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WORSHIP	5:00P.M.
BIBLE STUDY	6:00 P.M. ALL AVAILABLE ONLINE
WEDNESDAY	

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
Sundays at 7:30 AM on KOCB—TV34
January 02, "A New Life"
January 09, "Lawless Ways"
January 16, "Jesus Is The Lord"
January 23, "Saying No to God"
January 30, "The First Gospel Sermon"

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

- January 03, 2021
Genesis 1-3
- January 04, 2021
Genesis 4-6
- January 05, 2021
Genesis 7-9
- January 06, 2021
Genesis 10-12
- January 07, 2021
Genesis 13-17
- January 08, 2022
Genesis 18-20
- January 09, 2022
Genesis 21-23
- January 10, 2022
Genesis 24-25

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.shawneecentralcoc.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.



The Gospel Guide

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Elders:

- Paul Harris
- Steve Kelly
- Bob Stephens

Deacons:

- Dale Beard
- Joe Curtis
- Tracy Gettle
- Keith Lawrence
- Dalton Path
- Scott Perry
- Ron Taffe

Secretary:

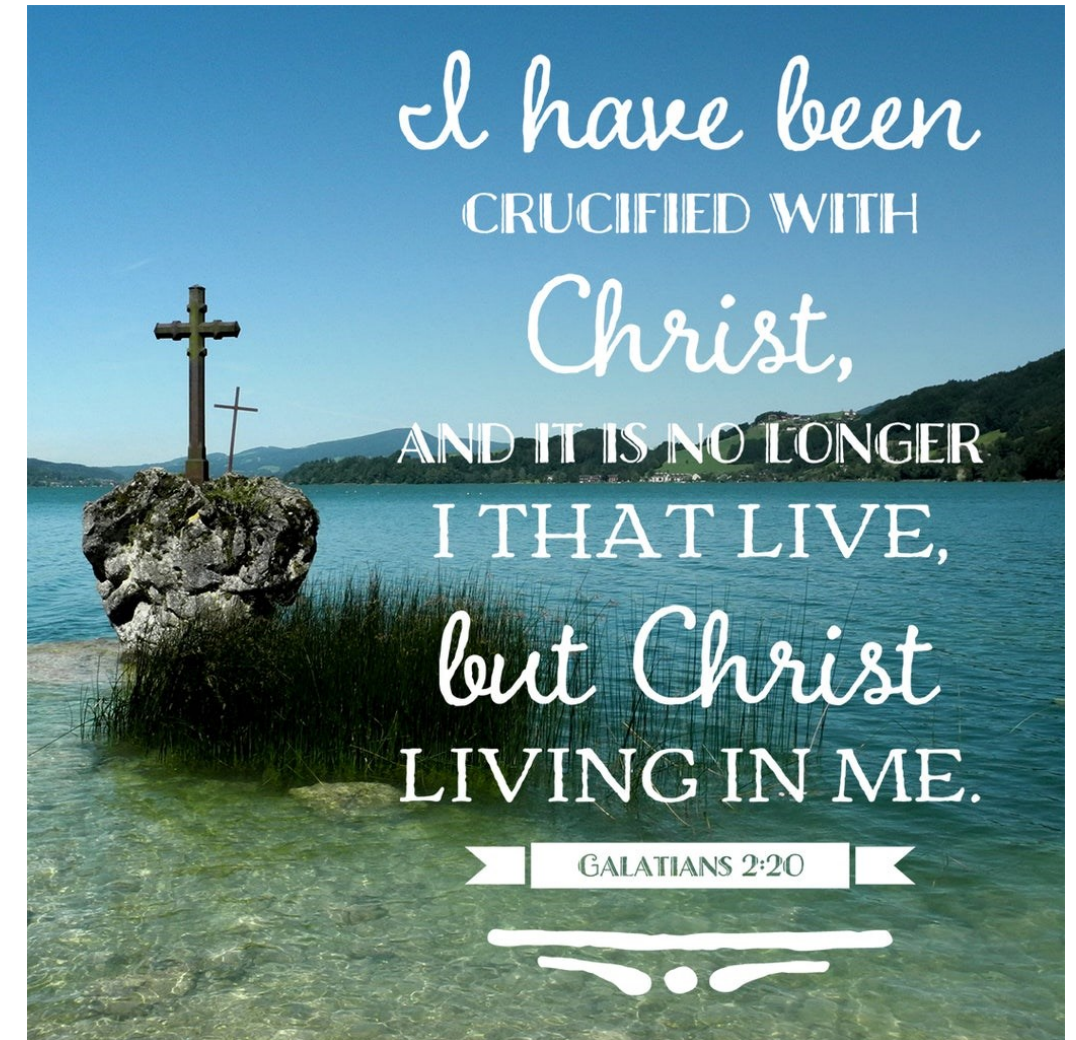
Lois Carter

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Logan Edmison

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- Haiti Children's Home
- Hope Harbor Children's Home
- Lilyfield Christian & Adoption Nicaragua
- In Search of the Lord's Way
- Southern Africa Bible College



