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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. 5:00 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 18, 2021

Bible School 65
Worship Service 109
Sunday Evening 43
Wednesday Evening Online
Contribution 3,670.10

SERVING THE CONGREGATION

July 25, 2021

Announcements: Ron Taffe
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Opening Prayer: Eddie Beard
Sermon: Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer: Beau Carter
Lord's Supper: Bob Stephens
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Dalton Path Chris Nipper
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PROJECTION & AUDIO CONTROL
Tracy Wilcox Keith Lawrence

You Can Find Our Worship Service On:

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralchurchofchristshawneeok/>
 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq8ft4soarDDSOk8ol9xpw?>

 **Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M.**
Sunday Evening 5:00 P.M.
<http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php/t=sermons>

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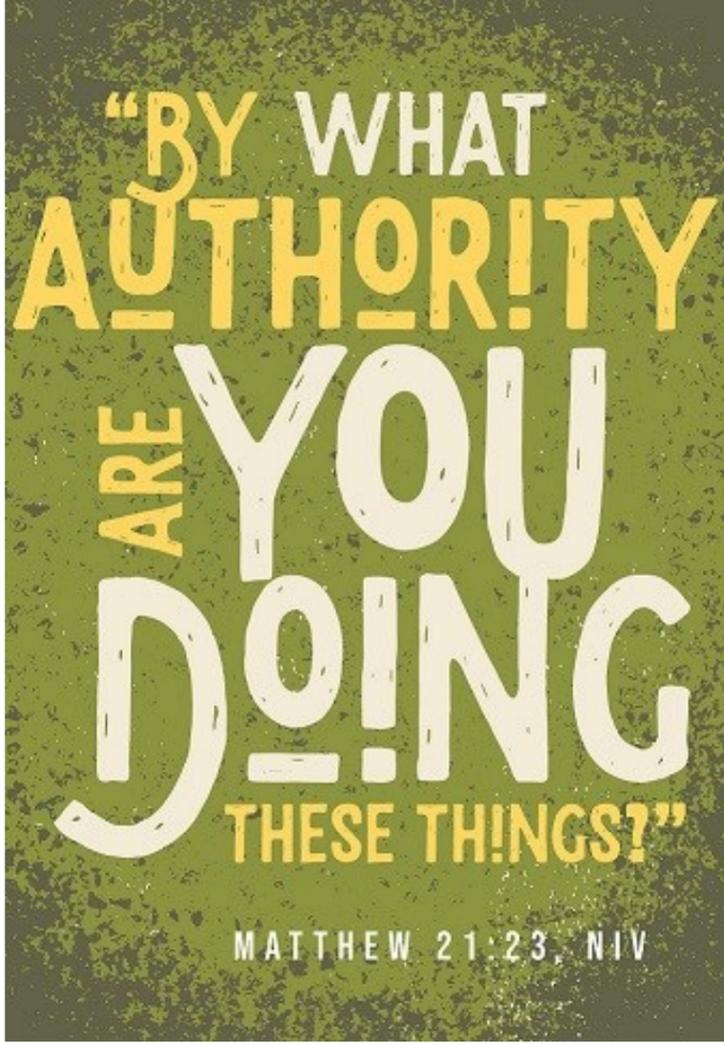
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Central Church of Christ
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God's Employee

Romans 9:30-33

If the gospel of righteousness by faith is true, how frustrated might people be that have worked their whole lives trying to be righteous by works? Paul is basically saying that the ones who are trying to be right are wrong, and the ones who are not trying to be right are right. Salvation through merit is earning your way to heaven. This is best illustrated by the question that the man asks Jesus, "...what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" (Matthew 19:16). Jesus' answer is remarkably interesting, because the implication of His response is, you must be a perfect person. This of course is impossible. Jesus even paves the way for this perfection. The problem is not knowing how to be perfect. We know to be perfect we do not sin. The problem is that we are not perfect. The appropriate follow-up question is, "Who then can be saved?" (19:25). And thus, Jesus gives the popular response, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (19:26), which seems to be the point of the conversation. This also shows that the law was never intended to make perfect people, it was to show imperfect people that they are not perfect. And just when you think that you are perfect, you find that there is always something missing.

