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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:

November 7, "God Is at Work in Baptism"
November 14, "What Love Means"
November 21, "Thirsting for God"
November 28, "Is the Truth Important"

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

- November 01, 2021
Luke 6-8
- November 02, 2021
Luke 9-11
- November 03, 2021
Luke 12-15
- November 04, 2021
Luke 16-18
- November 05, 2021
Luke 19-21
- November 06, 2021
Luke 22-24, John 1
- November 07, 2021
John 2-4

You Can Find Our Worship Service On:

-  <https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralchurchofchristshawneeok/>
-  <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq8ft4soarDDSYork8ol9xpw?>

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>

Videos 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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- Steve Kelly
- Bob Stephens

DEACONS:

- Dale Beard
- Joe Curtis
- Tracy Gettle
- Keith Lawrence
- Ron Taffe

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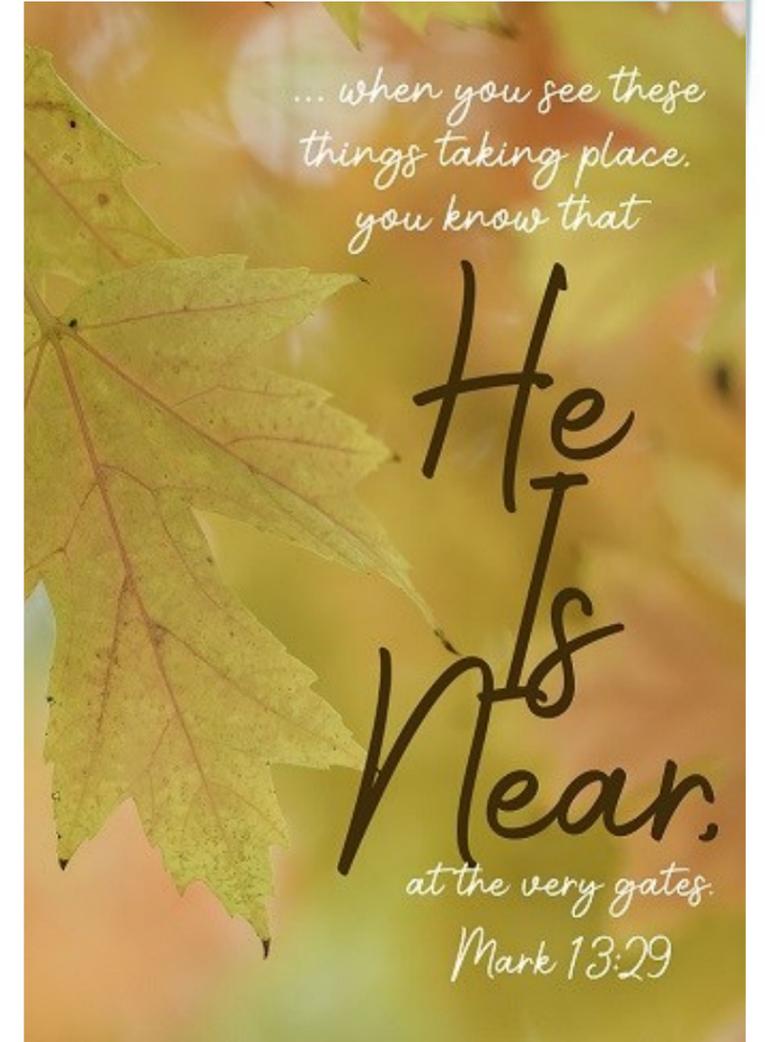
Logan Edmison

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- Haiti Children's Home
- Hope Harbor Children's Home
- Lilyfield Christian & Adoption
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- In Search of the Lord's Way
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Avoid Division

Romans 16:17-20

Some people are divisive. Whether by talking about controversy that has no biblical support, or by pushing people away through malice and gossip, they cause division. They are self-motivated and deceptive. They use words that sound good, but they can cause a lot of damage to those that are very receptive. It is good to be receptive of truth, but for those that cannot yet distinguish truth from deceit, they can be influenced in destructive directions. Anything that is damaging needs to be strongly evaluated. It is important that in this evaluation, there is an understanding of how to distinguish truth from deceit. Division comes when we are incapable of doing this and we apply the scriptures incorrectly.

Therefore, it is important to be “wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil” (16:19). When I worked at a bank, tellers were taught how to distinguish what real dollar bills looked like. They did not need to study what all forged dollar bills looked like. All they needed to know is what the real ones looked like. If any were handed to them that were a forgery, they would know because they were so familiar with what was real, the forgeries were obvious.

The same was true for checks. If ever I saw a check that looked suspicious, I would always take it to a teller. There were checks that sent up “red flags”. In other words, there was something about the checks that just did not seem right. It required a much deeper investigation. There was also a question as to whether the checks reflected an account that had funds available for the amount written. A check that has “one million dollars” written on it, does not mean there are “one million dollars” available.

How do we know if something is “contrary to the doctrine” of Christ? First, we must be so familiar with the teachings of Christ, that anything else would stand out to us as fake. This requires immersion in the text. If we skip this step, any discernment is impossible. Second, we must be sensitive to “red flags” that we feel when exposed to something that is unfamiliar to us. Third, we must have the willingness to dig deeper if necessary and know how to “dig” effectively. This step will always be necessary no matter how much we immerse ourselves in the text of the Bible. And finally, we must be able to determine whether a claim or action has the “value” that it claims to have, and then respond appropriately. When you do this diligently, you know that “the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly”.

Logan Edmison

Romans 16:17-20

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen



We currently have no members in the hospital at this time.

Deacon installation

Scott Perry and **Dalton Path** will be installed as Deacons today October 31, 2021. We want to thank them and the other men of the congregation for their willingness to serve.

1 Timothy 3:8-13

8In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. 9They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. 10They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. 11In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. 12A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. 13Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

Hayride at Bob & Janet Stephens house. This will be on Saturday November 4 at 5:00 p.m.. If you need directions or have any questions please see Bob or Janet. What do you need to bring? A jacket, lawn chair, and shoes you do not mind getting muddy.



TIPTON HOME

Our Tipton Home collection for the month of **October** is **Liquid HE laundry soap**. Please place these items in the barrel in the foyer. Thank you



Record for October 24, 2021

Bible Study	59
Worship Service	83
Sunday Evening	35
Wednesday Evening	Online and 29
Contribution	\$3,900.93

SERVING THE CONGREGATION

October 31, 2021

Announcements:	Steve Kelly
Scripture Reader:	Eddie Beard
Song Director:	Dale Beard
Opening Prayer:	Dwyane Dennis
Sermon:	Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer:	Paul Harris
Lord's Supper:	Dennis Brodersen

NORTH

Eric Park
Don Hair

Deacon Installation

Prayer for the Deacons

SOUTH

Clavin Norwood
Chris Nipper

Bob Stephens

Steve Kelly

PROJECTION & AUDIO CONTROL

Keith Lawrence

Ron Taffe

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Don Mack	Chad Beard
Carla Dame	Carl Weeks
Emma Whit	Boyd Cheney
Lola Mullinax	John Rampey
Blake Carter	John Sullivan
Winona Seikel	Frank Romberg
Georgia Cagle	Debra Camp
Diane Lawrence	Fredith Hanifan
Selene Williams	Sandon Hilditch
Dorothy Strickland	Thearlene Morris

LOOKING AHEAD

October 31- Deacon Installment
November 4- Hay Ride at the Stephens