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MID-WEEK CLASSES Online Class

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 27, 2020

Bible School No Classes
Worship Service 77
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening 0
Contribution \$4,610.74

Cleaning Team for the week of January 3: Team #6

You Can Find Our Worship Service On:

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

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Central's Webpage:
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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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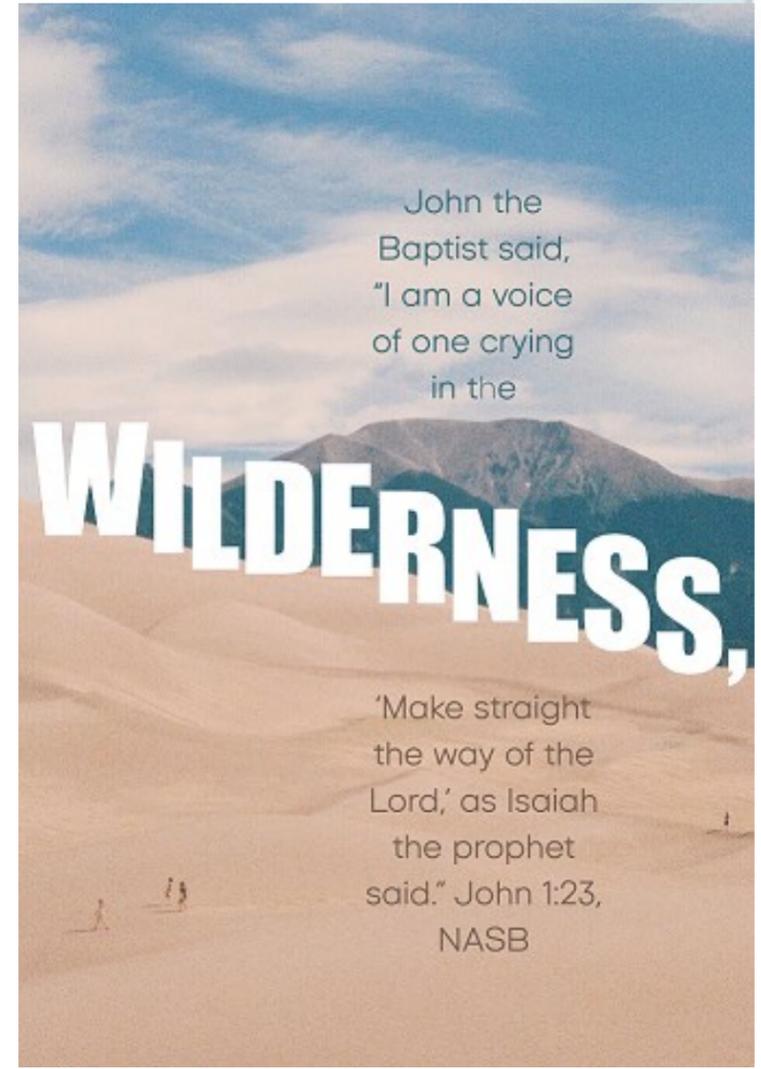
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John the Baptist said, "I am a voice of one crying in the

WILDERNESS,

'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." John 1:23, NASB

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Coming to God and Staying with God

Logan Edmison

Coming before God is a blessing. We are used to living in a world where people want to wait on you hand and foot. We have grown so accustomed to being served at restaurants, and stores, it makes sense that many in the world see God as just another luxury service. When you need something, ask God and He may or may not let you have it, but it's worth a shot. It's out of your hands anyways so you might as well give God a "go". What happens when you go to a restaurant that has poor service? Don't you decide not go back to that restaurant because it doesn't provide a good service? So once people try out "God" and He doesn't "work", often they will decide not to frequent His "establishment" anymore.

But God is not a service industry. God is to be served. This is not to say that God doesn't bless His people, or even the world for that matter. The sun shines on good people and wicked people. But what about when the sun gets too hot? You can't snap your fingers and make God turn the heat down.

The question is, what does God owe me? The answer is, not a thing. What do I owe Him? The answer here is, everything. This is the dynamic of the relationship between man and God that man frequently misunderstands. God does not corrupt Himself to be with you, you make yourself holy to be with Him. Since, man does not know how to be holy, God provides the answer in His word.

The book of Leviticus is how the Jewish people could come to God and stay with God. The way to God was through services rendered by the Priesthood. The service to God is chapter 1-7, and the Priesthood is described in 8-10. Fellowship with God is seen in worship and is made possible through ceremonial holiness and moral holiness. Ceremonial holiness is lined out in 11-16, and moral holiness in 17-22. The rest of the book describes the times of worship.

Christ is our way to get to God. He is our High Priest. We remain with God through holiness and worship. The principles of coming to God and staying with God are just as relevant as ever. One of the reasons Leviticus is such an important book to the Christian is because it shows that God is the one who sets the terms of coming to

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Him, of serving Him, of holiness, and of worship. When man sets the terms, God rejects the offering. When I say, "I want to come to You, serve You, be holy, and worship You the way I want to," then the service and worship is rejected.

I'm worried that there are many in the world who do not respect God near enough. I often wonder if I do. Reverence is an absolute prerequisite. Nadab and Abihu show what happens when reverence is not taken seriously.

God is not our personal butler. We should be striving to serve Him with our lives. But He still wants to help us. Not because He owes us, but because He wants to. Even if God never did anything for us, He would still deserve our utmost reverence. However, God has done everything for us. How can we better serve Him?

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

January 4, 2021
Genesis Chapters 1-3

January 5, 2021
Genesis Chapters 4-6

January 6, 2021
Genesis Chapters 7-9

January 7, 2021
Genesis Chapters 10-12

January 8, 2021
Genesis Chapters 13-15

January 9, 2021
Genesis Chapters 16-18

January 10, 2021
Genesis Chapters 19-21

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405-273-3065

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Blake Carter has a apt on January 13 to discuss options for treatment moving forward.

Lynn Harmon has been sick with COVID-19.

Judy Wills Tucker's husband had surgery to remove cancer.

Judy Wills Tucker and her **Husband** have both been sick with COVID-19.

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

We wanted to thank our Central Church of Christ family for the beautiful stocking and goodies for Christmas. We will be glad when we can come back to worship again with our church. We miss you all.

Barney and Jo Sneed.

Sympathy is expressed to Ken Whittington and family in the loss of his dad, Kendall Whittington.

Services were held on January 2 in Enid Oklahoma.



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

This will be available online



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 **January** is **Saltine Crackers**

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