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MID-WEEK CLASSES 7:00 P.M.

**IN SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY  
"These were more noble...  
they searched the scriptures daily..."  
**SEARCH PROGRAMS:**  
December 6, "Praising God"  
December 13, "Where Could I Go?"  
December 20, "The World Became Flesh"  
December 27, Jesus is Coming Again"

God is my strength and power: and He  
maketh y way perfect.  
II Samuel 22:33 KJV

Record for December 20, 2020

Bible School No Classes  
Worship Service 77  
Sunday Evening No Services  
Wednesday Evening 0  
Contribution \$4,245.28

Cleaning Team for the week of December 27: Team #5

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Central Church of Christ  
P.O. Box 1228  
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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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# THE GOSPEL GUIDE

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### Copy of the Real Thing

When I was a kid my grandma took me to Walmart and bought me a model car. It was a pretty simple build because all of the parts were already painted and they just snapped into place. It was time to make things slightly harder. The next model car she got me had thousands of pieces, and they all had to be painted and glued together. I did not end up finishing that one.

There are some amazing models out there. Whether we are talking about model trains, cars, ships, or tiny towns, modelers out there have produced some amazing results.

It is fascinating when you can go and look at what the model is modeled after. I do not know anything about cars, but when you look at a model corvette, you can tell it's a corvette because it looks exactly like what corvettes look like. That's what models are supposed to do: accurately provide a visual representation of the original.

This is what makes the book of Exodus the most interesting book in the entire Bible. In the first half of the book God brings His people out of Egypt and systematically exhibits His dominance and authority. What could be any cooler than that?

What if I said that the book of Exodus gives one of the best visual depiction of heaven in the entire Bible? Would that be cooler than the exodus account? I think so.

Consider this: in chapter 24 Moses and a number of other people of Israel go on a mountain and stand before the throne of God. The reason I know it is the throne of God is because it is the same description that Ezekiel and John the apostle gives in Ezekiel 10 and Revelation 4. After Moses came down from the mountain, this is where we see the "tedious" description of all of the elements in the tabernacle. Boring, right? Wrong!

The emblems in the tabernacle were modeled after what Moses saw on the mountain. What did Moses see on the mountain? Was it not the throne room of God? This is why John the apostle saw a candle and cherubim, and the tabernacle had a candle and cherubim depicted on the arc of the covenant (the throne/mercy seat). In other words, the book of Exodus provides the most explicit description of heaven in the entire Bible. Everything in the tabernacle was modeled after what Moses saw in the throne room of God.

(Continued in the next column)

Just in case no one thinks we are making this up, "For if He [Jesus] were on earth, He would be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, 'See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain'" (Hebrews 8:4-5). This passage is basically implying, "you want to know what heaven looks like? Go read the book of Exodus".

But let's be honest, even though they are copies, that is all they are, copies. They are not "the very image of the things" (Hebrews 10:1). But Christ did not enter the copy that we read about in Exodus, "which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" (Hebrews 9:24).

I do not know about you, but this really puts an exclamation point on "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us..." (10:19-20). In other words, through Christ, you can live a life in the presence of God. Did you know as a Christian, you are before the actual throne of God? What Moses, Ezekiel and John saw, that is where we are. Of course, only spiritually. But when Christ appears "a second time, apart from sin", it will be for our salvation (9:28). Then where He is now, there we will be (Colossians 3:4).

As cool as it is reading about the model of heaven in the book of Exodus, it will be all the more amazing to stand with Christ, not in the model, but in heaven itself. Imagine standing before the throne of God. Now, all we need is faith (Hebrews 11) endurance (chapter 12), and holy conduct (chapter 13).

Logan Edmison

Miracle drugs are nothing new  
Moses had two tablets  
that could cure the world's ills.

Join us Wednesday Night wher Logan Edmison will bring a study on the book of Ecclesiastes entitled "A Full Life"

This will be available online



## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

**Betty Emery Stephens** had surgery for a total hip replacement and she is doing great.

**Lisa Fullbright**—Had a surgery on Tuesday **December 22 Prayers requested.**

**Blake Carter**— Is home and doing well. He had a Dr apt on December 22.

**Lynn Harmon**—Has been sick and is in need of our prayers.

We have a computer desk, 2 small cabinets and a credenza that are FREE to anyone who needs it. Contact the office if you are interested

**Bible Quiz**

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug



Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Gather of lights.

James 1:17 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	Rita Romberg	Fredith Hanifan
Chad Beard	John Sullivan	Hayden Leonard
Carla Dame	Thelma Divine	Selene Williams
Carl Weeks	Reginald Ford	Diane Lawrance
Emma White	Frank Romberg	Harold Carothers
Boyd Cheney	Sandra Pollard	Thearlene Morris
Debbie Taffe	Debra Campbell	Dorothy Strickland
Blake Carter	Sandon Hilditch	

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY SHUT-INS**  
"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."  
John 13:34

- Harold Carothers**—Shawnee Care Center, #109
- Thelma Divine**—Brookdale, #132
- Rachel Hall**—Avonlea Cottage, #4
- Lola Mullinax**—1712 Grace Court
- Geraldine Outlaw**—221 N. Pesotum
- Jean Pointer**—Colonial Estates, #27B
- Winona Seikel**—Brookdale, #102
- Dorothy Strickland**— 1129 Quail Hollow
- Emma White**—43 Doyle
- Billie Horton**— Bel-Fair, 216 A



**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: Will be online**  
Answer to quiz: C