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WORSHIP A.M.	
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WEDNESDAY	
MID-WEEK CLASSES	Online

"I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

John 8:12 KJV

IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY
"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..."

SEARCH PROGRAMS:

January 3 - "What Will You Do With Jesus?"
 January 10 - "Saved or Lost?"
 January 17 - "What is Truth?"
 January 24 - "Sayings from the Cross 1"
 January 31 - "Sayings from the Cross 2"

Record for January 24, 2021

Bible School	No Classes
Worship Service	60
Sunday Evening	No Services
Wednesday Evening	0
Contribution	\$3,779.88

Cleaning Team for the week of January 31: Team #4

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/UCq8ft4soarDDSYork8ol9xpw?>

Central's Webpage:

<http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php/t=sermons>

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

Central Church of Christ
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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.

To give through Tithely follow this link:
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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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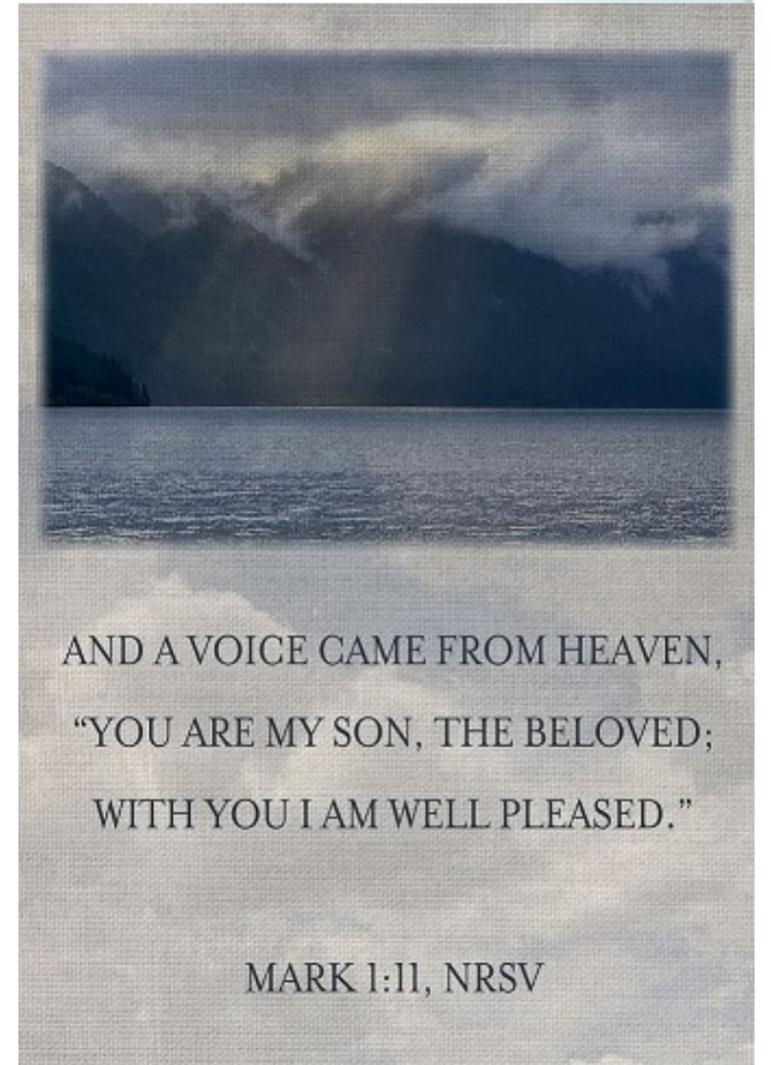
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Heard, Remembered, Looked, Acknowledged

When the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt, the Bible says that they cried out to God. The book of Exodus describes God's response in this way: "So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant... And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them" (Exodus 2:24-25).

It is comforting to see God's active role in the lives of the Israelites. As we look at the verbs in these passages we begin to see God's love for His people.