The very next discussion is about the Messianic throne, and the twelve apostolic thrones in the Messianic age. Jesus' point is that there is a reward for self-sacrifice in the Kingdom, but He ends with, "But many who are first will be last, and the last first" (19:30). This He illustrates by a parable of workers in a vineyard that work different hours in the day, but all receive the same wage (20:1-16). The powerful response of the landowner is, "Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things?" (20:15). This reflects the important passage in Exodus 33:19

that Paul emphasizes in Romans 9, "I will have mercy on whoever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion" (Romans 9:15). Jesus closes by explaining what He meant by the phrase, the last will be first and the first last. And it is that "many are called, but few chosen" (Matthew 20:16).

What does this have to do with what Paul is talking about in Romans 9? The possibility of salvation is not found in what we do, but this does not make self-sacrifice irrelevant. Only that the reward of eternal life is not according to the value of the work, time of work, or even quality of work, but according to whom the landowner wants to give the reward. Jesus explains that the reward for self-sacrifice will be great, but it is not the basis of salvation. The blueprint of grace in Matthew 19-20 is remarkably insightful. In Jesus' words, the last are first and the first are last. In Paul's words, those that pursue righteousness will not find it, and those that do not pursue righteousness will. Righteousness apart from works of righteousness is impossible, but with God it is possible; it is the Messiah that makes it possible. In response to this grace, we work the Lord's field with all our hearts, no matter when we were employed. Those offended by this grace will reject this stumbling stone, Jesus Christ. But "whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame" (Romans 9:33; Isaiah 28:16).

Logan Edmison

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.



Don Mack will have surgery August 5 to repair his left arm.

Debbie Taffe broke her foot in a recent fall.

Diane Lawrance will have surgery on August 13 to remove the kidney on which they found cancer.

Blake Carter will see the neurosurgeon on Monday July 26 in Tulsa.

The Tipton home truck will be in our area August 17- 19 to pick up supplies. Things that they need at this time are . Assorted Cereal, Saltine Crackers, Tea Bags, Vegetable Oil, White Vinegar, Honey, Mayo, Salsa, Hamburger Helper.

Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Luncheon Napkins, Body Wash, Disinfectant Wipes.

Please put these items in the barrel in the foyer.

APPOINTING NEW DEACONS

Last Sunday, July 18, the elders asked the congregation to make recommendations for men whom you believe to be qualified to serve in the role of deacon. Forms listing the qualifications for deacons, a place to make your recommendations, and a place for your signature are available at each of the exits of the auditorium. We ask that you submit your **signed** recommendations by Sunday, August 1. You may hand your recommendations to one of the elders or place them in a collection box on the table in the foyer. If you prefer, you may send your recommendations to centralcofcshawnee@gmail.com. On August 1 the elders will begin reviewing recommendations and interviewing those men who were selected by the congregation. On Sunday August 15, the names of those who are willing to serve will be presented to the congregation.

The participation of each member in this process is important. Please provide the elders with your insights and observations for the men you believe to be qualified and then later for those men that are presented to the congregation as prospective deacons.

As we move forward in this process, be praying for wisdom and guidance that all will be done in love and respect for God's Word, for the Church, and for the men being selected.

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

July 26, 2021
Ecclesiastes Chapters 1-4

July 27, 2021
Ecclesiastes Chapters 5-7

July 28, 2021
Ecclesiastes Chapters 8-10

July 29, 2021
Ecclesiastes Chapters 11-12, Song 1

July 30, 2021
Song of Solomon Chapters 2-4

July 31, 2021
Song of Solomon Chapters 5-7

August 01, 2021
Song of Solomon Chapters 8, Isaiah 1-2

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

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		

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

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



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.