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SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP A.M. 10:30 A.M.
WORSHIP P.M. Canceled

WEDNESDAY Online
MID-WEEK CLASSES Online

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

Psalms 125:2

IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY
"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..."

SEARCH PROGRAMS:
April 25, "Because He Lives"
May 2 "Authentic Christianity"
May 9 "A Good Conscience"
May 16 "Heaven Rejoices"
May 23 "Worship with the Church"
May 30 "Why We Evangelize"

Record for April 18, 2021

Bible School 16
Worship Service 101
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening Online
Contribution \$4,137.68

Cleaning Team for the week of April 25: Team #4

SERVING THE CONGREGATION
WEEK OF SUNDAY: April 25, 2021
WORSHIP SERVICE
Announcements: Dennis Brodersen
Scripture Reader: Dennis Brodersen
Opening Prayer: Clavin Norwood
Song Director: Dale Beard
Closing Prayer: Beau Carter
Lord Supper: Ron Taffe
North: Tracy Gettle/ Colt Goodman
South: Lynn Stephens/ Lynn Harmon
Projection: Ken Whittington
Audio Controls: Scott Perry

You Can Find Our Worship Service On:
Central's Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralchurchofchristshawneeok/>

Central's YouTube Channel:
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Central's Webpage:
[http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php/t=sermons](http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php?t=sermons)

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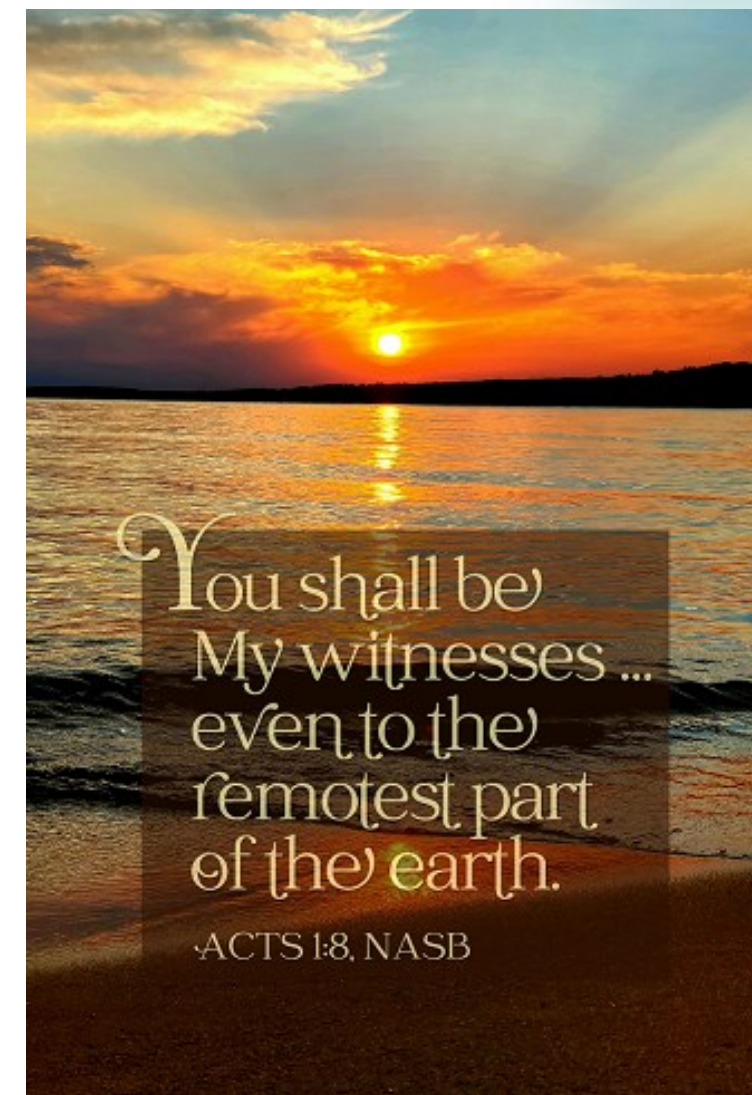
If you would like for someone to bring you communion supplies, pick up your contribution, or have any other needs please call the Church office at 405-273-3065, or you can contact one of our Elders or Deacons.

