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Happy is he whose hope is in the Lord
his God.
Psalm 146:5 KJV

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"

Record for February 14, 2021

Bible School No Classes
Worship Service Online
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening 0
Contribution \$1,091.00

Cleaning Team for the week of February 21: Team #1

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
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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.

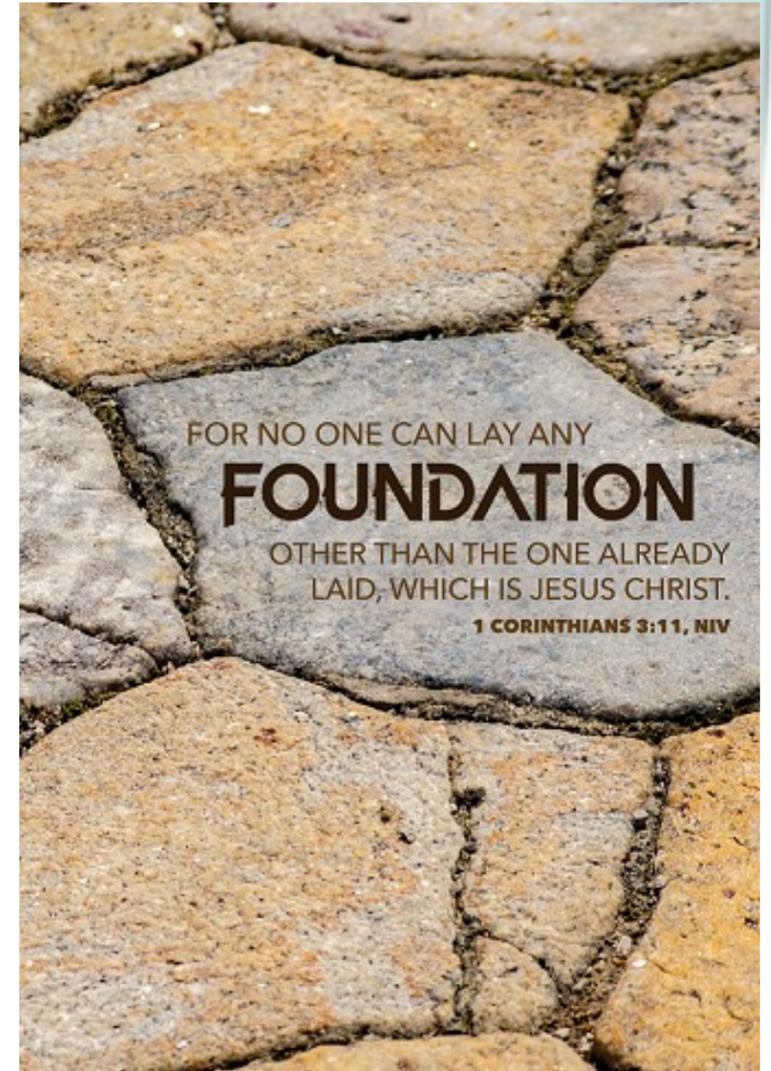
To give through Tithely follow this link:
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Our recorded worship services will be ready by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. You can find this on our Church website.



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Concept to Lifestyle

Let us consider the book of Philippians.

Sometimes it is hard to conceptualize something like, "that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and discernment... being filled with the fruits of righteousness..." (1:9, 10). As Christians, we know that this all sounds really important, but if I were to say, "go do this today," or "go practice this in one action today," it may be hard to know where to start. These concepts provide for us a road map of how we should live our lives, but there comes a point where we must close our Bibles and go actually do it. Stop looking at the map all the time, and start walking the actual path. Hold on to the word, but put down the book.

The book of Philippians is very interesting, because Paul does not communicate as though the Philippians are struggling in the areas of love, knowledge, discernment, and righteousness, and yet he is praying for them to grow in these areas. Why would Paul be praying for them in these areas if they did not need improvement in these areas? What could have easily been a correction manual has turned into an edification manual. And within that edification is instruction masked in encouragement to go and do better. If the Philippians were failing, Paul wants them to know that he is thinking of them, praying for them, there for them, and more than all this, he wants them to know Christ is there for them (1:3-8).

