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WEDNESDAY Online  
MID-WEEK CLASSES

**IN SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY  
"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..."  
**SEARCH PROGRAMS:**  
February 7 "God Is at Work in Baptism"  
February 14 "What will Love do?"  
February 21 "Let Us Pray"  
February 28 "The Narrow Way"

In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.  
Isaiah 30:15 KJV

Record for February 07, 2021

Bible School No Classes  
Worship Service 69  
Sunday Evening No Services  
Wednesday Evening 0  
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Cleaning Team for the week of February 14: Team #6

You Can Find Our Worship Service On:

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

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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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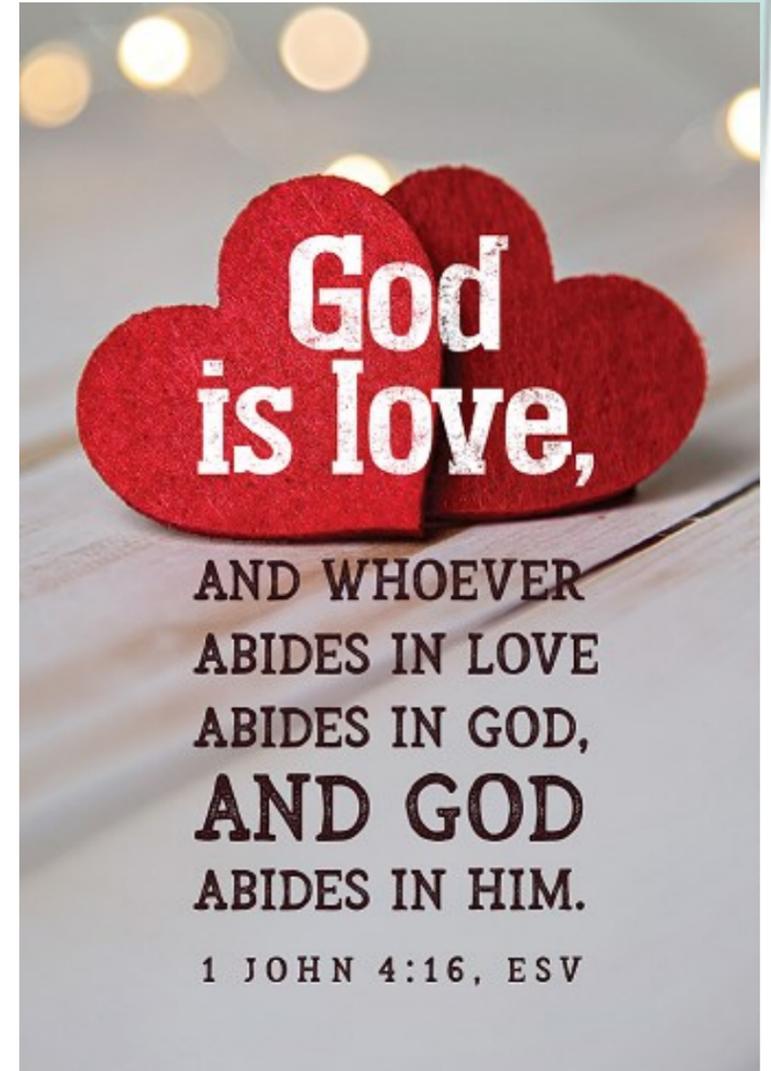
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# THE GOSPEL GUIDE



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## Blessings in Christ

Let us consider the book of Ephesians this morning.

God made the plan to be with mankind before He made anything else (1:4). It was clear from the garden that the only way unity with mankind would be made possible was if sin was conquered and transgression was forgiven. This meant that God would have to bestow grace on mankind. God tells Eve that it would be through her offspring that sin would be conquered, and blessings would return to mankind. That blessing is extended through Seth, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Jacob, Judah, David, and Christ.

Paul says that it is God who blesses us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (1:3). This is the spiritual location that we would be blessed. The land of promise in the Old Testament was the physical location that they would be blessed but being near God was not good enough. God wanted us to be in Him. It is in Him that we would receive the spiritual blessings. Those blessings included that we would be set apart from the rest of the world and innocent from any wrongdoing (1:4). God wanted to adopt us as children (1:5). All this He did so that we could reflect His glory to the world (1:6, 12, 14). God's presence is the guarantee of our inheritance of not a physical location, but a spiritual promise.

None of this was possible in the Old Testament because the law could not bring these blessings. These blessings were promised from the beginning of time, but nothing in the Old Testament could provide them. Only through Christ are these blessings provided and made possible (1:20-22). Christ was the cornerstone of the plan as He is the cornerstone of the church.

To understand how great a blessing this is, we must understand how seemingly impossible it was to accomplish. We were dead in sin, and only the grace of God could right our wrongs (2:1-4). By being made alive with Christ, we can be with God (2:5-6). This new life is so that we can accomplish His will in the world (2:10). This provides healing to a broken world, not only in mankind's relationship with God, but mankind's relationship with each other (2:14-18). Thus, we have **goodness** in forgiveness and our conduct, **life** through death and resurrection with Him, and **relationship** with God and mankind. In this we as His children grow into the dwelling place (tabernacle) of God (2:19-22).

God did not have to reveal all of this to us, nor did He have to provide it. What is more impressive, the fact that He thought up a plan to provide His grace to  
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the world, or the fact that since the beginning of the world He has been accomplishing that plan using flawed people? This love is astounding and the more we can understand the depth of this love, the more blessed and strengthened we are (3:18-19).

And from this we acquire the motivation and strength to live in response to this great love in a wicked and perverse world (4:1). He gives us the abilities we need that the body of Christ might be equipped to become God's workmen (4:12, 15-16). When every individual experiences the depth of these blessings and responds to them through godly living, then the entire body will become a powerful force of blessing to the world (4:21-24; 5:1-2). God will be pleased, the world will continue to heal, and the blessings of God will spread throughout the entire world. The blessings will be seen between husband and wife, children and parents, and employer and employee (5:22-6:9). United church bodies, functional families, and healthy work lives can change the world. But it requires that every Christian have the strength to prepare themselves for the evil that this world has to offer (6:10-18).

Logan Edmison  
Preacher at Central church of Christ in Shawnee, OK

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

**Jim Pettyjohn**  
**John Rampey, Maggie Prater's dad**  
**Marissa Parman's sister Diana**  
**Ginny Herrera**

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.



## 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.**

## Forgetting and Forgiving

**Steve Kelly**

Prospero, when finally given a chance to punish those who had removed him of his rightful place as king, states, "Let us not burden our remembrance with a heaviness that's gone." (*Wm Shakespeare, The Tempest*)

A friend of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, once reminded her of an especially cruel thing that had been done to her years before, but Miss Barton seemed not to recall it. "Don't you remember it?" her friend asked.

"No," came the reply, "I distinctly remember forgetting it."

We can't be free and happy if you harbor grudges, so put them away. Get rid of them. Collect postage stamps, or collect coins, if you wish – but don't collect grudges.

Paul admonished the Ephesians with these words "...In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Eph 4:26 NIV

**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	John Rampey
Blake Carter	Sandon Hilditch	

Reading the Bible in a Year  
Together

February 15, 2021  
Numbers Chapters 20-22

February 16, 2021  
Numbers Chapters 23-25

February 17, 2021  
Numbers Chapters 26-29

February 18, 2021  
Numbers Chapters 30-32

February 19, 2021  
Numbers Chapters 33-35

February 20, 2021  
Numbers Chapters 36, Deuteronomy 1-2

February 21, 2021  
Deuteronomy Chapters 3-5

## 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.**