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SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. Canceled
WORSHIP A.M.
WORSHIP P.M.
WEDNESDAY Online
MID-WEEK CLASSES

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:
March 7, "When You Are Tempted"
March 14, "Eternity"
March 21, "What Dead Men Know"
March 28, "Do You Know Jesus?"

Record for March 07, 2021

Bible School No Classes
Worship Service 97
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening Online
Contribution \$4,020.20

Cleaning Team for the week of March 14: Team #4

You Can Find Our Worship Service On:

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

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq8ft4soarDDSYork8ol9xpw?>

Central's Webpage:
<http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php/t=sermons>

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Central Church of Christ
P.O. Box 1228
Shawnee, OK 74802

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:
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=423231>

Our morning worship is now being streamed live on You Tube at 10:30 a.m. Go to the You Tube link noted above. It may also be viewed on our website and Facebook later in the day.



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Reading the Bible in a Year Together

March 15, 2021
Judges Chapters 17-19

March 16, 2021
Judges Chapters 20-21, Ruth 1

March 17, 2021
Ruth Chapters 2-4

March 18, 2021
1 Samuel Chapters 1-3

March 19, 2021
1 Samuel Chapters 4-6

March 20, 2021
1 Samuel Chapters 7-10

March 21, 2021
1 Samuel Chapters 11-13

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**ESTABLISHED, ENCOURAGED,
AND ENERGETIC**

Romans 1:8-15

The church in Rome was evidently living visible faith. The news of their conduct was heard in the entire world. What more do you need? If you are a Christian and you are living a Christian life, and you are making an impact on the world around you, what could still be missing in your life? Paul indicates that if he came to Rome he would leave them with spiritual gifts. Paul was obviously capable of imparting these sorts of gifts to other people. These gifts would be performed by the Christians in Rome so that they might be established or strengthened. To be established is to be set in place without any chance of moving. Paul knew by their lives that they were committed to godly living, but there still was potential for them to be more established. Being fixed in our faith is good, but there is more that is needed. Paul says that they need the encouragement that would come from these gifts. What is interesting about the way Paul says this is that it is not just for their encouragement, but for his as well. It is not selfish to want to be encouraged.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

Living a faithful life also requires being established in the faith, and being encouraged in the faith, but it also requires produce. People who do not live faithful lives do not see fruit. What is important about this fruit is that on top of producing faithful work that is evident to the world around us, it also encourages us and establishes more and more every day. This cycle of faith keeps us established, encouraged, and energetic in the faith.

13 Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. 14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and unwise.

15 So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

Living visible lives of faith is not where we stop in our Christian lives. We must be established in the faith, encouraged in the faith, and energetic in the faith. Established so that we will never want to live any other way. Encouraged so that we are built up in the Lord and not broken down by the world. Energetic so that we are not stagnant or apathetic. Just as Paul prayed for this and wanted to bring these things to the church in Rome, we also ought to pray for them and want them in our own lives. We must be established, encouraged, and energetic in your faith.

Logan Edmison

OVERCOMING FEAR (PART 1)

BOB PERRY

“DO NOT FEAR, ONLY BELIEVE.” JESUS, MARK 5:36

Happiness is contentment and a learned state of being. Paul wrote in Philippians 4:11 & 12, *“Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want.”* Paul’s secret to being content “in any and all circumstances” was a strong purpose, a total faith in Jesus Christ, his teachings, and his promise.

Positive thoughts build self-assurance and unleash the power of belief, especially when one believe in God. Faith in God focuses our energy on aligning our will with his. Romans 8:31 says, *“If God be for us, who can be against us?”* Knowing God promises eternal redemption gives believers tremendous self-assurance. Life’s troubles become temporary inconveniences when we believe in God’s promise of eternity.

If positive thoughts build strong self-confidence, fear is the great enemy and destroyer of a person’s assurance. Fear can be a significant barrier to faith, but belief in God can overpower fear. Hebrews 13:6 defiantly states, *“Hence we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?’”* Jesus Christ’s disciples cried out in fear when they saw him walking on the water and Jesus said to them, *“...Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”* In Matthew 14:2 Another time Jesus was ministering to a ruler of the synagogue who was in despair and feared that his child was dead and again Jesus said *“...Do not fear, only believe.”*

Jesus knew how destructive worry and fear are to belief. Jesus taught in Matthew 6.25, *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”* Jesus encouraged his disciples to prioritize and focus their lives. Jesus goes on to say later in the chapter in Matthew 6.33, *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

Christ teaches that our purpose is to seek or focus on the spiritual kingdom and righteousness. If we take care of the significant things, the routine things of life will take care of themselves. We live in complex times with many responsibilities to balance. It seems as if everything is changing at an overwhelming pace. Fear and worry easily engulf many people, making life a tedious endeavor. Jesus presents a highly effective strategy in dealing with anxiety, worry, and fear when he says in Matthew 6:34, *“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day.”* He encourages followers to live one day at a time. We cannot change the past, only learn from it. Worrying about the future will change nothing; we can only plan and prepare for it. We can, however, take control of and take advantage of the opportunities present each day.

Seek first his kingdom.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Bob Perry is currently in the Baptist hospital. We need to continue to keep Bob and the Perry family in our prayers.

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, calls, and visits. Jim loved the family of God; He missed not being there.
Love,
Cathy, Misty, & Monty
Pettyjohn

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 on Facebook live at 5:00 pm.



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

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

All these members and friends have continuing health concerns or other special circumstances. They appreciate your interest and prayers.

Don Mack	Fredith Hanifan	Bob Perry
Chad Beard	John Sullivan	Selene Williams
Carla Dame	Thelma Divine	Dorothy Strickland
Carl Weeks	Diane Lawerance	Thearlene Morris
Emma White	Frank Romberg	John Rampey
Boyd Cheney	Sandra Pollard	Sandon Hilditch
Debbie Taffe	Debra Campbell	Blake Carter

TIPTON HOME



Our Tipton Home collection for the month of **March** is **Dryer sheets.**

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.