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**CENTRAL'S ASSEMBLIES**  
**BRING A FRIEND AND ATTEND**

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

ALL AVAILABLE ONLINE

**IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY**  
Sundays at 7:30 AM on KOGB—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"

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."  
Ephesians 4:32

**Reading the Bible in a Year Together**

July 18, 2022  
Psalms 95-101

July 19, 2022  
Psalms 102-104

July 20, 2022  
Psalms 105-106


July 21, 2022  
Psalms 107-109


July 22, 2022  
Psalms 110-116

July 23, 2022  
Psalms 117-119:48

July 24, 2022  
Psalms 119:49-119:176


**You Can Find Our Services On:**

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

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

**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**  
**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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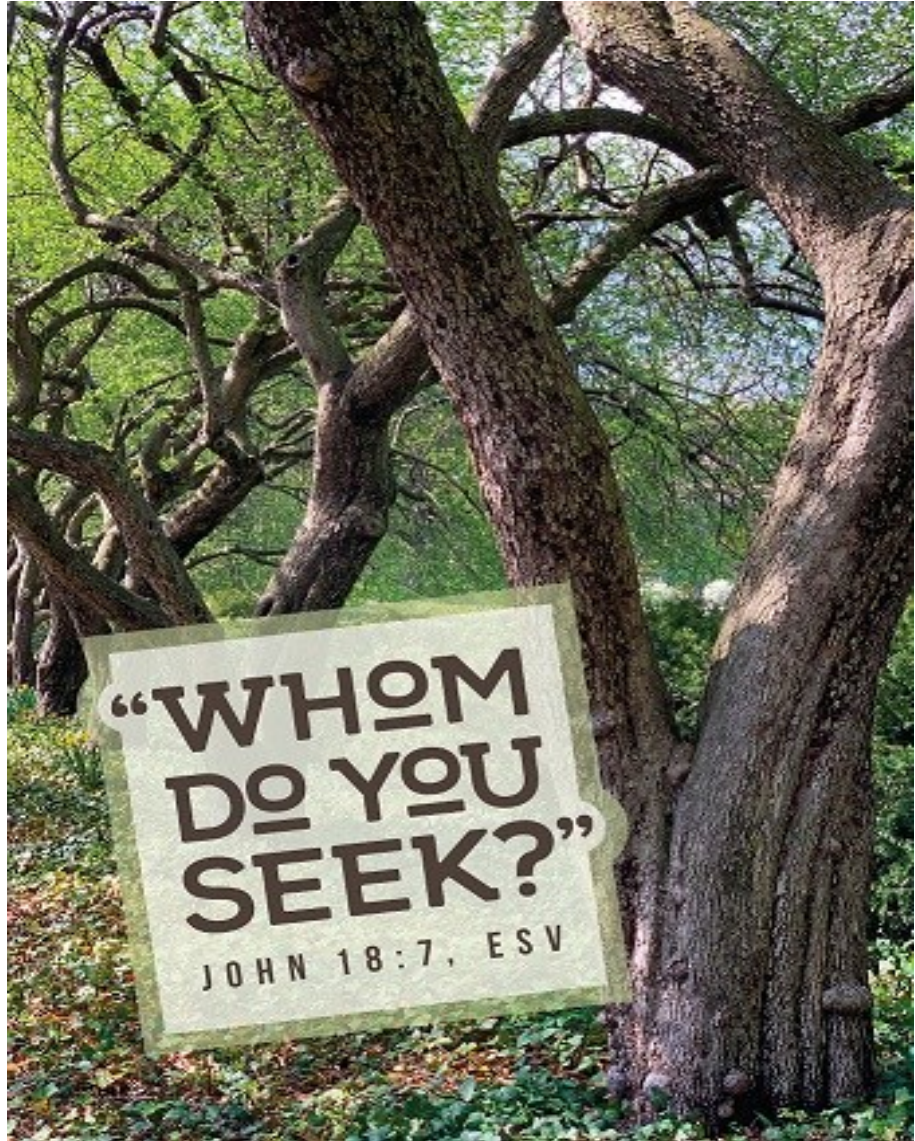
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## Why Does It Have to Be That Way?

