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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

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:
June 6, "Peace With God"
June 13, "You Can Have Eternal Life"
June 20, "The Love of God"
June 27, "The Grace of God"

Record for May 30, 2021

Bible School 54
Worship Service 92
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening Online
Contribution \$4,445.37

SERVING THE CONGREGATION

June 06, 2021

Announcements: Bob Stephens
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Opening Prayer: Dale Beard
Sermon: Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer: Ken Whittington
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You Can Find Our Worship Service On:

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralchurchofchristshawneeok/>

 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq8ft4soarDDSYok8ol9xpw?>

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

If you would like to mail your offering, mail it to:

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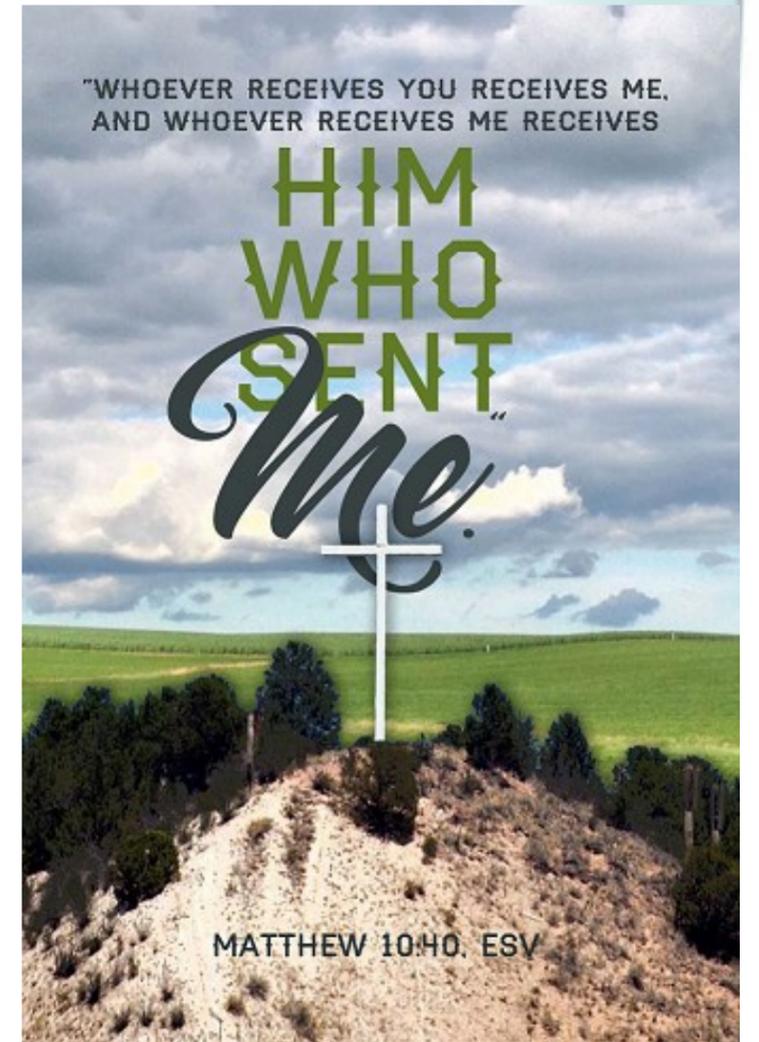
If you would like for someone to bring you communion supplies, pick up your contribution, or have any other needs please call the Church office at 405-273-3065, or you can contact one of our Elders or Deacons.

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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The Image of God

Romans 8:1-30

To be made in God's image is to bear the image of God. "Image" in the Septuagint Greek is the word that we get our English word "icon". It is a word that is often translated as "idol". Think about it, mankind constructed "images" in the likeness of whatever deity they were trying to reflect into the world, but people are the "images" that God created to reflect Himself into the world (Genesis 1:26). The human "image" to reflect God's identity into the world stopped functioning as it was intended to function. Instead of reflecting God's image, mankind became a strange (opposite of holy), unrecognizable image. As a matter of fact, they began constructing their own images with which to bow down to instead of the supreme "imager", God. Mankind is not fulfilling its intended purpose.

Man-made idols that reflect gods into the world have no spirit. "Spirit" is the life-giving quality that is needed for something to be "animate". Mankind was intended to have spirit to accurately reflect God's identity into the world, but that alone would not accomplish that task (all animate life has spirit). Not just any spirit was adequate. They needed God's Spirit to accurately reflect God's identity into the world. In the Old Testament, God's Spirit could not stay with mankind because they were flesh (Genesis 6:3). The Spirit of God dwelled "among" the people in the temple, but always in "proximity" to the people. This obviously is not ideal. The law functioned to create a people that could sufficiently reflect God's identity into the world, but because of the "flesh" element, the same that existed in Genesis 6, the people failed. The images did not accurately reflect God's image (Image or "Name," both are words pointing to "identity" Exodus 34:5-7, see third commandment Exodus 20:7).

The one who is in Christ Jesus does not live according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. God's life-giving Spirit is setting me free from what the law could not accomplish. The law functioned to provide the schematics for an accurate way to reflect God in the world, but not the solution for if man failed. Man's failures must be factored into the equation. No equation of "imaging" is sufficient without the variable of "sin".

Now that we can have the Spirit of God through Christ, we can now begin to live with the mind of the Spirit. The Spirit not only gives life, but He also

informs our behavior away from fleshly living (process of sanctification, becoming holy ones). The result of this is "offspring". Those who reflect God's identity into the world with His Spirit are His children and holy ones.

This behavior is especially relevant in context. The context of our lives is not "rainbows and sunshine" all the time. As a matter of fact, in a world full of people that are not reflecting God's image into the world, the result is a world full of suffering. The creation itself is a perfect illustration of this. Obviously, the planet earth does not "feel" but for the purposes of showing us the effect sin has on our very existence, Paul shows that sin changes everything. The function of the world is to sustain the images of God. If the images are not functioning as God's images, then the world is not functioning as it was designed either. If the earth is not functioning how it was designed to function, then its very existence is pointless/vain/futile. Mankind, when they ceased to reflect God's image into the world, subjected the world to this futility. But even in this subjection, there is hope that the children of God, those that reflect God's image, carry His name, and model His identity, might be revealed yet again. This is the "groaning" of creation, which perfectly illustrates our own "groaning", getting back to God's intended purpose. Our hope is our deliverance from the weakness of the flesh (Romans 7:24). It is God in the Spirit who gives us the endurance we need in a reality that does not perfectly reflect God's intended purpose, that we might hope for a reality that does.

28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."

"Glorification" is the "good" and the deliverance that comes to those who love God and reflect His image (which is the holy image of His Son) into the world.

Logan Edmison

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IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Floyd Davis, a former member here at Central, fell on Sunday night. He has multiple fractures to the left side of his body and his back. He is in the OU Medical Center and the family is asking for prayers. If you would like to mail a card of encouragement to Floyd and Juanita please do so to:

Floyd and Juanita Davis
8 Fischer Drive
Shawnee, OK 74804
405-275-1362

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.



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

June 07, 2021
Job Chapters 42, Psalm 1-2

June 08, 2021
Psalm Chapters 3-5

June 09, 2021
Psalm Chapters 6-9

June 10, 2021
Psalm Chapters 10-12

June 11, 2021
Psalm Chapters 13-15

June 12, 2021
Psalm Chapters 16-19

June 13, 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 **June is Dryer Sheets**. 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