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BRING A FRIEND AND ATTEND			
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 20, 2021
Hebrews 7-9

December 21, 2021
Hebrews 10-12

December 22, 2021
Hebrews 13, James 1-3

December 23, 2021
James 4-5, 1 Peter 1

December 24, 2021
Ti1 Peter 2-4

December 25 2021
1 Peter 5, 2 Peter 1-3


December 26, 2021
1 John 1-3

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
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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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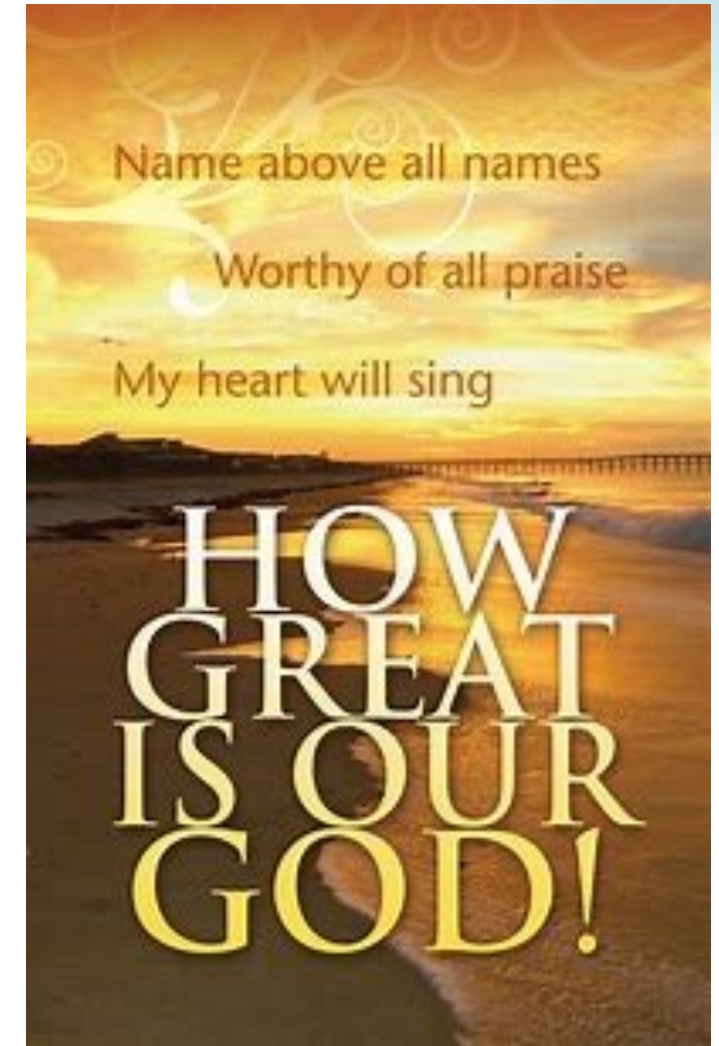
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Two Ministry Needs

Acts 6

Acts 5 and 6 are reminders that conflict in the church is not always external. What can happen is that conflict can develop within the church as well. Conflict can be malicious, or it can be unintentional. Chapter 5 shows us what malicious conflict looks like in Ananias and Sapphira. The problem in chapter 6 is that the widow's needs were not being met. This was an expectation in Judaism (Exodus 22:22), but also an expectation in the church (James 1:27). Widows and orphans must be provided for. To address this conflict, the apostles understand that there must be delegation involved. The apostles cannot minister the gospel as well as minister "tables".

There are two important needs presented here. Both are important. The first is the service/ministry of tables (6:3), and the second is the service/ministry of the word (6:4). We are not yet in a post-apostolic context, but the structure is familiar to us (i.e. elders and deacons).

The word that is the most appealing to me, is the word "complaint" (Acts 6:1). The Israelites also grumbled in the wilderness. The Israelites (12 tribes) came out of Egypt, Moses received the word of truth on the Mountain, they received God's presence in the tabernacle, and then the people complained (often). Jethro tells Moses that he cannot judge everything by himself (Exodus 18:18). He tells him that, to the people, Moses will "teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do" (18:20). But also, that Moses should "select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness" to deal with the matters that arise (18:21). If it is true that these are also the 70 men chosen in Numbers 11, then they also have God's Spirit with them as well (Numbers 11:26). This is the origin of the Sanhedrin. Joshua tells Moses to try to get the 70 to stop prophesying, and Moses responds that he wished that the Lord would put His Spirit on all His people. This is exactly what we see in the church (we should note that the 70 never prophesied again).

Now, in Acts 6, the 12 apostles are establishing 7 men filled with the Spirit to the ministry of tables so that the 12 can devote themselves to the ministry of the word of God. It is essential that every congregation emphasizes both needs: the ministry of the needs of the church and the ministry of the word to the church. Neither can be neglected. According to this divine model "the word of God spread, and the number of disciples multiplied..." (Acts 6:7). We must trust that the same can happen today if we apply the same formula.

-- **Logan Edmison**

Emma White
12-4-1937—12-10-2021

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Emma White. Emma passed away December 10, 2021.



Jean Crain Pointer
10-28-1922 - 12-10-2021

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Jean Pointer. Jean passed away on December 10, 2021.



We currently have no Central members in the hospital.

We rejoice that **Amanda Edmison's** mother, **Tandy Dodgen**, has been discharged from Integris Baptist and is now home. Prayers for her continued recovery are appreciated.

Laura Markle's mother, **Bess Anna Bennet**, is now staying with Laura and Larry. Prayers are greatly appreciated.

The annual **Praise Him** service will be **Sunday January 2nd at The Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center at 5pm**. The speaker this year will be **Randy Roper** with the Edmond OK Church of Christ, and his sermon topic will be "**Living as Aliens.**" There will be no 5pm here on that day so all Central members can attend.

Ripley Land has placed membership with us her at Central. Ripley moved to Shawnee from Louisiana. He has been attending services with us for a few months. Let's welcome Ripley to our church family.

Ripley Land
825 N Broadway
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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 12, 2021

Bible Study	54
Worship Service	87
Sunday Evening	25
Wednesday Evening	25
Contribution	\$ 3,821.09

SERVING THE CONGREGATION December 19, 2021

Announcements:	Steve Kelly
Scripture Reader:	Larry Markle
Song Director:	Ron Cole
Opening Prayer:	Ron Taffe
Sermon:	Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer:	Eddie Beard

Lord's Supper:	Dennis Brodersen
Elevator Side:	Annex Side:
Tracy Gettle	Lynn Stephens
Scott Perry	Henry Arthur

Projection:	Video/Audio:
Dale Beard	Tracy Wilcox

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Don Mack	Chad Beard
Carla Dame	Carl Weeks
Boyd Cheney	Lola Mullinax
John Rampey	John Sullivan
Winona Seikel	Frank Romberg
Debra Campbell	Diane Lawrence
Fredith Hanifan	Selene Williams
Sandon Hilditch	Dorothy Strickland
Thearlene Morris	Gary Knoles

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:00 pm
Jan 2—The Annual Praise Him Service