Ecclesiastes 3

Last week we asked the question, what is the point? The answer of course was God is the point. Life is not worth living without Him, but life is worth living with Him. I know it sounds obvious, but sometimes wisdom is obvious. The difficulty is always in the application, not necessarily the logic. The next question is, well why does it have to be that way?

Solomon then goes into a poem that proves that things happen when it is time for them to happen. We could go through each one, and I encourage you to do so, but the point is clear, things are the way they are. Again, another obvious statement, but equally important. Solomon notes that it is quite beautiful when things happen in the time that they are supposed to happen. All this I believe is just an illustration to show that you can fight against the way things are, or you can appreciate the beauty of the way things are. The choice is yours. For example, eternity is in the hearts of mankind, but they can live their lives denying it. I can enjoy the way things are, or I can frustrate myself with all the things that I do not know and cannot know.

The conclusion is like chapter 2: enjoy life and do good. Why? Because it is a gift from God. Again, we can fight the way things are, but it is important to understand the alternative. On the one hand you are enjoying life and doing good, and on the other hand you are

fighting the way things are and there is a time of judgment for all of us (3:17).


Fighting God and the way things are does not end here. Without God, what is the difference between humans and animals? We can let Darwin answer this one: absolutely nothing. They all have the same breath of life, they all die, and if the spirit of humans returns to God, it is not like we can see it. Based on what we see, the body decomposes into the dirt. It does not matter what kind of body you have.

One thing that is different with humans, however, is that we can enjoy our work from day to day. It requires an attitude shift, but at least it is possible. The attitude that recognizes the beauty of God's gifts is an attitude of joy. The alternative is a life that fights with God every step of the way, and that is a miserable life

Logan Edmison

**Central will be hosting the Praise Him Summer Sing. Song Leaders will be Kirby Hinds, Dale Beard, Donny Longest, Paul Crouch, Keith Patterson, Jason Fly, and Johnie Fredman**

**Praise Him  
Summer Sing  
August 5, 2022  
7pm-8pm  
at  
Central Church of Christ**

  
**Thoughts and Prayers**

We have no members currently in the hospital.

**Clay Markle** was expected to be released to go home on Thursday.

**Bertha Akin** fell a couple of weeks ago and is having trouble with her hamstring muscle. Prayers would be appreciated.


**We will have a work day.  
On July 30th  
from 9am-12pm. This is to  
get ready for the  
Praise Him Singing.**

**Debbie Martin was baptized a couple weeks ago after Wednesday night bible study.**

**Debra Martin  
101 W. 10th, Apt 114  
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405-569-8149**

**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. 

<b>RECORD FOR July 10, 2022</b>	
<b>Bible Study</b>	58
<b>Worship Service</b>	93
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	35
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	27
<b>Contribution</b>	\$3,107.07
<b>SERVING THE CONGREGATION July 17, 2022</b>	
<b>Announcements:</b>	Steve Kelly
<b>Scripture Reader:</b>	Dennis Brodersen
<b>Song Director:</b>	Austin Beard
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Clavin Norwood
<b>Sermon:</b>	Logan Edmison
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Dalton Path
<b>Lord's Supper:</b>	Paul Harris
<b>Elevator Side:</b>	<b>Annex Side:</b> Henry Arthur
<b>Projection:</b>	<b>Video/Audio:</b> Tracy Wilcox

<b>CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS</b>	
Chad Beard	Blake Carter
Boyd Cheney	Carla Dame
Marcia Dennis	Dwyane Dennis
Fredith Hanifan	Sandon Hilditch
Diane Lawerance	Don Mack
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  
August 5th—Praise Him Summer Sing at  
Central from 7-8pm**