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**IN SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY  
"These were more noble...  
they searched the scriptures daily..."  
**SEARCH PROGRAMS:**  
June 27, "The Grace of God"

Record for June 20, 2021

**Bible School** 55  
**Worship Service** 115  
**Sunday Evening** No Services  
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**June 27, 2021**

**Announcements:** Dennis Brodersen  
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**Sermon:** Logan Edmison  
**Closing Prayer:** Ron Taffe  
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**Central Church of Christ**  
**P.O. Box 1228**  
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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 GOSPEL GUIDE

## The Responsibility to Choose

**Bob Perry**

"...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

Viktor Frankl survived four Nazi death camps, including Auschwitz from 1942-1945. His parents and family members died in the camps. Influenced by his horrific experiences, Frankl developed a revolutionary approach to psychotherapy. At the core of his theory was the belief that humanity's primary motivational force is the search for meaning. A person could find personal meaning in life, no matter how dismal the circumstances might be. He wrote of his experiences and said, "Everything can be taken from a man but the last of the human freedoms...to choose one's attitude in any given circumstance, is to choose one's own way." If a person has purpose, they can deal with almost any circumstance.

According to the Book of Genesis, God created Adam and Eve and gave them three instructions; be fruitful and multiply, keep the garden, and do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They had only one prohibition. They were free to do anything in the garden except eat from the forbidden tree! **Adam and Eve had only one fundamental requirement and command and that was to obey.** Continued inside

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**The Responsibility to Choose continued...**

We still have that requirement to obey. We are obligated to take responsibility for our choices. We make hundreds of choices every day that come with consequences and rewards.

Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. The command was simple. Eve even quotes the commandment God gave them in Genesis 3:3, "...You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." Temptation began by doubting God, by humankind's arrogance to pit our will against his, and in believing a lie. The serpent took advantage of this responsibility to choose by telling a lie. To paraphrase the serpent, "You will not die! In fact you will be enlightened, you will be as smart as God knowing good and evil." The couple ate the fruit because it was attractive to the eye and came with the promise of wisdom. The consequence of disobeying God was death. Paul in I Corinthians 15:22 described the scope of Adam's choice by writing, "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

Other consequences occurred with this act of disobedience:

**Guilt** "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **they hid from the LORD** God among the trees of the garden." Genesis 3:7&8.

**Fear** "But the LORD God called to the man, 'Where are you?' He answered, 'I heard you in the garden, and I was **afraid** because I was naked; so I hid.'" Genesis 3:9&10.

**Denial and blame** "'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?' The man said, '**The woman you put here with me**—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.'" Genesis 3:11&12.

**Death** Although Adam and Eve were not immediately struck down; death soon became a part of their existence. "And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them." Genesis 3:21. In an attempt to hide their nakedness, Adam and Eve constructed clothes by sewing fig leaves together.

When God made them clothes from the skins of dead animals, it is possibly the first experience the two had with death. The couple also experienced the sorrow of death when their son Cain took the life of his brother Abel in Genesis 4:8.

Guilt, fear, denial, blame, and death: we still live with those consequences today when we disobey. James 1:13-15 says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted with evil and he himself tempts no one; each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death."

Like Adam and Eve, we look for someone to blame beside ourselves when we disobey. They blamed the serpent; we have found a multitude of things to blame. We blame society, our community, families, churches, economic conditions, or our background. The fact is, God created us with the ability and power to choose and with this empowerment comes responsibility. Humankind's purpose should be focused on God's will and aligning our will with his.

James said in James 4:7,8, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you."

Solomon concludes his search for spiritual meaning in Ecclesiastes by giving a chilling look at the magnitude of our responsibility to choose wisely. He writes in Ecclesiastes 12:14, "For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing whether good or evil." Jesus said in Luke 12:2, "Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known."

We have authority and responsibility over our choices. We are also accountable to God for those choices. The consequences and rewards will be ours as well.

**Take responsibility for choices you make.**



**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.

We have no members that are currently in the hospital.



Daniel and Alisa Beal have announced that they are placing membership. Alisa is the daughter of Sue Merritt and she is Beau Carter's mom.

Daniel and Alisa Beal  
329130 E 1021 RD  
Harrah, OK 73045

Alisa- 405-432-3149

Daniel- 405-508-5926

Let's welcome Daniel and Alisa to our church family.

Larry & Laura Markle have announced they are placing membership with the Central congregation. Larry and Laura just moved to Meeker from Kansas. We want to welcome both Larry and Laura to our church family.

Larry & Laura Markle  
341550 E 1010 RD  
Meeker, OK 74855

Larry-1-620-688-2754

Laura- 1-620-252-0564

Sympathy is expressed to Emma White with the passing of her son Rickie White on June 17, 2021.



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 28, 2021  
Psalm Chapters 91-94

June 29, 2021  
Psalm Chapters 95-97

June 30, 2021  
Psalm Chapters 98-100

July 01, 2021  
Psalm Chapters 101-104

July 02, 2021  
Psalm Chapters 105-107

July 03, 2021  
Psalm Chapters 108-110

July 04, 2021  
Psalm Chapters 111-114

**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  | Floyd Davis        |
| Georgia Cagle |                 |                    |

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday Bible Study in auditorium at 9:30 am**

**Sunday Morning Worship service 10:30 am**

**Wednesday Night service will be online.**