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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>WORSHIP A.M.</b>	<b>WORSHIP P.M.</b>
	9:30 A.M.	10:30 A.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:**  
August 01, "I Believe in God"  
August 08, "I Believe in Christ"  
August 15, "I Believe in the Bible"  
August 22, "I Believe in the Church"  
August 29, "I Believe in Morality"

Record for August 22, 2021

Bible School 57  
Worship Service 104  
Sunday Evening 37  
Wednesday Evening Online  
Contribution 3,449.30

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION**


**August 29, 2021**

Announcements: Dale Beard  
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Song Director: Austin Beard  
Opening Prayer: Dennis Brodersen  
Sermon: Logan Edmison  
Closing Prayer: Roger Farris  
Lord's Supper: Paul Harris

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**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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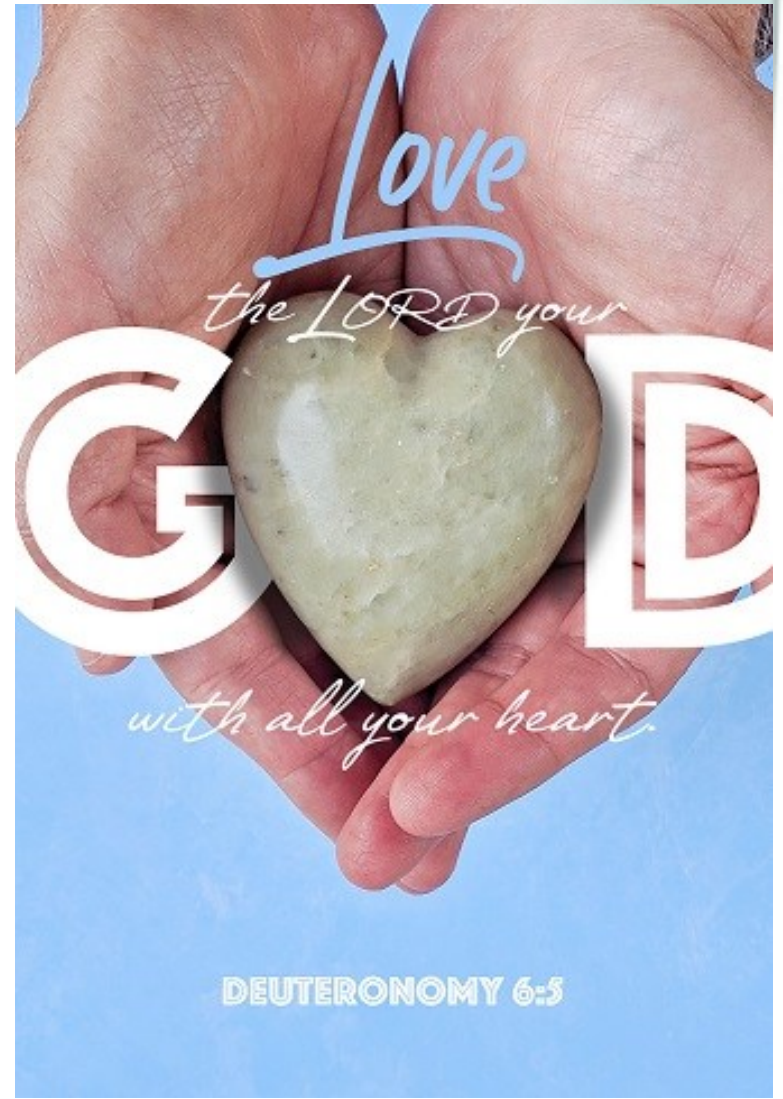
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# THE GOSPEL GUIDE



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## Election of Grace

Romans 11:1-10

The evidence that God has not cast away all of Israel is Paul himself. If God has cast out all of Israel, then Paul would also be cast out. It is especially significant that he is of the tribe of Benjamin, because Benjamin was a small tribe of Israel. The reason that had become so small in the Old Testament was because of the civil war that took place at the end of the book of Judges. The depravity that existed in Benjamin was like that of Sodom, and it was so appalling to Israel, a nation that was already slipping into depravity themselves, that they wanted to respond in all out war. The people of Benjamin were almost completely wiped out, and if so, Paul would never have existed. From all the depravity that existed in the Old Testament, it is astounding that any Israelites exist at all that desire to seek God. The captivity was a very effective disciplinary tool that God used to straighten His people out, but even then, most of them were still depraved. This is evidenced in the post-exilic books that indicated that the people are still immoral (Nehemiah, Malachi, etc.).

