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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

Faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1 KJV

IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY
"These were more noble...
they searched the scriptures daily..."
SEARCH PROGRAMS:
April 4, "God Raised Him Up"
April 11, "He Appeared"
April 18, "The Best Explanation"
April 25, "Because He Lives"

Record for March 28, 2021

Bible School No Classes
Worship Service 98
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening Online
Contribution \$3,998.56

Cleaning Team for the week of April 04: Team #1
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/UCq8ft4soarDDSYork8oI9xpw?>

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
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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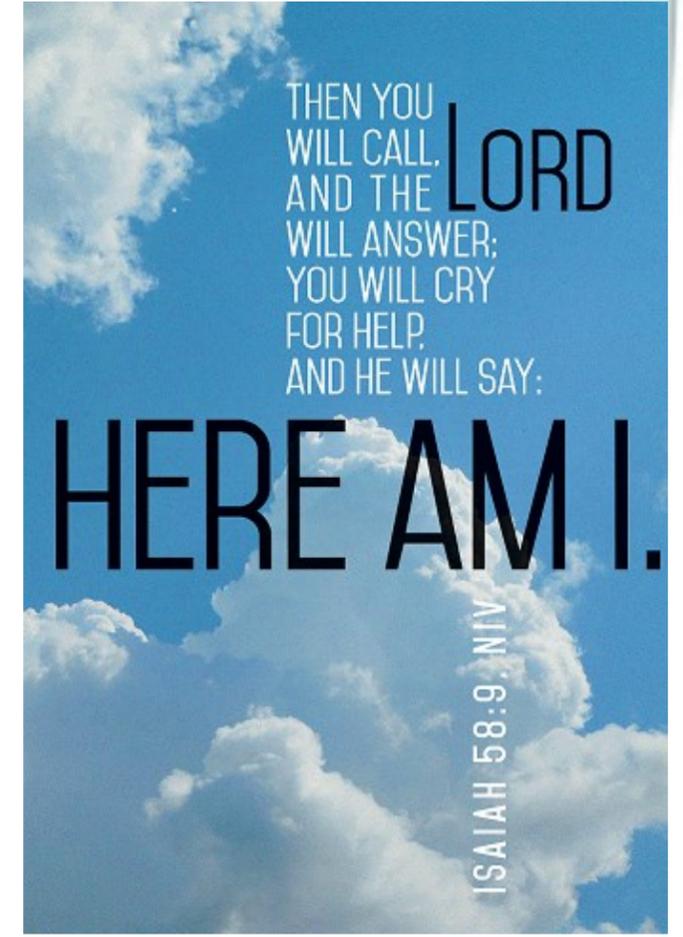
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Self-Justification

Romans 2:1-6

If a guilty person convicts another guilty person, does this make the first guilty person feel less guilty? Some people are what I like to call "list-makers." They use this principle of the guilty convicting the guilty, and they keep a record of all the wrong things that people do around them. If, for example, person A were to do something wrong, and person B called them out on it, person A would say, "who are you to call me out on that, when you have done a, b, c, etc." This is a logical fallacy. Even if the convicting person (person B) is also guilty, you are left with two guilty parties. As a matter of fact, person A has admitted their guilt. Convicting someone else of guilt does not make him less guilty. One self-justification tact for person B is to say something like, "yea, but a, b, c, etc. is not near as bad as what you did." Both parties are trying to get themselves out of guilt by comparing themselves to the other person. If person A knows that person B is not perfect, and person B knows that he is not near as bad as person A, then both are going to be able to get sleep that night. But if for any reason, they are not able to self-justify, one or both people may not sleep well at all. What if there is another option?

"Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?"

The Jew could always say, at least he was not as bad as those uncircumcised heathens. Remember in chapter one those societies that successfully pushed God outside of their culture? Those who sin are deserving of death (1:32). The Gentiles (non-Jews) are all sinners. Therefore, Gentiles are deserving of death. But hold on. The Jew may sleep better at night with this kind of thinking, but it has not freed them of their own guilt. The Gentile sinner may be deserving of death, but the Jew is not justified by just being a Jew. In other words, have you committed sin? If so, how are you going to justify yourself out of it? Because saying that there are other people who are worse or saying that other people do bad stuff too does not actually relieve you of guilt. The truth is that people who sin are guilty of sin. Self-justification does not work.

⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who "will render to each one according to his deeds"...

There is a reason that Paul is not ashamed of the gospel. Remember, the gospel is the power of God for salvation for in it the justification of God is revealed. Paul is pouring salt on the wound in verse four. Until you understand that you are hurt, you will never look for healing. God's identity is goodness and patience. I would be really surprised if Paul did not have Exodus 34 in mind here. Just like nature ought to motivate the Gentile to turn to God (1:20), the identity and goodness of God ought to motivate the Jew to repent. If there was no excuse for the Gentile, then there is equally no excuse for the Jew. God is still angry. Paul is going to keep building the case that none of us can justify ourselves out of God's just wrath, and we all need the justification/righteousness of God. Self-justification does not work. King David understood that God was truly the God of his righteousness (Psalm 4:1). It was time that the world realized the same. This righteousness/justification is revealed in the gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16-17).

Logan Edmison

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16 KJV

Executive Desk Needs A New Home

We have an executive desk that is no longer needed. It is wood, has a 3' X 5' top, and has three drawers. This is free to any member. Call the office if you are interested.



David Perry, son of Ann Perry, is currently in the hospital due to complications with Covid 19. He is slowly improving and will possibly be moved to rehab soon.

We have two families to welcome to our Central Family.

Eddie & Navada Beard, the parents of Dale Beard placed membership last Sunday. In a note they stated: "We want to thank the congregation for all the help and support given to Dale, Denise, and family over the years. We hope our work and worship with you will add to that long history. We look forward to the years that lie ahead."

Eddie & Navada Beard
600 Eula Brown Circle, Apt. #3D
P.O. Box 146
Tecumseh, OK 74873

Scott and Tami Perry also placed membership. Their address is:

Scott & Tamara Perry
17075 Winchester
Newalla, OK 74857

Let's welcome the Eddie Beards and the Scott Perry's to the Central Family. Their phone numbers will be in our online Church Directory.

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.



Reading the Bible in a Year Together

April 05, 2021
1 Kings Chapters 6-8

April 06, 2021
1 Kings Chapters 9-11

April 07, 2021
1 Kings Chapters 12-14

April 08, 2021
1 Kings Chapters 15-17

April 09, 2021
1 Kings Chapters 18-20

April 10, 2021
1 Kings Chapters 21-22, 2 Kings 1

April 11, 2021
2 Kings Chapters 2-4

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 Lawrence	Thearlene Morris
Emma White	Frank Romberg	John Rampey
Boyd Cheney	Sandra Pollard	Sandon Hilditch
Debbie Taffe	Debra Campbell	David Perry

TIPTON HOME



Our Tipton Home collection for the month of April is **Liquid Dishwasher Detergent..**

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.