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

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
Sundays at 7:30 AM on KOCB—TV34

July 03, "The Way to Healing"
July 10, "Worship in Song"
July 17, "Help Me Pray"
July 24, "God Answers Prayer"
July 31, "Keeping Our Zeal"

"But I will sing of thy power." The wicked howl, but I sing and will sing. Their power is weakness, but thine is omnipotence; I see them vanquished and thy power victorious, and for ever and ever will I sing of thee.
Psalm 59:16

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

July 11, 2022
Psalms 64-68

July 12, 2022
Psalms 69-72

July 13, 2022
Psalms 73-77


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Psalms 78-79


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Psalms 80-85

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Psalms 86-89

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Psalms 90-94


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SUNDAY:
Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M.
Bible Study 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study 6:00 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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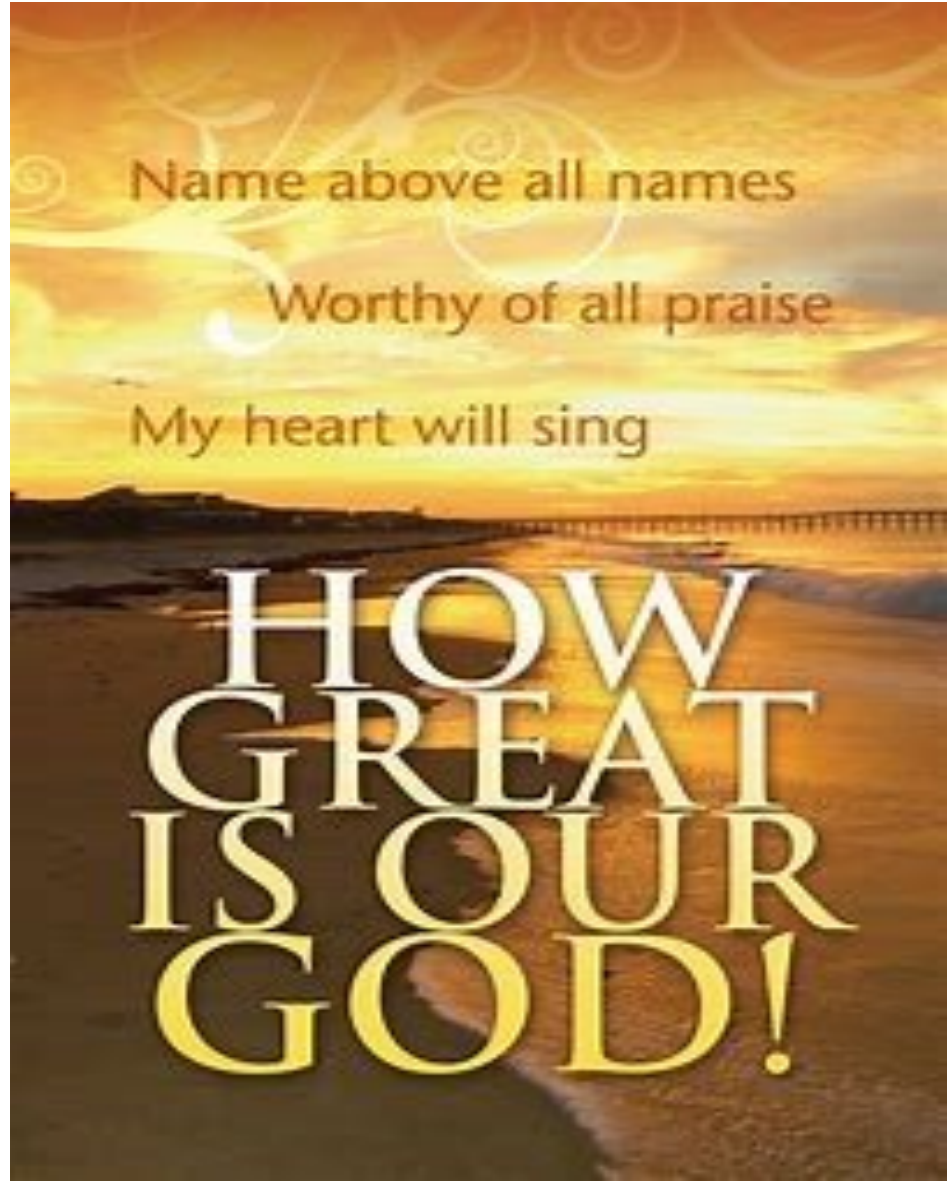
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What is the point?