Thus, Paul's example of Elijah perfectly illustrates this remnant. It is the heritage of people like Elijah that has not completely died out. God's response to Elijah is not to say that the remnant is large, but that it is bigger than you might think. Paul identifies this as the election of grace.

What then is the election of grace? Notice the divine response, "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal" (11:4). The terms of reservation are dependent on what this small remnant chooses to do. A remnant member is defined by whom they do or do not bow their knee. God is the one who chooses to reserve, but the reserved are the ones who choose to be faithful. This means that God chooses the ones that choose Him. This is consistent to His law, "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep His commandments; and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them" (Deuteronomy 7:9-

10). God loves those who love Him, and He punishes those who hate Him.

This does not mean that grace is earned, it means that the terms of the grace are that they are "men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." It must be this way because if the salvation is according to work, not even those who had not bowed their knee to Baal would be saved.

So why has God caused them to be disobedient? Paul cites two passages. In Deuteronomy 29, the Israelites have seen the LORD's work before their eyes ever since Egypt, and yet, it seems that they are not connecting the dots. And thus, in Deuteronomy 29:9, Israel is encouraged to obey Him that they may prosper. In Psalm 69, David, very similarly to Elijah, feels that he is surrounded by evil and the wicked. Therefore, David appeals to God for His mercy and loving-kindness for deliverance. The ones whom David is hoping to be blinded are His enemies, and likewise, the enemies of the Lord. David is praying for justice for the wicked.

Israel is now acting as God's enemy because they have rejected His grace. Therefore, God is only causing them to be disobedient by giving them laws toward which they refuse to be obedient. In Deuteronomy 29, the appeal is to choose to be obedient. The appeal in Psalm 69 is that God saves those who choose to be obedient and punish those that choose to be disobedient. This is precisely the terms of the election of grace.

## Logan Edmison

We want to welcome Nathan Curtis the nephew of Joe an Amber Curtis to our Church Family. Nathan was baptized into Christ on Wednesday August 18th 2021. Let's welcome Nathan to our Central Church Family.



## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

**We have no members currently in the hospital.**

**Alisa Beal** was released from the hospital on Tuesday August 24.

**Blake Carter** will see his Dr. on Sept 1 to get the pathology report from his surgery.

### Deacon Search Update

Scott Perry, Dalton Path, and Austin Beard, were presented to the congregation for consideration to serve as deacons. These men were recommended by the congregation as men found to have the characteristics of a deacon found in 1 Timothy 3. If anyone has any scriptural reason why any of the men presented should not serve in this capacity, please submit these concerns in writing to one of the elders by (today) Sunday, August 29.

Mike Sullivan the son of the late Don Sullivan passed away August 21. Please remember the Sullivan family at this time. A Celebration of Life will be August 27 in Rockwall, Texas.



We would like to express our sympathy to the family of Keith Lawrence and family with the passing of his mother Sandra Pollard.



### TIPTON HOME

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



## Reading the Bible in a Year Together

August 30, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 29-31

August 31, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 32-34

September 01, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 35-38

September 02, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 39-41

September 03, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 42-44

September 04, 2021  
Jeremiah, Chapters 45-48

September 05, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 49-51

### CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Don Mack	Fredith Hanifan	Blake Carter
Chad Beard	John Sullivan	Selene Williams
Carla Dame	Floyd Davis	Dorothy Strickland
Carl Weeks	Diane Lawrence	Thearlene Morris
Emma White	Frank Romberg	John Rampey
Boyd Cheney	Georgia Cagle	Sandon Hilditch
Debbie Taffe	Debra Campbell	Winona Seikel

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

### 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.**  
**September 26- Installation of new deacons.**