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**BRING A FRIEND AND ATTEND**  
**SUNDAY**  
**WORSHIP A.M.** 10:30 A.M.  
**WORSHIP P.M.** Canceled  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**MID-WEEK CLASSES** Online

The Lord will bless His people with  
peace.  
Psalm 29:11 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 14, 2021

**Bible School** No Classes  
**Worship Service** 66  
**Sunday Evening** No Services  
**Wednesday Evening** Online  
**Contribution** \$5,698.08

Cleaning Team for the week of March 21: Team #5

**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.

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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Logan Edmison

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# THE GOSPEL GUIDE

## In Loving Memory



**William Robert (Bob) Perry**  
January 24, 1960– March 13, 2021

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## In Memory of Bob Perry

Bob passed from this life into the arms of God in the early morning hours of Saturday, March 13, 2021. Services for Bob will be 10:00am Thursday, March 18, at the Shawnee Expo Center.

Bob was a friend, a Brother in Christ, and a true contender of the Faith that was special to all of us. Through the years, he served as a part time youth minister, a Deacon, a beloved church camp counselor, a gifted bible class teacher and an Elder here at Central. Bob loved his church family and dedicated his life to serving them. He also loved golf and OU football. Watching an OU game with Bob was a great experience! He worked for many years in the family business of Perry-McGee Furniture before becoming a director and superintendent at Gordon Cooper Technology Center where he worked for the last 26 years. Bob was an author, a leader in the community, and a mentor to so many. Of all the things Bob was in this life, his most cherished job was being Bob-bob to his three grandsons, Jacob, Jameson, and Silas.

What a hole the loss of Bob has left in our hearts, in our community, at Gordon Cooper, and in the church. His legacy will live on for many years. Bob had a skill for tasking people with jobs to do in order to prepare them for the next level of responsibility. He was so skilled at it, that most of the time you didn't know that's what was going on until after the fact! Whether at home, at work, or in the church, Bob knew his role was to mentor, influence, encourage, and grow the people around him. Bob made sure that, through his lifetime, he was bringing the next generation up to be good people, Godly people, contenders for the Faith.

We know in faith that Bob has gained the reward he lived his life for and looked forward to and we rejoice in that. But we sorrow with those he leaves behind that love him dearly. Louise, Ann, Lindsey, Matt & Jacob, Jason, Heather, Jameson & Silas, and all the family, you are in our prayers for comfort in this great loss. All your friends and the community share your sorrow and mourn with you in the loss of this great man of God.

## Nothing to Be Ashamed Of

Romans 1:16-17

After announcing to the Romans that Paul was ready to preach the gospel to them, he informs them that he was not ashamed of that gospel. There were evidently many that were arguing against Paul and his explanation of the gospel. These arguments potentially made Paul look foolish because they attempted to show how silly this gospel was. They showed that the gospel that Paul preached was not needed, not fair, and thus, not true. The arguments against Paul's teachings might have someone respond, "how embarrassing for you, Paul, to be so obviously wrong." And in response to this embarrassment Paul should admit how ashamed he was, considering these arguments that prove the gospel's absurdity. The book of Romans then would be an admission of defeat and a concession from Paul to a far superior doctrine that was fair and true.

This is far from what the book of Romans is all about.

Paul, if given the opportunity to respond to these arguments, would be able to show that there is nothing unfair about the gospel at all. The gospel makes perfect sense and is perfectly consistent with the Old Testament. The truth of the gospel is seen in its fulfillment of the Old Testament. And therefore, in a decisive response, Paul says that he has absolutely no shame in the gospel of Christ. The gospel is needed, is fair, and it is true.

The reason Paul is not ashamed of the gospel is because in it lies God's power. God can accomplish salvation through the gospel. Salvation is available to everyone with the caveat that they believe. Faith is the required response to the news of Christ. Paul is not unfolding every detail of this salvation in these two verses. The rest of the book of Romans lays out these details. But if there is a way that all the world can have access to salvation, why would Paul be ashamed of that?

Salvation in this context means complete absolution. Simply put, an individual goes from being guilty of sin to innocent of sin. This transition is called justification. Justification is God's grace and chapter 5 will show this in detail. Thus, from believing in God, one enters a life of believing in God. The reason is because those who are pronounced innocent will continue to live their lives believing God. Paul will show what this life of faith

looks like in chapters 6-8. Specifically, he will show the ideal life of faith (6), the difficulty of this life of faith (7), but the encouragement to endure in this life of faith (8).

Complete trust in what God says is the path to innocence. This is exciting news. On the one hand it does not seem fair, and on the other it seems too good to be true. Chapter 1 and 2 explains why the gospel is needed. In chapter 3 Paul will explain why it is fair, and chapter 4 explains why it is true.

If Paul can prove that the gospel is needed, it is fair, and it is true, then Paul would have no reason to be ashamed of it. Consequently, neither should we. This is the news ready to be dispensed. This is the news that establishes, edifies, and energizes our faith. This is the gospel that Paul was ready to preach. When it comes to the good news of Christ, there is nothing to be ashamed of.

Logan Edmison

### Reading the Bible in a Year Together

March 22, 2021  
1 Samuel Chapters 14-16

March 23, 2021  
1 Samuel Chapters 17-20

March 24, 2021  
1 Samuel Chapters 21-23

March 25, 2021  
1 Samuel Chapters 24-26

March 26, 2021  
1 Samuel Chapters 27-30

March 27, 2021  
1 Samuel Chapters 31, 2 Samuel 1-2

March 28, 2021  
2 Samuel Chapters 3-5

**The Lord is my light and my  
salvation...  
The Lord is the strength of my life.**

**Psalm 27:1 KJV**

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.



**From the rising of the sun unto the  
going down of the same the Lord's  
name is to be praised.**

**Psalm 113:3 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	Blake Carter
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	



### 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.**