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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

For God so loved the world, that He gave
His only begotten Son.
John 3:16

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 23, 2021

Bible School 52
Worship Service 95
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening Online
Contribution \$3,480.28

SERVING THE CONGREGATION

MAY 30, 2021

Announcements: Dennis Brodersen
Scripture Reader: Ron Taffe
Song Director: Dale Beard
Opening Prayer: Steve Kelly
Sermon: Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer: Ken Whittington
Lord's Supper: Bob Stephens

NORTH

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Eric Park

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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/UCq8ft4soarDDSYork8ol9xpw?>

Central's Webpage:

<http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php/t=sermons>

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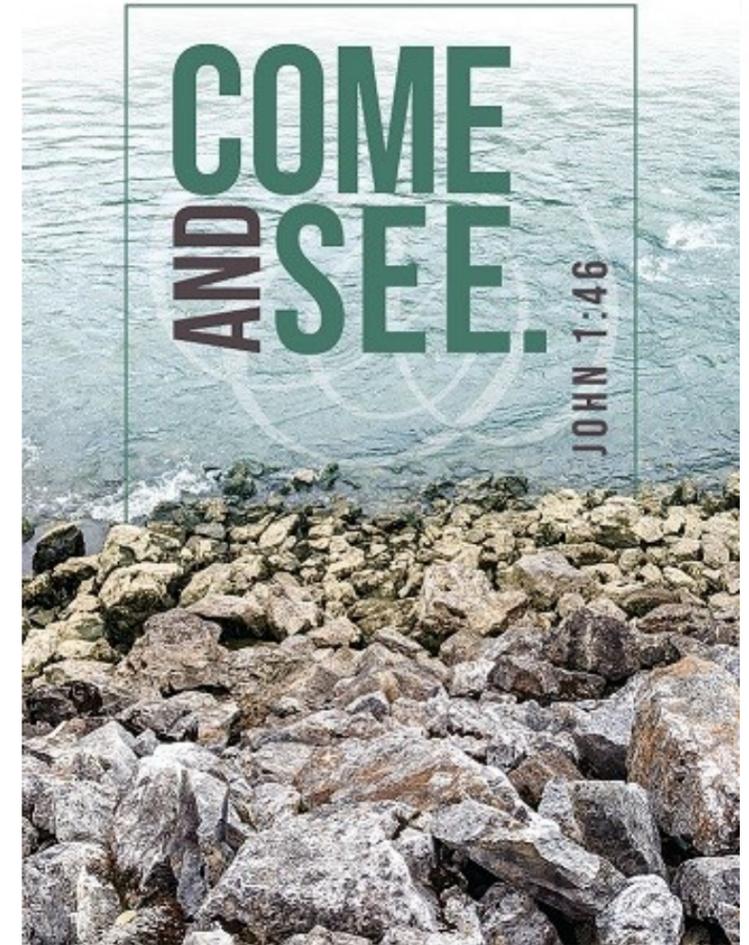
If you would like for someone to bring you communion supplies, pick up your contribution, or have any other needs please call the Church office at 405-273-3065, or you can contact one of our Elders or Deacons.

Our 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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Dying to Live

Romans 7

Death plays an especially important role in the life of a Christian. The death that takes place at baptism is a key part of the salvation process for many reasons. Before death, an individual is bound by law. This means that keeping the law perfectly is required for salvation to be a possibility. Being bound by the law is to bear its blessings and curses. The blessings are associated with perfect compliance, and the curses are associated with transgression. The curse of the law is that those who break the law are deserving of death.

This is what Paul has proven: all have broken the law (chapter 3). The question is, is Paul talking about just Mosaic law? It is interesting how it is almost like he is talking about the moral standard for both Jew and Gentile (Jew chapter 2; Gentile chapter 1). We all must have faith (chapter 4) to receive God's grace (chapter 5) through Jesus (chapter 6). Through Jesus we die and are raised to live a new life. Before we die, we are bound to perfectly keep God's standard (law without grace) and if unable (all are unable), to receive punishment for our sin. Therefore, it would be in our best interest to die so that we are no longer bound to the law. For example, a married couple are bound by law if both parties are living ("til death do us part"). If one of the parties in the married couple goes and marries another, that person is an adulterer (law breaker). But once one of the parties dies, the living party is no longer married to the one who has died, and thus, free to remarry. Before Jesus, we are all lawbreakers because we have broken the law (sin).

This is all to illustrate how we died through Jesus' death so that we are no longer bound to "perfect law keeping" for salvation (which is impossible). Instead, we are "married" to Christ to live a life of righteousness.

But if the law results in sin and death, it seems that the law would be a bad thing? The opposite is true. If I am to live a life of righteousness, I must know what righteousness is. If I am falling short of God's standard, it helps to know the standard from which I am falling short. The standard that gives life is beautiful. It is only when I fall short of that standard that I am deserving of death. But the standard is good and just. Therefore, the Jew

loved the Torah. The Torah was life and goodness. But because of transgression, the Torah/law reminds that we need grace apart from the Torah.

The moral standard of God functions to reveal my own sinfulness. I do not want to be sinful, but I fall short of the standard of God. This conflict exists in me: I know how I should live, but I fall short of this standard. I am a sinner, I am guilty, and I need deliverance. It is only through Jesus Christ that I can receive the deliverance that I long for. I groan because of temptation, and I groan because of suffering in this life, but in Christ, I have the beautiful hope of deliverance.

Notice how many times Paul says "I". Paul has personalized the gospel message. I encourage you to do the same. Read chapter 7 or summarize it in your own words from your own perspective. Perhaps, as a prayer to God. Use the word "I" in the way Paul does. This is the conflict of life that we all face as humans, but Jesus gives us the hope we need to endure in faith.

Logan Edmison

Dakota Garrouette and Brian Eller put on Christ in baptism Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Let us welcome our new brothers in Christ and be sure to show them how much we love them.

And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.



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 was released from the hospital on Tuesday.

Beau Carter is having some health issues and had a short stay in the hospital. He is now home.

Colt Goodman had surgery to place a rod in his leg. He has a doctors appointment this coming week.

Colt Goodman would like to thank everyone for their prayers during this time. He is looking forward to being able to come worship with us soon.

Rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee.

Deuteronomy 26:11 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 31, 2021
Job Chapters 42, Psalm 1-2

June 01, 2021
Psalm Chapters 3-5

June 02, 2021
Psalm Chapters 6-9

June 03, 2021
Psalm Chapters 10-12

June 04, 2021
Psalm Chapters 13-15

June 05, 2021
Psalm Chapters 16-19

June 06, 2021
Psalm Chapters 20-22

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 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