Our morning worship is now being streamed live on YouTube 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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Just and Justifier

Romans 3:21-31

The Law of Moses is proof of God's righteousness. There is a moral standard by which all mankind will be judged by. There is a definitive right and wrong. Not only does God perfectly exhibit that standard but He also expects that all live according to that standard. God will then judge the world according to that standard. Unfortunately, according to that standard, the world is guilty. But the law is evidence that God is just, and He expects mankind who was made in His image to also be just. The books of the prophets also prove the justice of God. When the Jewish people rejected the law, instead of immediately cursing the people, He sent prophets to turn them back to God. Anything short of the standard would not be tolerated.

But the Jewish people did not keep the law. Some might argue that God's expectation is not reasonable, but what is amazing is how patient God is with people who did not keep the law. If the law prescribes death to all who break the law, why does God not instantly kill everybody who breaks the law?

It is clear that no one is perfect, and that is what Paul has been proving since chapter 1, but it is also evident that God does not kill everyone who is not perfect. So why not? What is going on here? We are immensely grateful that God does not do this, because we are sinners, and we would be put to death instantly as well. The reason that people do not get what they deserve is because of God's patience (forbearance). People that make mistakes turn to God and appeal to His identity. God is longsuffering and forgiving (Exodus 34). But how can God be just if those who are deserving of death do not receive death?

The price that needed to be paid for God's forgiveness was paid at the cross. Thus, His patience (forgiving the repentant in the Hebrew scriptures) was so that when Jesus came, He would justify God's forgiveness. Without the blood of Christ, God's forgiveness to Abraham, David, Manasseh, etc., would be injustice. God was able to forgive and be patient (i.e., act according to His identity) because of Jesus.

God is just because of Christ and He can justify others because of Christ. More astounding is in the fact that Christ Jesus is God Himself. Wrap your head around that one.

Just because God's justification is apart from the law, it does not diminish the importance that the law served. The law showed that God is just, mankind is expected to be just, and no one is justified by it. Said in a different way: the law showed that God is righteous, mankind is expected to be righteous, and no one is righteous by it. The reason the Bible begins with Genesis and not Exodus, is because God is the God of all. And if He is God of all, then He can justify whomever He will justify. That justification is through belief in Jesus Christ. David said, "Yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant... For this is my salvation and all my desire" (2 Samuel 23:5). David was not a perfect man, but He knew his own salvation was in his lineage. The anointed One descended from David would pay the price for his own justification. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given... And His name will be called... Mighty God..." (Isaiah 9:5). "And I [God] will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced" (Zechariah 12:10).

Logan Edmison

Central's Burnt Cabin session for 2021 will be June 13th—16th.
If you have any questions please see Bob or Janet Stephens.



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.

Congratulations!

Michael and Jennifer Michener would like to announce the graduation of Michaela Annette Michener.

She will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Arts and Humanities on Saturday, May 15, 2021.

If you would like to send a card to Michaela her address is:

Michaela Michener
131 Mountain Brook Farm Drive
Ball Ground, GA 30107

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5 KJV



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

Dustin Knudson has contacted the Church and asked us to pray for him.

Join us for a Wednesday Night study. Logan Edmison will continue a study on the book of James entitled "Wisdom from Above."

This will be on Facebook live at 5:00 pm.



Reading the Bible in a Year Together

April 26, 2021
1 Chronicles Chapters 26-29

April 27, 2021
2 Chronicles Chapters 1-3

April 28, 2021
2 Chronicles Chapters 4-6

April 29, 2021
2 Chronicles Chapters 7-9

April 30, 2021
2 Chronicles Chapters 10-12

May 01, 2021
2 Chronicles Chapters 13-15

May 02, 2021
2 Chronicles Chapters 16-18

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