Ecclesiastes Chapter 1 and 2

What is the point of waking up day after day, working just to eat, eating just to live, living just to sleep again, and start the monotonous cycle all over again the next day? Look at all the work, toil, and energy exertion just to find that there is not real satisfaction in any of it. It isn't to develop something that has never been developed, or discover something that has never been discovered, so then why the monotony? It's madness to do all this work with the hope of fulfillment only to find that there is no real fulfillment in it at all.

Solomon wants to figure out, what is the point? He wants to point to something and tell mankind to do "it", whatever "it" is, so that they can have a fulfilled and meaningful life.

First in his experiments is just popularity. He got good at knowing stuff. He knew so much and was so skilled in accomplishing great accomplishments, that people believed that he was truly "great". His goal was to win their favor. But he confesses that it nearly drove him insane. To think that he is working so hard to attain this fame, and for what purpose? This doesn't answer the question, "what's the point?"

Second, he tried pleasure. Maybe happiness comes from laughing a lot. Seems logical, right? Interesting that he notes that, as counterintuitive as it sounds, laughing doesn't necessarily make you a happier person. "Madness!", he says. What about massive construction projects, a legacy! Then what? Leave it all to someone that doesn't appreciate your legacy, doesn't protect your legacy, and potentially will ruin everything you worked your whole life for. You can do a lot in this life, but you can't stop the inevitable, death. It's at this that Solomon says, "I hated all my labor," and just before that, "I hated life" (2:17-18).

He finally concludes that the best thing to do is enjoy the life that God has given you (2:24). Whether it is wisdom or joy, it is a gift from God. The sinner must live the monotonous life of "gathering and collecting" but they can't truly appreciate both that life is a gift and especially that it is a gift from God. These successes that God gives are a blessing, but Solomon ultimately concludes, as thankful as we should be for them, even life "success" is not what life is all about.

Then what's the point? Well, what is left? Only God is left. Enjoy His success blessings in life, but His success blessings in life are not "the point." He is the point, and He makes life worth living, successful or not.

Logan Edmison

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

We have no members currently in the hospital.

Clay Markle continues his recovery at Regency after surgery to repair a broken hip.

Becky Webb's daughter **Melinda** came forward asking for prayers for some struggles she is having.

We rejoice that **Debbie Martin** was baptized on Wednesday June 29th. Debbie is a friend of **John Nelson** and has been attending with him for a few weeks. Let us welcome Debbie as our new sister in Christ.



38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Acts 2:38-39

TIPTON HOME

Our Tipton Home collection is set to be picked up between the 23rd and the 25th of August. The items needed are as follows: Assorted Cereal, Pot Tarts, Canned Fruit, Pasta, Mac and Cheese, Granola Bars, Vanilla Wafers, Assorted Pudding cups, Jello cups, Pickles, Hamburger Helper, and Ramen Noodles.

Thank you for your generosity.



RECORD FOR July 03, 2022

Bible Study	59
Worship Service	93
Sunday Evening	22
Wednesday Evening	40
Contribution	\$3,206.12

SERVING THE CONGREGATION July 10, 2022

Announcements:	Dalton Path
Scripture Reader:	Keith Lawrence
Song Director:	Paul Harris
Opening Prayer:	Dennis Brodersen
Sermon:	Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer:	Steve Kelly

Lord's Supper:	Bob Stephens
Elevator Side:	Annex Side:
Eric Park	Scott Perry

Projection:	Video/Audio:
Tracy Wilcox	Ron Taffe

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Chad Beard	Blake Carter
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Clay Markle	Thearlene Morris
Lola Mullinax	Winona Seikel
Dorothy Strickland	John Sullivan
Carl Weeks	Yuavonda Weeks

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday PM Bible Study at 5:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study at 6:00 pm