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BRING A FRIEND AND ATTEND		
SUNDAY		9:30 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY		10:30 A.M.
WORSHIP A.M.		5:00 P.M.
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WEDNESDAY		
MID-WEEK CLASSES		6:00 P.M.
And Online		

IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..."

SEARCH PROGRAMS:

- October 3, "Impoverished in Spirit"
- October 10, "Mourning Over Sin"
- October 17, "Hungering for Righteousness"
- October 24, "The Beauty of Forgiveness"
- October 31, "The Righteous Life"

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

October 04, 2021
Obad, Jonah 1-2

October 05, 2021
Jonah 3-4, Micah 1

October 06, 2021
Micah 2-4

October 07 30, 2021
Micah 5-7

October 08, 2021
Nahum 1-3


October 09, 2021
Habakkuk 1-3

October 10, 2021
Zephaniah 1-3

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>

This will be uploaded later in the day.

If you would like to mail your offering, mail it to:
Central Church of Christ
P.O. Box 1228
Shawnee, OK 74802

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



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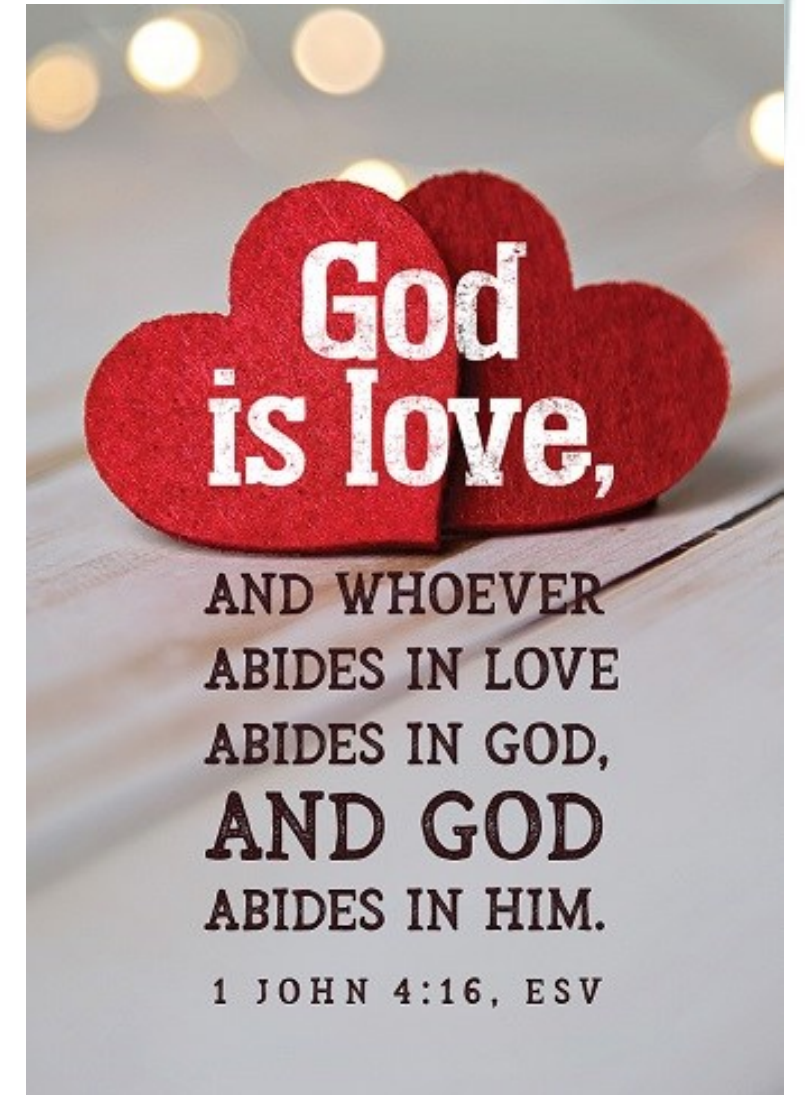
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The Christian Backbone – Part 2

Romans 13

Having a “backbone” is used as a figure of speech to speak of someone’s integrity to stand behind their convictions. The backbone of the human body is essential to whether the body can “stand up” or not. If someone did not have a backbone, they would collapse. This figure of speech shows that if someone does not have integrity to stand behind their convictions, then they do not have a backbone.

I want to suggest that the Christian backbone is love. Love is the conviction that is essential to the Christian life, and without which, the Christian life would collapse. To be blunt, with love, someone can live as a Christian, without love, no one can. We ought to be so committed and convicted to love that we show it no matter what.

Paul defines love as that which “does no harm to a neighbor” (Romans 13:10). This does not justify passive love, but it does enlighten us to know what love looks like. If someone is doing something that is harmful to another individual, that is not love. “Harm” is defined as acting injuriously or wronging them. The opposite of hurting or wronging someone is loving them. Love that is not shown is hurtful. Just ask anyone who felt neglected by their parents.

In his book, *Life on the Vine*, Philip Kenneson provides some ways that we can cultivate love. First, by paying attention to others. This requires that we put others before ourselves. He modifies this slightly and says to make a “deliberate attempt to pay attention to another for the sake of the other” (p.48). We need to get outside of our own boxes, and see people in the situations that they are in. Second, is by receiving and giving graciously. This presents a real problem in the church: everyone wants to help, but no one wants to be helped. There are exceptions to this, of course, but it is sometimes hard to receive. It is not just giving, but the way that we give that matters. We can certainly give ungraciously. We can give gifts, encouragement, and our time, just to name a few.

Without love, our Christianity collapses. We can show our love by paying attention to our brethren and giving graciously. This love does no harm, but instead, fulfills the law. We must have the "backbone" to love in this way all the time.

Logan Edmison



Dorothy Strickland's family has requested prayers for Dorothy. She suffered a stroke last week. As of today (Monday) she is still in the hospital. She has regained her speech, but will need rehab to regain strength in her legs. Cards and prayers will be appreciated.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- 4) Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
- 5) It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
- 6) Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
- 7) It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- 8) Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

Join us for a Wednesday Night study
You can join online or come to the building at 6:00p.m.



TIPTON HOME



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

Record for September 26, 2021

Bible Study	51
Worship Service	75
Sunday Evening	27
Wednesday Evening	Online and 25
Contribution	\$4,371.26

SERVING THE CONGREGATION

October 03, 2021

Announcements:	Bob Stephens
Scripture Reader:	Larry Markle
Song Director:	Austin Beard
Opening Prayer:	Cary Leonard
Sermon:	Eddie Beard
Closing Prayer:	Jim Walling
Lord's Supper:	Ron Taffe

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SOUTH

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Matt Borcharding

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Dalton Path

Keith Lawrence

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Don Mack	Fredith Hanifan	Blake Carter
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Carl Weeks	Diane Lawrence	Thearlene Morris
Emma White	Frank Romberg	John Rampey
Boyd Cheney	Georgia Cagle	Sandon Hilditch
	Debra Campbell	Winona Seikel

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 or join us in the auditorium.