But for Paul, the concepts are not just concepts, but lifestyle. Your body is the spiritual vehicle that will travel the path laid out on the road map. In prison Paul loves people, applies knowledge and discernment, and is actively bearing fruits of righteousness (1:12-14). Paul says that he is not worried about himself so much, because the worst case scenario from a worldly point of view is to go be with the Lord. However, this is his best case scenario (1:19-26). But for the congregation at Philippi, it is time for them to make it their lifestyle as well (1:27). It is not time to be afraid, and it is not time to believe only, it is time to do whatever it takes to please the Lord no matter the suffering at stake (1:28-29). Love, knowledge, discernment, and righteousness are all part of a mindset, a way of thinking. This way of thinking does not focus entirely on the self, but primarily on others (2:1-4). Again, we are discussing concepts, but stop thinking about it just as a concept. Look at Christ. Just as for Paul, it was not just a concept, it was a lifestyle.

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For Jesus, it was his entire life to think this way (2:5-11). Hold on to the word of God, put down the book, and pursue a life that is blameless and harmless (2:15-16). The joy that is achieved through full self sacrifice to God, for Paul, is unique (2:17-18). We could argue that this kind of joy is only accomplished in this way. But Paul and Christ are not the only ones who have this mindset. Timothy has this mindset (2:19-23). Epaphroditus has this mindset (2:25-30). Nothing in the world is worth holding onto in the place of what is gained by this way of thinking (3:7).

Before we can leave the "road map" and get into our spiritual "vehicles", it is important to understand the "fuel". It is Christ's love, the knowledge of Christ, and the righteousness that comes from God by belief that motivates or fuels us (3:8-9). Just as he said at the end of chapter 1, it is not believing alone, but doing whatever is necessary to please God and what is from God (His love, knowledge, and righteousness) motivates Paul. Thus, we have our road map, our spiritual vehicle, our fuel, and now, our destination. Paul admits that he is not there yet (3:12). None of us are (3:15). But if Christ's love, knowledge and righteousness do not motivate you to live out this love, knowledge and righteousness, nothing will. But if it doesn't it will, if we let go of what is behind and reach for the things which are ahead (3:13). This is progress. The motivation for love, knowledge, discernment, and righteousness comes when we change the way we think. The more you want to go home to be with God, the more you want to start that heavenly life of unity, joy, peace, and contentment now (3:17-21).

And thus, focus (4:2-3). How easy it is to get tripped up and caught up on things that just are not pertinent to the "road map". Conflict, anxiety, and discontentment must be replaced by unity, peace, joy, and true contentment. All of these come from the way of thinking that we have been talking about (4:2-13). When you finish reading the book of Philippians, close your Bible and ask, "Who can I love right now? How can I apply this knowledge that I have learned right now? What can I do right now for God?" What is tripping you up in your spiritual life, and how can you remove and replace it. Hold on to the word, but put down the book.

Logan Edmison

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IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

At this time we have no members in the hospital. Please continue to remember our shut-ins and those with continuing health concerns .

Jim Pettyjohn passed away on February 16, 2021. Sympathy is expressed to Cathy and family.



Romans 14:8

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.



Join us for a Wednesday Night study. Logan Edmison will continue 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	John Rampey
Blake Carter	Sandon Hilditch	

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

February 22, 2021
Deuteronomy Chapters 6-8

February 23, 2021
Deuteronomy Chapters 9-11

February 24, 2021
Deuteronomy Chapters 12-14

February 25, 2021
Deuteronomy Chapters 15-18

February 26, 2021
Deuteronomy Chapters 19-21

February 27, 2021
Deuteronomy Chapters 22-24

February 28, 2021
Deuteronomy Chapters 25-28

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.