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SUNDAY		9:30 A.M.	
BIBLE STUDY		10:30 A.M.	
WORSHIP		5:00P.M.	
BIBLE STUDY			6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY			
BIBLE STUDY			
ALL AVAILABLE ONLINE			

IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

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

SEARCH PROGRAMS:
 December 05, "Thy Will Be Done"
 December 12, "God Has Spoken"
 December 19, "The Greatest Gift"
 December 26, "The Second Coming"

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

December 13, 2021
2 Thessalonians 1-3

December 14, 2021
1 Timothy 1-3

December 15, 2021
1 Timothy 4-6

December 16, 2021
2 Timothy 1-4

December 17, 2021
Titus 1-3

December 18, 2021
Philemon, Hebrews 1-2

December 19, 2021
Hebrews 3-6

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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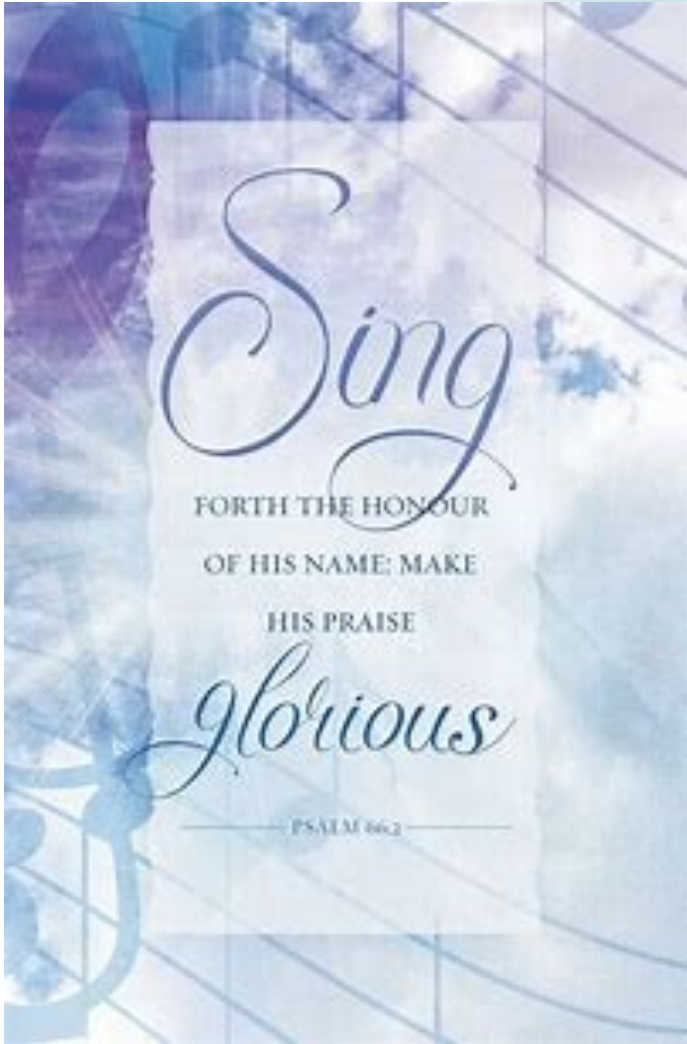
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You Are Not Fooling God

Chapter 5

The new Messianic Kingdom was still in its infancy. There is a question that must be asked, will this be just another Jewish religion? In the Jewish religion of the day there was corruption that had existed throughout the history of the Jewish people. There were many good leaders in the history of the Jewish people, but almost everyone was noted to have made some mistake in their leadership. It was through manipulation and corruption that the religious leaders led in the time of Christ. This is clearly seen in the crucifixion of Christ. Would the church be just a copy of this same type of leadership?

Many believe that the judgment on Ananias and Sapphira was a harsh one. They told one lie and they were immediately, one by one, struck down to death. Many of us might worry that if God acted like this toward us, we all would have died not long after our own conversions. Why does God deal with this situation in this way?

I believe the answer is consistent with the rest of the chapter.

Immediately following, the text says that many were healed by a variety of illnesses and demon possessions. The high priest rose up with the Sadducees and threw the apostles in prison. An angel frees them and commands them to stand in the Temple and preach the words of life (5:20). When the officers arrived at the prison to bring them to the council to be judged, they found God had already judged and freed them. The words of life are that Jesus was murdered and that repentance and the forgiveness of sins are available to Israel. First, God decides who is guilty and who is innocent.

Gamaliel argues that if this is just another strange teaching, it will come to nothing. But if it is from God, "you cannot overthrow it – lest you even be found to fight against God" (5:39). Therefore, second, God decides what will stand and what will fall.

Now to Ananias and Sapphira, this was bigger than, "they sinned; now they need to repent of their sin." God provided a final judgment of guilt making clear the kind of corruption and hypocrisy that would not stand in the church. Doing what is right because it is right is the standard, but often we are tempted to not take this standard seriously. The two people on trial probably believed that their actions were well within their right to do. I do not believe that they could not have kept back part of the money if they needed it. What I know is that they claimed to be giving their all when they were not. This will not be tolerated in regard to Christian influence.

God is the judge, and corruption and hypocrisy will not stand in the church. The questions we need to ask ourselves are, "are we giving our all?, and "are we holding anything back?"

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Logan Edmison



We currently have no Central members in the hospital.

Mark Farris, the brother of **Roger Farris**, had a stroke a couple weeks ago but is now at home recovering and doing well.

The Beard Family:

Denise's mother, **Roberta Bonds**, passed away and her services were held last Sunday December 5th. Please keep **Denise** and the **Beard family** in your prayers.

Tandy Dodgen:

Amanda Edmison's mom was diagnosed with Covid and admitted to the hospital. Her condition is touch and go but she has been showing some improvement. She has had some other health concerns that have come up since she was admitted.

My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the LORD, because you know that your labor in the LORD is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

TIPTON HOME

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



RECORD FOR December 05, 2021

Bible Study	52
Worship Service	83
Sunday Evening	25
Wednesday Evening	25
Contribution	\$ 5,154.25

SERVING THE CONGREGATION December 12, 2021

Announcements:	Bob Stephens
Scripture Reader:	Dennis Brodersen
Song Director:	Dale Beard
Opening Prayer:	Steve Kelly
Sermon:	Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer:	Roger Farris

Lord's Supper:	Eddie Beard
Elevator Side:	Annex Side:
Austin Beard	Paul Harris
Matt Borcharding	Joe Curtis

Projection:	Video/Audio:
Tracy Wilcox	Keith Lawrence

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Don Mack	Chad Beard
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LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:00 pm