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A Long-Awaited Reunion

Acts 8

Even though the book of Acts is supposedly about the acts of the apostles, only two apostles are emphasized: Peter and Paul. The work of Peter is emphasized through chapter 10, and the work of Paul is emphasized for the rest of the book. This is not to say that the other apostles were not spreading the gospel, but that their work is not being written down. It is interesting that two chapters (7 and 8) are devoted not to the work of the apostles, but the work of two of the ministers chosen in chapter 6. The work apparently was not exclusive to the apostles. The teaching and healing were possible through these ministers of the gospel as well. The message was simple: the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ (8:12). In response to this message many believed and were baptized.

If they believed and were baptized, why did the Holy Spirit not come upon them (8:14-16). I believe the answer is in the transfer of “temples”. The temple houses the Spirit of God, and the church is that new temple in the body of Christ. A transition is taking place. No longer does God’s presence dwell in Judah only, but in Samaria as well. In a way, we could say that this is new “conquered territory” for the expanding kingdom. In the same way that the land conquered by Joshua was inherited because of God’s presence, the souls conquered by the apostles are inherited because of God’s presence. Moses noted that if God’s Presence did not go with them then it was not worth going (Exodus 33:15). It is with God’s presence that the people would know that they have His grace, his holiness, and His blessing (Exodus 33:16).

For this reason, the apostles, Peter and John, travel to Samaria to “enlarge the tent” (Isaiah 54:2). The descendants of God are inheriting the nations (54:3). And since Samaria are mixed descendants of Israel, what God said is coming true, “Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together and appoint for themselves one head...” (Hosea 1:11). The divided kingdom that began with Jeroboam’s departure in the time of Rehoboam son of Solomon (1 Kings 12), has finally been eternal healed in Christ. This is a profoundly special moment because the Davidic King has united God’s kingdom once more and it is now prepared for global expansion.

“He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River [Euphrates] to the ends of the earth” (Psalm 72:8-9). “Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed” (Daniel 7:14).

Logan Edmison --



Don Mack fell and hurt his knee.

Lois Carter’s mom and dad have both tested positive for Covid. Prayers appreciated.

Austin & Alex Beard both have Covid. **Dale, Denise & Chad** are keeping their kids with all being in quarantine. Prayers are needed.

Dwyane Dennis has been hospitalized since Sunday the 26th and needs our prayers.

Tracy Wilcox’s uncle, Robert Sullivan, is waiting for the results of his lung biopsy.

January Birthdays!

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| 1-Betty Rye | 2-Don Hair |
| 3-Angie Gober | 3-Betty Stephens |
| 4-Tracy Wilcox | 7-Al Smith |
| 8-Glendon Combs | 8-Jayma Lawrence |
| 9-Kate Lawerance | 9-Lynn Stephens |
| 10-Jim Walling | 12-Mary Gettle |
| 18-Bertha Akin | 20-Kristen Gober |
| 20-Dorothy Strickland | |
| 29-Laura Farris | 31-Jim Lynn |

January Anniversaries!

- 1- Don & Debbie Cross
- 4- Ethan & Jessica Allen

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 Church of Christ, and his sermon topic will be **“Living as Aliens.”** There will be no 5pm service here on that day so all Central members can attend.

TIPTON HOME

Our Tipton Home collection for the months of **January, February, and March** will be: **Toilet Paper, Trash Bags, and Paper Towels.**



RECORD FOR December 26, 2021

Bible Study	52
Worship Service	89
Sunday Evening	31
Wednesday Evening	33
Contribution	\$3,596.13

SERVING THE CONGREGATION January 02, 2022

Announcements:	Ron Taffe
Scripture Reader:	Bob Stephens
Song Director:	TBD
Opening Prayer:	Paul Harris
Sermon:	Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer:	Jim Walling

Lord’s Supper:	Eddie Beard
Elevator Side:	Annex Side:
Dennis Brodersen	Brian Nipper
Don Hair	Scott Perry

Projection:	Video/Audio:
Keith Lawrence	Dalton Path

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