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

Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.
JOB 37:14 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:
November 01, "Citizenship as Christians"
November 08, "Why I am a Member"
November 15, "Meant for Good"
November 22, "Give Thanks"
November 29, "Walking by Faith"

Record for November 8, 2020

Bible School No Classes
Worship Service 60
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening 0
Contribution \$3,573.42

Cleaning Team for the week of November 15: Team #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>

If you would like to mail your offering, mail it to:

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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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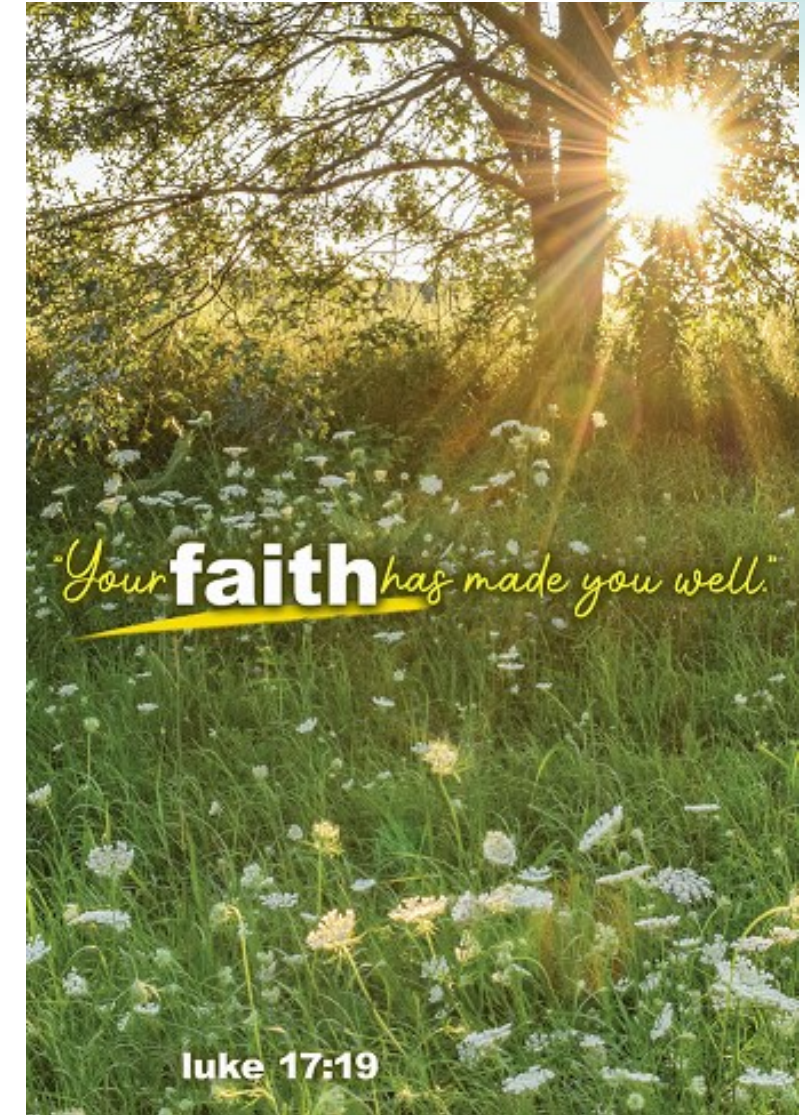
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The Like of Whom have Never Been
Logan Edmison

There had never been anything like the Assyrian armies. Assyria was not only brutal, but they were organized. They were capable of leveling fortified cities. They were a terrifying force and their armies moved in ranks. "The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness" (Joel 2:3). The Assyrian Empire was truly the "like of whom has never been" (2:2).

The book describes them as a plague of locust that completely devours. Perhaps the author is citing an actual locust plague that the people could remember; "Has anything like this happened in your days...?" (1:2). This locust plague illustrates a terrifying, destructive nation that is ready to come up against the land (1:6). The purpose of Joel's prophecy is to prevent this terrifying army from coming. "Turn to Me with all your heart... Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him?" (2:13-14).

The book of Joel does not reveal what happens to the people of God. God merely declares the warning. We know what happens in History, however. The northern kingdom does not repent even though God sends prophet after prophet, and the Assyrian armies drag the northern kingdom into captivity. Is this the end of the people of God?

God says that after all of this, He would pour His Spirit on all flesh (Joel 2:28). The rest of Joel is God proclaiming that every contemporary nation of Judah would be judged. Every nation falls, "But Judah shall abide forever" (3:20). Peter preaches in Acts 2 that the presence of God has come to dwell in the lives of His people in the Spirit. The captives have returned, and the fulfillment of Joel 2 has already happened.

It was hard for them to believe that a nation like Assyria could exist. It is hard to believe that a place like hell could exist. But according to the scriptures, hell does exist just like Assyria existed. It is hard to believe that every nation fell in the Old Testament except for the people of God. All the unrighteous will be judged, but the people of God will abide forever.

This is where we fit in the plan of God. The call to repentance in the book of Joel is just as relevant today.

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Do you need to make your life right with your God? Peter says, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:38-39).

"For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be a deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls" (Joel 2:32).

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Billie Horton is back at Bel-Fair. Please continue your prayers for her.

Rita Romberg's results came back as cancer. It was all contained and they were able to get it all. There is no further treatment need.

*For the Lord is good;
His mercy is everlasting; and
His truth endureth to all generations.
Psalm 100:5*

We want to welcome to the fellowship at Central Ryan and Marisa Parman and their daughter, Aeris. They have been attending for some time now, but never officially placed their membership. We are excited to have them as part of our church family.

They live at 102 Jack Rabbit Drive,
Shawnee, OK 74804-1008.

Their cell numbers are: 405-513-3195 (Ryan)
and 516-234-2929 (Marisa).

THANKFUL FOR THE FLEAS

Corrie ten Boom in *The Hiding Place* relates an incident that taught her always to be thankful. She and her sister, Betsy, had just been transferred to the worst German prison camp they had seen yet, Ravensbruck. On entering the barracks, they found them extremely overcrowded and flea-infested.

That morning their Scripture on 1 Thessalonians had reminded them to rejoice always, pray constantly, and give thanks in all circumstances. Betsy told Corrie to stop and thank the Lord for every detail of their new living quarters. Corrie at first flatly refused to give thanks for the fleas, but Betsy persisted, and Corrie finally succumbed to her pleadings. During the months spent at that camp, they were surprised to find how openly they could hold Bible study and prayer meetings without guard interference. It was not until several months later that they learned the reason the guards would not enter the barracks was because of the fleas.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thess 5:16-18 (NKJV)



Truly God is good

Psalm 73:1 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
Boyd Cheney	Thelma Divine	Hayden Leonard
Carla Dame	John Sullivan	Debra Campbell
Carl Weeks	Selene Williams	Harold Carothers
Chad Beard	Fredith Hanifan	Thearlene Morris
Blake Carter	Sandon Hilditch	Frank Romberg
Vivian Cross	Diane Lawerance	Dorothy Strickland
Debbie Taffe	Rita Romberg	Reginald Ford

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



Bible Quiz

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- A. a time to teach, and a time to learn**
- B. a time to mourn, and a time to dance**
- C. a time to fast, and a time to eat**
- D. a time to work, and a time to rest**

TIPTON HOME



Our Tipton Home collection for the month of **November is Trash Bags.** 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 service: 7:00

Answer to the quiz: B