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SUNDAY	9:30 A.M.	5:00 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY	10:30 A.M.	
WORSHIP A.M.		
WORSHIP P.M.		

WEDNESDAY
MID-WEEK CLASSES
Online

IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY
"These were more noble...
they searched the scriptures daily..."

SEARCH PROGRAMS:
July 04- "The Heart"
July 11- "Watch Your Heart"
July 18- "Sins oof the Heart"
July 25- God Wants Your Heart"

Record for July 04, 2021

Bible School	46
Worship Service	90
Sunday Evening	No Services
Wednesday Evening	Online
Contribution	3,646.04

SERVING THE CONGREGATION

July 11, 2021

Announcements:	Dale Beard
Scripture Reader:	Dwyane Dennis
Song Director:	Austin Beard
Opening Prayer:	Cary Leonard
Sermon:	Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer:	Steve Kelly
Lord's Supper:	Dalton Path

NORTH	SOUTH
Matt Borchering	Chris Nipper
Clavin Norwood	Brian Nipper

PROJECTION & AUDIO CONTROL

Scott Perry	Tracy Wilcox
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You Can Find Our Worship Service On:

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

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

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

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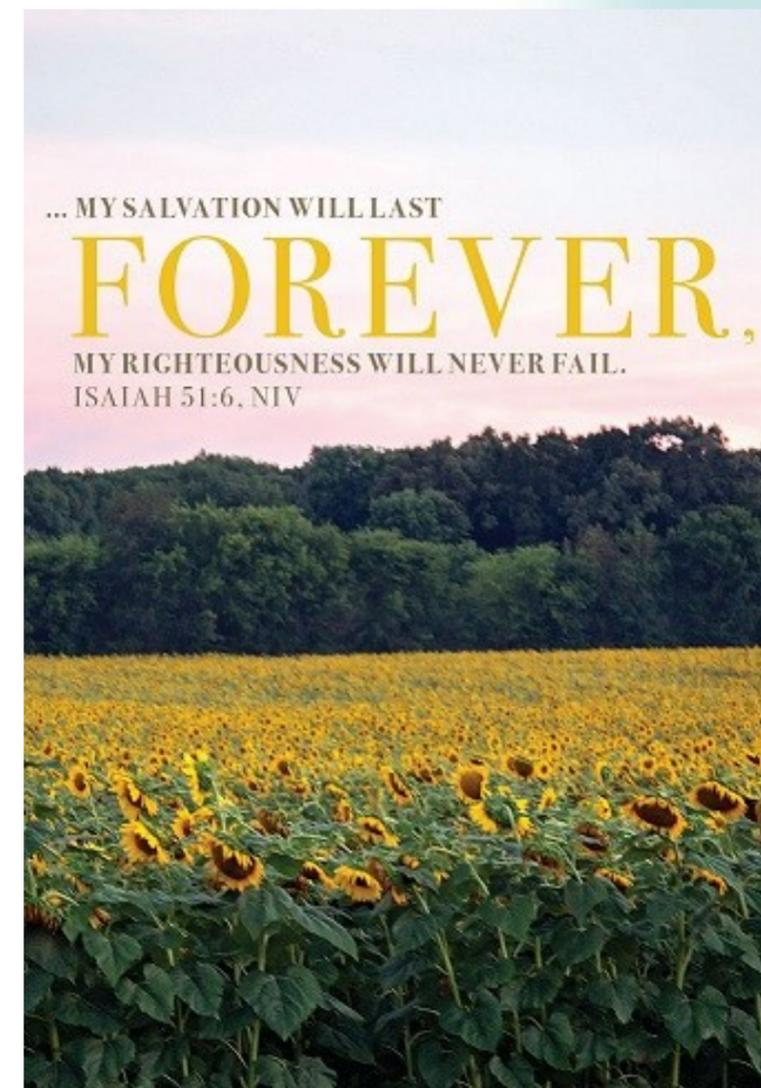
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If you would like for someone to bring you communion supplies, pick up your contribution, or have any other needs please call the Church office at 405-273-3065, or you can contact one of our Elders or Deacons. Our worship services are now being live 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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When God Builds a Church

I had the opportunity to take a master's class called Church Growth and Evangelism, and one of the assigned readings was When God Builds a Church, by Bob Russel. Just like with any book, you have to pick out the bones, but I really liked the premise. At the heart of the church of Christ is the principle of restoration. We, as the body of Christ, do not want to build a church. Christ has already established His church. Our goal as His body is to assume the identity of Christ in our lives and collectively as a congregation. What would a congregation look like if they allowed the scriptures to mold them? The author suggests that there are at least ten principles that every congregation needs to be built on.

