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**BRING A FRIEND AND ATTEND**  
**SUNDAY** 9:30 A.M.  
10:30 A.M.  
**BIBLE STUDY** 9:30 A.M.  
**WORSHIP A.M.** 10:30 A.M.  
**WORSHIP P.M.** Canceled  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**MID-WEEK CLASSES** Online

With God all things are possible.  
Matthew 19:26

**IN SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY  
"These were more noble...  
they searched the scriptures daily..."  
**SEARCH PROGRAMS:**  
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 May 09, 2021

Bible School 67  
Worship Service 123  
Sunday Evening No Services  
Wednesday Evening Online  
Contribution \$4,763.33

Cleaning Team for the week of May 16: Team #1

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION**  
**WEEK OF SUNDAY: May 16, 2021**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Announcements: Dale Beard  
Scripture Reader: Steve Kelly  
Song Director: Paul Harris/ Dwayne Dennis  
Opening Prayer: Bob Stephens  
Sermon: Logan Edmison  
Closing Prayer: Jim Cross  
Lord Supper: Eddie Beard  
Contribution-North: Lynn Stephens/Matt Borcharding  
Contribution-South: Beau Carter/Don Mack  
Projection: Tracy Wilcox  
Audio Controls: Clavin Norwood

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

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

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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.  
Our worship services are now being live streamed on YouTube. Bible Study 9:30am and worship is 10:30am. It may also be viewed on our website and Facebook latter in the day.



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# THE GOSPEL GUIDE



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## God's Love Poured Out

### Romans 5

The result of God's forgiveness is being at peace with God. There are times in the Old Testament where a king is described as not having a "loyal" heart. The word loyal is the word meaning to be at peace with. If the people were not loyal to God, then they were not at peace with God. This loyalty was a product of their faith or belief in God. When the people were at peace with Him, then He gave them life. This life was life in the land. The land was sick if there was sin in the land. God was always able to heal the land. Paul in Romans 5 is explaining that we have access to the gift of forgiveness/justification because of belief/faith. This is nothing new. What is new is the means by which this is possible. Just the fact that we can have access to this gift is a massive source of joy.

This joy changes the way we see difficult times. Because of the gift of God we gain perseverance through the tribulations, and this perseverance begins to change us. This new person is defined by their hope in what God gives. God's love is given to us by His presence which has also been given to us. This whole process of salvation is God's love in action, but what really shows His love is the cost that He paid to make this salvation possible.

The word Paul uses for strength, is the idea of debilitating sickness. While we were still debilitated by our spiritual sickness, it was at that point that Christ died for the ungodly. Remember, Paul has already proven that we are all sinners. It is rare that someone would lay down their life for someone who is sinless, but we are not sinless. And therefore, we are justified by His blood.

"But wait, I thought we were justified by faith." Is Paul contradicting himself? Are we saved by faith or the blood of Christ? Well, the answer is both. Justification is made possible by faith, but if that is all Paul had to say on the matter, he would have ended the letter after chapter 4. Obviously, the blood of Christ (chapter 5), and baptism (chapter 6) are all part of the same gospel.

Through this blood shed on the cross, we are brought back into a relationship of peace with God (reconciliation). This is how we avoid the wrath that Paul talked about in chapter 1. Thus, we already know that this wrath is the result of sin, and sin leads

to death. This death spread from Adam to every generation because all sinned (Romans 5:12). It was not inherited through birth, but inherited through behavior. Everyone who chooses to sin is dominated by sin. This is condemnation and thus, separation (the opposite of reconciliation/peace). Therefore, because of the behavior of Adam, all men have chosen to sin and are enslaved by death. But because of Christ, all men can choose life and be enslaved by righteousness. Through one man's sin, many became sinners. Through one man's righteous act, many can be made righteous. But if the former is a choice, then logic would dictate that the latter is a choice as well. The law functioned to show that all need God's grace. Once the Old Testament proved that everyone in the world was a sinner, the world could then appeal to God for His grace and for eternal life through the blood of Christ. This justification or forgiveness is reconciliation and peace with God. This changes the way we see difficulties in this life, the way we see our own bodies, and the way we see temptation (Chapters 6-8). This is the love of God poured into our hearts, something we ought to remember when we get to the end of Romans 8.

Logan Edmison

" Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going".

John 14: 1-4

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.



## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

**Georgia Bohannon Cagle** fell Sunday morning and broke her pelvic in three places, she is in Ardmore Mercy hospital. Georgia is a former member of Central and East Main.

We need to remember **Colt Goodman** in our prayers. Colt suffered sever injuries to his left hand and right leg Monday in a horse riding accident.. He is in the Bone and Joint hospital in Oklahoma City. He is experiencing some complications and had surgery this morning. Let's bee praying for Colt and the whole family for healing and comfort.



Central's Burnt Cabin session is June 13-19. Our theme this year is "Lego, Let God". We will be studying all week about letting God be our boss, our protector, our peace giver, and that He is enough. Camp applications are in the foyer and everywhere you find the weekly bulletin throughout the building. Applications will also be on the church and camp websites. If you have any questions regarding camp, or would like to contribute to help send a child, please see Bob or Janet Stephens. In addition, please be praying that our camp session will be fruitful in teaching our kids and kids across the state the importance of Letting God into their lives.



## Reading the Bible in a Year Together

May 17, 2021  
Esther Chapters 7-9

May 18, 2021  
Esther Chapters 10, Job 1-2

May 19, 2021  
Job Chapters 3-6

May 20, 2021  
Job Chapters 7-9

May 21, 2021  
Job Chapters 10-12

May 22, 2021  
Job Chapters 13-15

May 23, 2021  
Job 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 **May is Toilet Tissue**. Please place these items in the barrel in the foyer. Thank you.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday Bible Class in auditorium at 9:30 am**  
**Sunday Morning Worship service 10:30 am**  
**Wednesday Night service will be online.**  
**Elders/Deacons meeting May 16 at 2:00pm**  
**Burnt Cabin - June 13th - 19th**