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

**IN SEARCH** OF THE LORD'S WAY

Sundays at 7:30 AM on KOCB—TV34

- February 06, "What Lack I Yet?"
- February 13, "God's Love for Us"
- February 20, "God's Word"
- February 27, "The Sanctity of Life"

**Reading the Bible in a Year Together**

February 21, 2022  
Numbers 16-18

February 22, 2022  
Numbers 19-21

February 23, 2022  
Numbers 22-24

February 24, 2022  
Numbers 25-26

February 25, 2022  
Numbers 27-30:1

February 26, 2022  
Numbers 30:2-31:54

February 27, 2022  
Numbers 32-33



# The Gospel Guide

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- Bob Stephens

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- Joe Curtis
- Tracy Gettle
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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

**You Can Find Our Worship Service On:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralchurchofchristshawneeok/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq8ft4soarDDSYok8ol9xpw/>

**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>

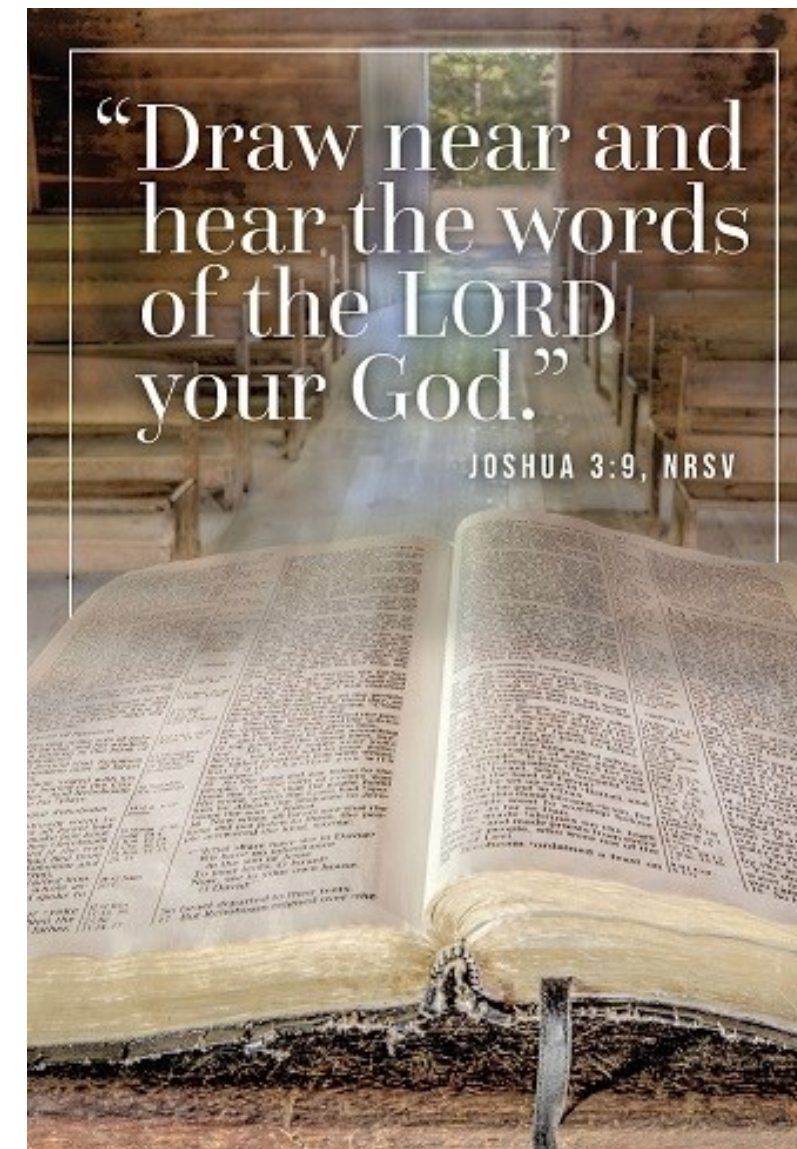


**Videos will be uploaded later in the day.**

**If you would like to mail your offering, mail it to:**

**Central Church of Christ  
P.O. Box 1228  
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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## Stop the Spiral