The first is to make the truth of God's Word extremely important. The church must allow God to speak and yield to His voice. Second, Worship must be held in very high esteem. Worship is where we collectively connect with our Creator and in turn, connect with each other. Third, leadership is essential. This requires that the leaders strive for integrity, spirituality, and excellence. Speaking of which, fourth is excellence. This means that nothing short of excellent is acceptable. This requires patience, grace, and love to achieve in a healthy way. Fifth, is having a very ambitious faith. He says, make plans so big that if God is not with it, it will fail. Sixth, harmony. The entire congregation must cooperate toward a common vision, mission, and with the same values. Seventh is participation. What is vision, mission, and values if there is no one participating in the work of the kingdom? This means that the church must be made up of ministers (Ephesians 4:12). All must be equipped for the work of ministry. Eighth is fellowship. This is where the body of Christ seeks to meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the congregation. Ninth is stewardship. This is where the body gives sacrificially and the

leadership leads by example. And finally, evangelism. If Jesus' primary mission was to seek and save the lost, the mission of His body should be nothing short of this.

The body of Christ must be functional. The only way it can function is if all in the body are reflecting the image of Christ in their lives. When God made people in His image, they were expected to reflect God into the world. When He did this, He said everything He made was very good (functional). When mankind failed to reflect God's image, God came to earth to die for mankind. Now, in Him, we form His body. The church is made in the image of God; Jesus Christ. If we can be the body that we are called to be, then we will successfully reflect God to the world.

Logan Edmison

A note from the Elders

After watching numbers of COVID cases in our county, the eldership has determined now is a reasonable time to stop requesting that members wear masks in Bible class and worship services. We understand that some may prefer to keep wearing masks and you're welcome to do that. Whether we wear a mask or don't wear a mask, we know that we will all continue to treat each other with understanding and love.

Hopefully we will not have to go back to wearing masks, but we will continue to watch statistics and see what recommendations the health care community gives along the way. If reports and recommendations warrant wearing masks again, we will certainly consider taking that action.

Along with that news, we also want to make the congregation aware of a couple other things that will be happening soon. Beginning July 11 (this Sunday) we will resume meeting at the building Sunday afternoon at 5:00pm. This service will look a bit different from what we've done in the past. It will be more of a Bible class setting, similar to what we have done in the past for Wednesday evening class in the auditorium. Logan will present his recap of the week's Bible reading.

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The plan is to keep live streaming this class on Facebook Live for those that cannot be with us. We will offer communion to those that may need it at the evening service as well. We encourage all those that are comfortable and able to join Sunday evenings.

In August, we will begin our children's classes on Sunday mornings again for nursery up youth group. Our teachers are working hard to get that put together and ready to go by the first Sunday in August. We will also offer another adult Bible class at that time. Our Wednesday evening services should resume at or near that time as well.

In addition to getting back to the "normal" service times, the eldership has determined that it is time to search for and appoint new deacons to help with the many responsibilities and activities of our congregation. We currently have 5 deacons, down from 8 or 9 in the past.

Sunday, July 11, we will begin this process with Logan sharing a sermon regarding service to the church, the service of deacons specifically. The following Sunday we will hear from a few of the deacons and from Logan, followed up by the eldership with information on the time frame, how the selection will be handled, and the installation of these new deacons. Our hope is to have this process completed and have those servants who are chosen installed as deacons by mid-September.

This past year and a half has brought many difficulties and changes but God is Faithful and He has seen us through. We are so blessed at Central to have a loving and active church family and we look forward to the work ahead.

Bless every humble soul who, in these days of stress and strain, preaches sermons without words.

Peter Marshall

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.



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship service 10:30 am

Sunday Afternoon Service 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday Night service will be online.

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

July 12, 2021

Psalm Chapters 136-139

July 13, 2021

Psalm Chapters 140-142

July 14, 2021

Psalm Chapters 143-145

July 15, 2021

Psalm Chapters 146-149

July 16, 2021

Psalm Chapters 150, Proverbs 1-2

July 17, 2021

Proverbs Chapters 3-5

July 18, 2021

Proverbs Chapters 6-8

TIPTON HOME



Our Tipton Home collection for the month of **July is Kleenex**. Please place these items in the barrel in the foyer. Thank you.

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	Floyd Davis
Georgia Cagle		