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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

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so  
the Lord surrounds his people both now  
and forevermore.  
Psalm 125:2

**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 April 11, 2021

Bible School	16
Worship Service	107
Sunday Evening	No Services
Wednesday Evening	Online
Contribution	\$3,608.28

Cleaning Team for the week of April 18: Team #3

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION**  
**WEEK OF SUNDAY: April 18, 2021**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Announcements: Ron Taffe**  
**Scripture Reader: Eddie Beard**  
**Opening Prayer: Cary Leonard**  
**Song Director: Paul Harris/Roger Farris**  
**Closing Prayer: Austin Beard**  
**Lord Supper: Dale Beard**  
**Projection: Clavin Norwood**  
**Audio Controls: Matt Borcharding**

**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/UCq8ft4soarDDSok8ol9xpw?>

**Central's Webpage:**

[http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php/t=sermons](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.

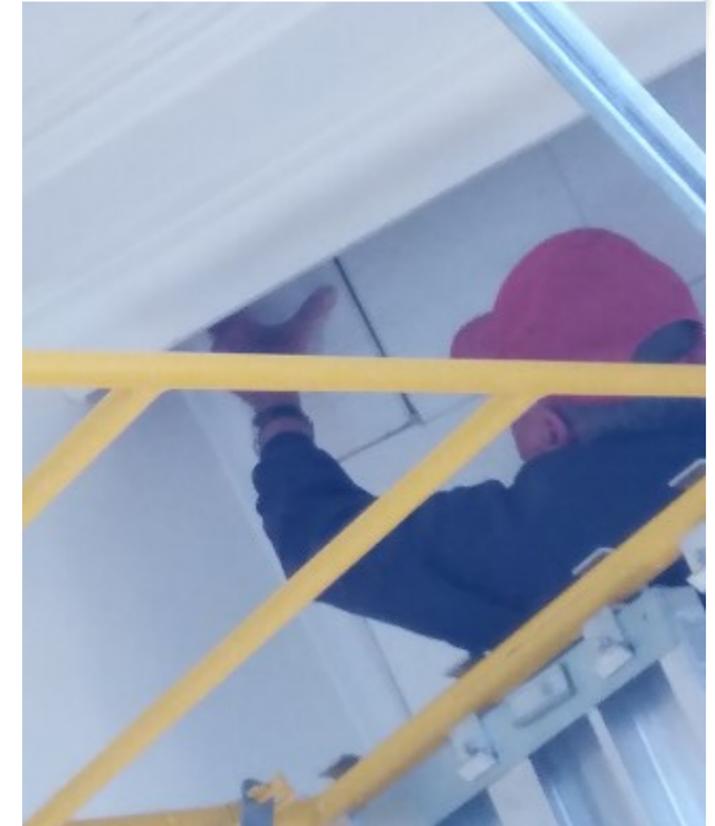
Our morning worship is now being streamed live on You Tube at 10:30 a.m. Go to the You Tube link noted above. It may also be viewed on our website and Facebook later in the day.



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# THE GOSPEL GUIDE

## The Last Tile !



**ELDERS:**

Paul Harris  
Steve Kelly  
Bob Stephens

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Tracy Gettle  
Keith Lawrence  
Ron Taffe

**Minister:**

Logan Edmison

**Secretary:**

Lois Carter

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Haiti Children's Home  
Hope Harbor Children's Home  
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Nicaragua  
Search  
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**The ceiling is finished !**  
**Thanks to Paul and all those who helped.**

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## A Conversation with Paul

Romans 3:1-20

If anyone can be a “Jew” by having a circumcised heart, which is the goal in the Torah, then what is the point of physical circumcision? Why was there even a Jewish nation if anyone could live with a circumcised heart? The reason that the Jewish nation was so integral to the plan of God was that God communicated to them because they were His holy people. But someone might argue, if they were given the word of God, and yet they do not believe in the gospel of justification by faith, does that not discredit the gospel of justification by faith? In other words, wouldn’t all or most Jewish scholars believe in the gospel if it were true? And yet, many Jewish scholars do not believe it, nor do they believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Does this discredit the gospel? Would it not be poor scholarship to believe in something that many Jewish scholars do not believe in?

<sup>1</sup>What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? <sup>2</sup>Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. <sup>3</sup>For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? <sup>4</sup>Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:

*“That You may be justified in Your words,  
And may overcome when You are judged.”*

Ok, but there is still a potential problem. If the Jewish scholarship community are wrong, and God is right, does that not glorify God more? The more that I am wrong about something, the more others recognize how right God is. Should I be condemned for making God look good? Should the Jewish community be condemned for showing God’s righteousness through their own unrighteousness, showing God’s truth through their lie? Is that not the gospel of grace? Grace is receiving forgiveness no matter if you are a law breaker or not, right?

<sup>5</sup>But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) <sup>6</sup>Certainly not! For then how will God judge the

world?

<sup>7</sup>For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? <sup>8</sup>And why not say, “Let us do evil that good may come”—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

So, the gospel of justification through faith does not make the Jewish nation irrelevant to the plan of God. They were the key players in getting His word to the world. But just because they have the word of God, does not mean they understand the word of God. But God understands what He meant when He spoke to them. You can disagree with God, but it does not make Him any less right. It also does allow the one who rejects the truth of God to be guiltless. The Jew is not going to be able to justify themselves with this sort of reasoning. As a matter of fact, justification does not come through the law, and it does not come through argumentation at all. All objectively sin and fall short of the glory of God (3:9-20, 23). If Paul has not convinced us that all the world is sinful and in need of grace by now, then it may be impossible for us to ever be convinced. It is amazing how we justify our behavior (Jew or Gentile) only because we do not want to change. Paul is saying, that is not going to work.

Logan Edmison

### Elders/Deacons:

**There will be a Elders/ Deacons meeting on May 16 at 2:00 pm**

### 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.

## GOD’S CONSTANT BLESSINGS

There is an imaginative story told of a day when the sun did not rise. Six o’clock came and there was no sign of dawn. At seven, there was still no ray of light. At noon, it was as black as midnight. Then came the long black hours of the afternoon. Finally, evening arrived but no one slept. Some wept, some wrung their hands in anguish. Every church was filled with people on their knees. Thus, they remained through the night. After the long night of terror and agony, millions of tear streaked faces were turned toward the east. When the sky began to turn red and the sun rose, there was relief and a loud shout of joy. Millions of lips said, “Bless the Lord, O my soul!” because the sun had risen after one day of darkness.

The very consistency of God’s blessings sometimes seems to dull our gratitude. The wonderful thing about the mercies of God is that they are fresh every morning and new every evening. Let us remember to be constantly thankful to our gracious God.

Steve Kelly

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

We have no members currently in the hospital at this time.

**Central’s Burnt Cabin session for 2021 will be June 13th—16th.**

**If you have any questions please see Bob or Janet Stephens.**



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 19, 2021  
1 Chronicles Chapters 3-5

April 20, 2021  
1 Chronicles Chapters 6-9

April 21, 2021  
1 Chronicles Chapters 10-12

April 22, 2021  
1 Chronicles Chapters 13-15

April 23, 2021  
1 Chronicles Chapters 16-19

April 24, 2021  
1 Chronicles Chapters 20-22

April 25, 2021  
1 Chronicles Chapters 23-25

### 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

**Bible Class in auditorium at 9:30 am**  
**Sunday morning worship service 10:30 am**  
**Wednesday Night service will be online.**  
**May 16 at 2:00 pm Elders/Deacons meeting**  
**Burnt Cabin - June 13th - 16th**