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SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY 10:30 A.M.
WORSHIP A.M. Canceled
WORSHIP P.M.
WEDNESDAY Online
MID-WEEK CLASSES

As for God, his way is perfect.
Psalm 18:30 KJV

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 16, 2021

Bible School 59
Worship Service 100
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening Online
Contribution \$3,965.16

SERVING THE CONGREGATION
WEEK OF SUNDAY: May 23, 2021
WORSHIP SERVICE
Announcements: Ron Taffe
Scripture Reader: Dwyane Dennis
Song Director: Dale Beard/roger Farris
Opening Prayer: Tom Chesnut
Sermon: Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer: Chris Nipper
Lord Supper: Steve Kelly
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Contribution-South: Scott Perry/Henry Arthur
Projection: Keith Lawrence
Audio Controls: Tracy Wilcox

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/UCq8ft4soarDDSYok8ol9xpw?>

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.
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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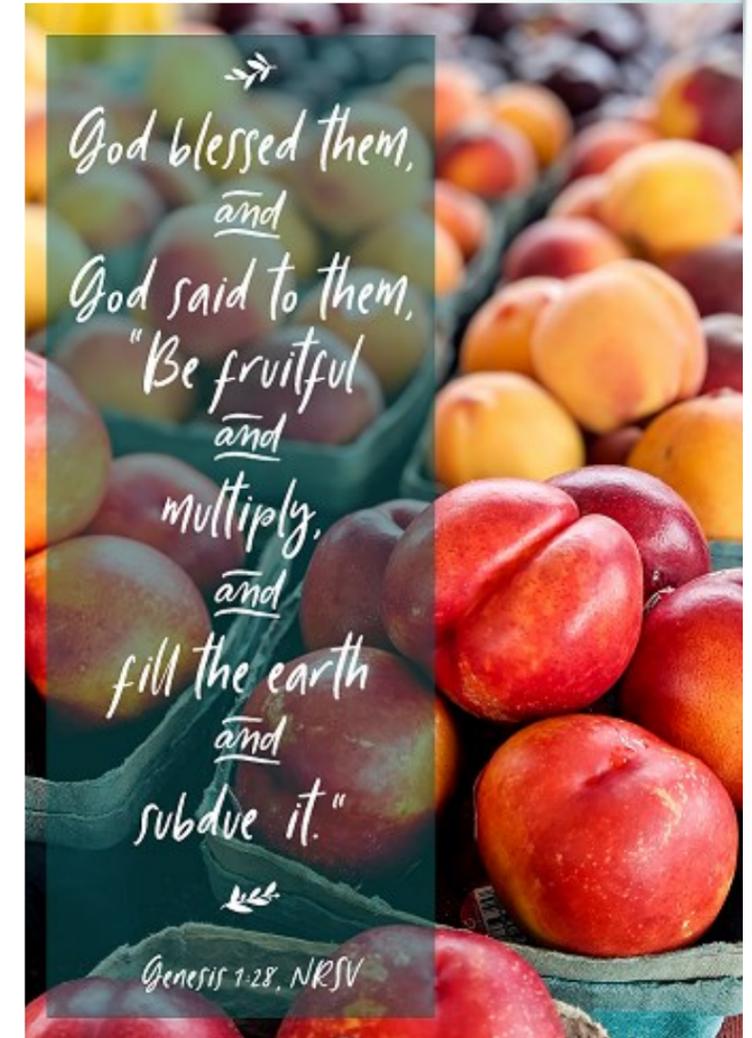
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Romans 6

The Mosaic Law was all the evidence that anyone would need to know that man is in dire need of God's grace. The Law would have provided a perfect society, government, and culture of holiness. If the people kept the law perfectly, then that perfect utopia would have been realized. You might say, "It is too much for God to expect people to be perfect." This is one of those times where mankind is not teaching God, but God is teaching mankind. It is not so much that God is expecting them to be perfect, as much as He is proving that they are not. The reason that this is important is because 1) we humans tend to get an overinflated view of ourselves, and 2) when this happens, we tend to believe that there is no one higher than ourselves. In other words, why turn to God if you do not need God? Over time, God cannot be found in your society, government, or culture. These societies are doomed to failure because the human is the highest possible being (humanism). So, now that it is evident that mankind is in dire need of God's grace because of the law, grace reigns "through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (5:21).

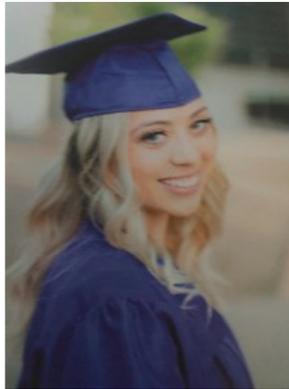
If then we have God's grace, and our sins are forgiven, why can we not continue to sin? What does it matter if we keep sinning if grace makes the sin go away? The answer is because we died with Christ in order to be raised to walk a new life. It is important to understand the function that belief/faith has in obtaining access to God's grace, but the reason that we cannot keep sinning is because when we believed we died with Christ. If we did not die with Christ, then we did not believe. If we died with Christ, then we cannot continue living in sin because our lives of sin died with Christ. This death occurs at baptism. This is one of the most blatantly clear passages on baptism in the entire Bible. If the body of sin does not die, then we are slaves to sin. In other words, sin reigns in our mortal/imperfect bodies. But because of Christ's one obedient act, sin does not reign in our bodies, but righteousness. Through the resurrection of Christ at baptism, we are set free from sin and death. The product of our lives is now righteousness for holiness. This results in eternal life. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (6:20).

Whatever you believe about saving grace through faith, you also must include Christ's resurrection into that belief. If you believe in Christ's resurrection, then you also must believe that it is through Christ's resurrection that we rise to walk in a new life. If you believe all of this, then Paul is explaining that all of this occurs at baptism: faith, grace, justification, death, burial, and resurrection. This is why the statement is especially true, "For if you confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (10:9). It is only through Christ and His resurrection that we can have access to the grace and justification of God. Not only does sin not have dominion over you, but now you present your body as an instrument of righteousness. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (8:1). Now, not only do we not have to experience the wrath of God (1:18), but we are at peace with God through His grace by faith (5:1). This is the gospel that is God's power to save all who believe/have faith (1:16-17).

Logan Edmison

CONGRATULATIONS!

Emily Perry the daughter of Scott and Tamara Perry, granddaughter of Ann Perry and the late Robert Perry graduated from Choctaw High School on May 17, 2021. Emily will go to East Central University in Ada Oklahoma in the fall, where she will major in Accounting.



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

Alisa Beal, the daughter of **Sue Merritt**, and mother of **Beau Carter** had to have emergency surgery Wednesday.

Colt Goodman will have surgery to have a rod placed in his leg on Friday May 21st.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God...

Romans 8:28
KJV



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 24, 2021
Job Chapters 19-21

May 25, 2021
Job Chapters 22-24

May 26, 2021
Job Chapters 25-27

May 27, 2021
Job Chapters 28-31

May 28, 2021
Job Chapters 32-34

May 29, 2021
Job Chapters 35-37

May 30, 2021
Job Chapters 38-41

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

All these members and friends have continuing health concerns or other special circumstances. They appreciate your interest and prayers.

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| 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 |
| Georgia Cagle | | |

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 Study in auditorium at 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship service 10:30 am
Wednesday Night service will be online.
Burnt Cabin - June 13th - 19th