The first word is "heard". Listening to someone who is in pain is very difficult. When I was in Middle School, my dad broke his Achilles tendon playing tennis. The pain that he experienced was excruciating. I remember being on one side of the house and hearing his cries of pain all the way from the other side of the house. My gut reaction was to cover my ears because I did not want to hear him in pain. I wanted the suffering to stop. But my mom stayed with him. I am sure it was hard for her to listen to him in pain, but because she loved him she was going to stay. It is interesting how the more you love someone the harder it is to hear their suffering. And thus, we see God's love in the way He heard His people. It was evidently hard for Him to listen to their suffering because He wanted it to stop.

The second word is "remembered". An all-knowing God would not forget something, so what does this word mean? Often we associate the act of remembering as being a response to forgetting, but it does not have to be that way. Remembering just means to bring to one's mind. God brought to His mind the covenant that He had made with the people of Israel. Again, not because He forgot, but because it was time to continue the plan forward. The covenant was a relationship that He had established with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. When He brings His promises to mind, the promises involve the people of God. Therefore, God is choosing to put His people in His mind. An all-knowing God could think about any number of things at any time, and at this time, He chose to think about the people of Israel.

The third word is "looked". Why would an all-seeing God need to look in any given direction? The word implies that even though an all-seeing God can see all things, He is choosing to look at His people. And more than that, it implies that He takes a special interest in them. When someone is suffering, it is very hard to look.

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There have been many times where I have gone to sit in someone's living room where their deceased loved-one was lying in a hospice bed. Sometimes, the loved-one was not deceased, but they were fighting desperately for life. Most often than not, they were losing the fight. These things are hard to see. There are many who will refuse to look, because it far too much to bear. They would rather not pay attention. God looked at Israel because He was paying attention.

The fourth word is "acknowledged". In the most basic sense, this word means that He came to know them. Why does an all-knowing God need to come to know anything? This word means more than just God recognized Israel. This word implies that He is not going to sit idly by while they are in need. God is about to act. This kind of recognition implies a relationship that either exists, or that He wants to exist. Either way, when God acknowledges them it implies that He is ready to do something about it.

Wouldn't it be very interesting if God felt all of these ways about you? But the truth is, He does. In Christ, God listens to you, He thinks about you, He watches you, and He recognizes you. An all-knowing, omnipresent God could be doing any number of things, and He chooses to take an interest in you. The reason is because He loves you. When your hurting and if feels like no one is listening, no one is thinking about you, no one is paying attention, and no one is doing anything, God is.

Logan Edmison

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

Logan is presenting a review of the previous week's Daily Bible Reading scriptures. His recap and insightful comments may be viewed on the Facebook platform at 5:00 pm each Sunday evening. After the live presentation, a video will be available for viewing at your convenience. We appreciate Logan providing us with this opportunity to enlarge our understanding of and appreciation for God's Word.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Don Mack recently had surgery to remove cancer, he is now home.

Lydia Carter had an MRI the results are stable .

John Rampey, the father of **Maggie Prater**, is still critical. He was able to follow a few commands.

Steven Romberg is out of the hospital and recovering at home. Rita is there helping him.

Blake Carter will have an MRI on February 8.

Humility is like a slippery watermelon seed. Once you get it under your finger and you think you have it, it slips away from your grasp.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. James 4:10

If you would like to continue to receive the Gospel Guide by mail please call the Church office and let Lois know. We can also email it to you with an email address that you provide. Please do this by January 31.

405-273-3065
Those who have not called to request a copy sent to them will be taken off the list.

Join us Wednesday Night where 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	Dorothy Strickland
Boyd Cheney	Sandra Pollard	Thearlene Morris
Debbie Taffe	Debra Campbell	
Blake Carter	Sandon Hilditch	

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

February 1, 2021
Exodus Chapters 40, Leviticus 1-2

February 2, 2021
Leviticus Chapters 3-6

February 3, 2021
Leviticus Chapters 7-9

February 4, 2021
Leviticus Chapters 10-12

February 5, 2021
Leviticus Chapters 13-16

February 6, 2021
Leviticus Chapters 17-19

February 7, 2021
Leviticus Chapters 20-22

TIPTON HOME

Our Tipton Home collection for the month of **February is Bleach**

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.