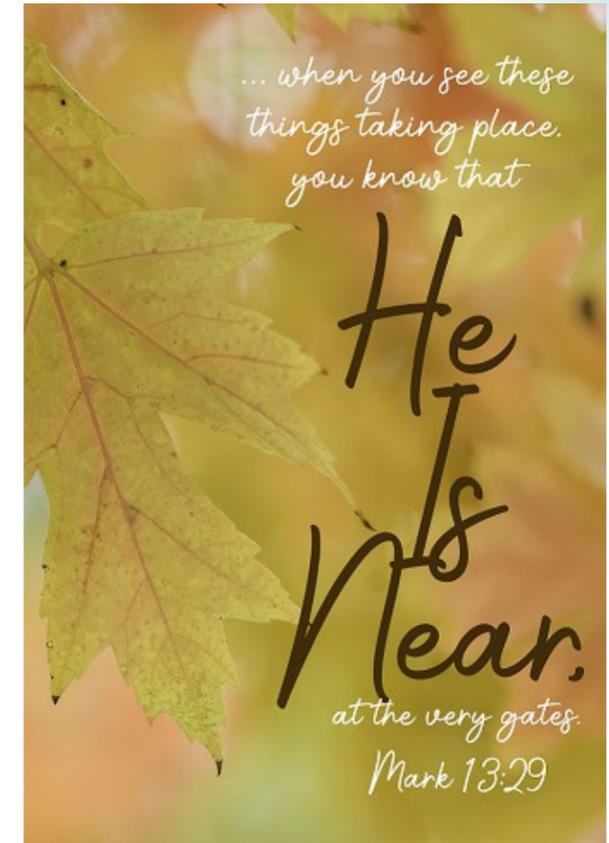
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**Attitude is a Choice  
(Bob Perry)**

*"For as he thinks within himself, so he is."* Solomon, Proverbs 23:7

James Allen, the English philosopher and author of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries wrote in *As a Man Thinketh*, "The aphorism, 'as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he,' embraces the whole of a man's being. It is so comprehensive that it reaches out to every condition and circumstance of life. A man is literally what he thinks. His character is the sum of all his thoughts." One of the most important things we choose in life is our attitude.

Jesus speaks about our responsibility to control our attitudes in Matthew 5:21 & 22, by saying, *"You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment."*

The tangible action, "do not kill" was one of the Ten Commandments and a universally accepted rule of human behavior. For most, this is an easy commandment to keep. Jesus, however, points out that the act of murder begins with the angry attitudes and destructive thoughts. The action is important but the attitude and motivation behind the action may be even more important.

James 1:13-15 expands the idea about thoughts and desires being the seed of human behavior. *"Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted with evil and he himself tempts no one; but each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. The desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death."* The battle for spiritual righteousness may be manifest in actions, but begins with thoughts, desires, and attitudes of the mind.

The choices we make in life define our character. Our quality of life will also depend on those choices. However, the actual choices we make may not be as important as the motivations, attitudes, and thoughts behind those actions. Thoughts and attitudes are the seeds of choice and actions.

Paul describes the selfless attitude of Jesus Christ in Philippians 2:5-8. ***"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did***

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*not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!"*

When we choose an attitude of selflessness and put the needs of others before our own needs, we come closer to following the example of Jesus. Treat others, as you would like them to treat you. Paul again writes in Ephesians 4:22-24, *"Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lust, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."* Our spiritual health requires controlling our thoughts and minds by choosing a more positive, selfless, and constructive attitude.

Circumstances often defeat people **when they believe they are controlled by outside conditions.** However, when we realize the creative control we have over our thoughts, we can begin to realize the new possibilities of spiritual renewal. We are responsible for our actions and the thoughts we put in our minds. Our thinking dictate our behaviors like the rudder of a ship.

Paul in Philippians 4:8 coaches us on how to transform our thinking by advising, *"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."* You can greatly affect your attitude by positive thoughts and thinking about the right things.

Improve your attitude by filling your mind with thanksgiving instead of resentment. Look for the good in circumstances instead of expecting the worst. Act enthusiastically about the possibilities in life to serve others and you will find your apathy for life disappears. A positive attitude toward others and an optimistic outlook toward life is a choice we can make. Choose your attitude and transform your mind to a more positive state when you choose to,

**Count Your Blessings.**

 IN OUR   
*Thoughts and Prayers*

We have no members currently in the hospital.

**Jennifer Michener**— Has been having some health problems after an incident last June. It has been a slow healing process.

**Rita Romberg** is scheduled to have a procedure on October 19.

Dear Church Family,

**Thank you all so much for all the Love and support you have shown me and all my family! Your cards, your calls, the incredible meals have all been a rich blessing to us.**

**With Our Love,**

**Dennis Brodersen and Family.**

**Brother Brodersen Resigns**

*With regrets but with complete understanding the elders received this message of resignation from Dennis this last Sunday:*

**1 Timothy 3: 1-3 says "(1) It is a trustworthy statement, if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. (2) An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, (3) not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, free from the love of money."**

**With that in mind I feel that I must step down from my position as an elder here at Central. I will continue to support the work here in whatever way that I can. It has been my great honor to serve and I thank all of you for your kindness and support.**

Sincerely,

**Dennis Brodersen**

*The elders wish to express our deep appreciation for Dennis' service to this congregation. Our prayers continue for him and his family during this time of loss.*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

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

**Wednesday Night services 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 p.m. for another great lesson by Bob Perry.



Stand Still, and consider the Wondrous works of God.

JOB 37:14 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  
Boyd Cheney  
Carla Dame  
Carl Weeks  
Chad Beard  
Blake Carter  
Vivian Cross  
Debbie Taffe

Emma White  
Thelma Divine  
John Sullivan  
Selene Williams  
Fredith Hanifan  
Sandon Hilditch  
Diane Lawerance  
Rita Romberg

Sandra Pollard  
Hayden Leonard  
Debra Campbell  
Harold Carothers  
Thearlene Morris  
Beverly Woodard  
Dorothy Strickland  
Frank Romberg