Genesis 4

One of the earliest accounts in scripture is that of a man who murders his brother. It is one of the saddest tragedies in all the scriptures. At the heart of the account is a man whose life spirals out uncontrollably, and in his desperation, he tries to remove the one person that reminds him of his flaws. Cain's mistakes did not exist because of his brother. It was not Abel's fault that Cain's offering was not accepted. Why would he murder his brother for his own mistakes? Because one of the hardest things in the world is to take ownership of our shortcomings. Cain did not offer his best, and when we do not offer our best, our lives can fall apart.

Cain was angry because what he offered was not accepted. Instead of changing the offering so that it would be acceptable, he refused to take responsibility. I mentioned that his life was spiraling out uncontrollably, but it was at this moment that God approached Cain and told him to take control. God told him to conquer the sin that was knocking at the door. No one wants to hear that their own actions are the cause of their situations and that no one else is to blame. Equally, no one wants to hear that the only way out of their misery is to take responsibility for their actions and change.

Cain had numerous opportunities to stop the spiral, but he allowed it to go further and further. Eventually, he made a choice that would change his life, the life of his family, and the world forever.

Eventually, there was one descended from Cain who decided that anyone who offended him he would bring vengeance seventy-seven fold. Abel offended Cain and he unrighteously murdered him. Now this philosophy of self-justification has become a violent, unstoppable force of corruption.

God does not kill Cain for killing his brother. One cannot but wonder, why not? Perhaps the reason is because a life without God is far worse than death. The heritage of wickedness would inevitably come to an end. This is seen in the flood. All because one man was not willing to change his offering, take responsibility for his behavior, and take control of his life. It ruined his life, his family, and those around him. Perhaps, you are experiencing a spiral in your life. You can stop the spiral. Maybe you are not putting forth your best effort, not taking responsibility for your shortcomings, and taking control of your life. Now is the time to do so. It will improve your life, your relationships with those around you, and your relationship with God. Otherwise, the result is spite, resentment, discontentment, and anger. "And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it" (Genesis 4:7).

—Logan Edmison



**Larry Markle** is out of the hospital and at home. Continued prayers for **Larry** and **Laura** are appreciated.

**Doris Phillips** will see a heart surgeon on February the 24th.

Continued prayers are needed for **Dwyane & Marcia Dennis**. If you would like to send a card to **Dwyane** you can do so at:

Dwyane Dennis  
c/o Integris Jim Thorpe Rehab  
Room 6308  
4219 S Western Ave,  
Oklahoma City, OK 73109

### FROM THE ELDERS

With the decline in the number of Covid cases in our area, we are rescinding the request for members to wear masks during classes and worship. Starting this Sunday, February 20th, wearing a mask is optional. If you feel more comfortable wearing one, then do so.

If cases increase in the future, we will determine the appropriate response at that time.

### TIPTON HOME

Our Tipton Home collection for the months of **January - March** will be: **toilet paper, trash bags, and paper towels**. Please place these items in the barrel in the foyer. Thank you



## RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2022

<b>Bible Study</b>	62
<b>Worship Service</b>	90
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	29
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	26
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3,451.29

### SERVING THE CONGREGATION February 20, 2022

<b>Announcements:</b>	Dalton Path
<b>Scripture Reader:</b>	Bob Stephens
<b>Song Director:</b>	Paul Harris
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Jim Walling
<b>Sermon:</b>	Logan Edmison
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Dennis Brodersen

<b>Lord's Supper:</b>	Eddie Beard
<b>Elevator Side:</b>	<b>Annex Side:</b>
Ron Taffe	Scott Perry

<b>Projection:</b>	<b>Video/Audio:</b>
Dale Beard	Keith Lawrence

### 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
Dwayne Dennis	Marcia Dennis

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Wednesday Bible Study at 6:00 pm**