

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Corinthians 2:5

THE GUARANTEED SOLUTION FOR EVERY SITUATION

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"... they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Asa, king of Judah, was facing a massive threat that could cripple his kingdom's security and economy. An enemy king had taken control of Ramah. Ramah was situated six miles north of his city and controlled the main north-south route into the city. Whoever controlled Ramah could block all commerce to Jerusalem and keep people from going in and coming out. With the crisis looming, what would the king do?

King Asa strategically took silver and gold from the treasures of the Lord's house and proposed an alliance with Benhadad, king of Syria. With the aid of Benhadad, King Asa could leverage his help and counter the threats from the enemy.

Benhadad accepted the gold and agreed to the alliance. His armies attacked and plundered the cities of Asa's enemy and forced them to stop working on the fortification of Ramah. The plan worked brilliantly and the crisis was averted. King Asa could relax knowing the pressure was over. His negotiations had won the day.

But all was not well. A prophet came to the king with a message from God. The king had acted foolishly. His negotiations lacked understanding and good judgment. As the king of God's people, Asa should have placed his trust in the Lord and not relied on

the help of Syria. The prophet told the king that his actions were foolish and they would result in disastrous consequences. The rest of his life would be filled with war. (Read the story in 2 Chron 16:1-9)

This story illustrates a vital lesson for all Christians. Choosing man's help over God's always leads to confusion and conflict.

Have you noticed that life is constantly filled with dilemmas, difficult decisions and diverse demands? **"Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward."** (Job 5:7) Where should you turn for help?

In the matter of trials and troubles, Christians are not much different than the world. Rather than seeking the Lord first for divine guidance and help, they turn to



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Monthly Events

Phebe's Fellowship
(Women's Missionary Society)
 First Wednesday @ 7:00 PM

Spanish Bible Study
 Second Wednesday @ 7:00 PM

College and Career Bible Study
 Third Friday @ 6:30 PM

Street Preaching
 Last Saturday at noon.

March Memory Passage

"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

Proverbs 4:1-2



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worldly and Satanic-inspired resources that include such things as: self-help books, humanistic philosophies, therapies, counseling, support groups, online advice, social media, cultural norms, traditions and their own sinful reasoning. The Bible and prayer are most often the last courses of action. *When all else fails, try God!*

One of the best things a Christian will ever do is come to the understanding that there are no issues of life that are not addressed in the Bible. In addition to vital doctrine and the spiritual things of God, there is not enough room in this short newsletter to list all of the practical subjects addressed in the Bible. Decision-making, emotional struggles, relationships, financial problems, physical and mental health, purpose and direction, fraud and trust issues, insecurity, lack of confidence, work-life balance, family disputes, finding joy and meaning, and much more are found on the pages of God's infallible Word.

Weekly Schedule of Church Services

Sunday School (All Ages).....	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Preaching Service.....	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Preaching Service.....	5:00 PM

Thursday

Scripture Scouts (Ages 4-12)	7:00 PM
Prayer and Bible Study (Adults and Teens).....	7:00 PM

It goes without saying, next to personal Bible study (2 Tim 2:15), faithful attendance in a Bible-believing church (Heb 4:12) is the most important thing you can do to learn how to navigate a life that will always include trials, testing and temptations.

The world is filled with churches trying to attract people with contemporary worship music, family-friendly environments, community outreach programs, dynamic leadership, youth programs, location, convenience, style of worship, opportunities for involvement, or an emphasis on community and relationships. **Be careful what you choose for your church.**

Central Baptist Church of Orange County is committed to teaching sound doctrine from the authorized King James Bible. Bring your Bible to church! In every service you will read it and use it as your divine textbook for life. It will give you guidance for your decisions, comfort for your struggles, and direction for your path. Our sermons, Bible studies, and ministries are designed to help people apply God's Word to their daily lives.

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A WORD ABOUT CHURCH ATTENDANCE



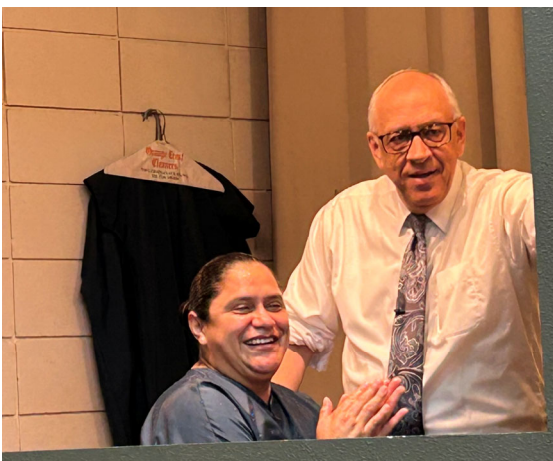
Central Baptist Church offers four important preaching and teaching services each week. Each service is different and each service is vital to your spiritual growth. The Bible is clear that believers are not to forsake the assembling of themselves together...

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:25

Watching services online may keep you informed, but it will never meet the command to physically assemble with other believers.

Modern technology is a blessing and a curse. It is a blessing to those with debilitating illnesses or those who are forced by necessity to be out of town. At the same time, it can be a curse to those who are tempted to forgo a service just because they can watch as easily online.

If circumstances beyond your control hinder your attendance, by all means do your best to watch online and stay informed. Services are recorded and streamed live on...



Mavy Rojo claps (left) and Seven Beverly (above) gives a “thumbs-up” following their recent baptism.

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Through the guidance of Bible preaching and teaching, you can discover your purpose for life and begin to serve the Lord according to His will. Keep in mind, serving the Lord isn't easy. Scripture reminds us that following Christ often involves suffering and sacrifice. **"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Tim 3:12)** We are not promised a life of comfort, but one of purpose. As Romans 8:17 says, we are **"heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him..."**

At Central Baptist Church of Orange County we stand on these Bible truths, trusting God's strength in trials, and finding joy in serving Him, even when it's hard. Serving God means persevering through hardship, just as Hebrews 12:1-2 encourages, **"... let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross..."**

The Bible *is* the solution for every situation. The Bible is divine doctrine for daily dilemmas. The Bible gives direction for difficult decisions. The Bible gives doctrine for life's distress. The Bible is dependable for life's diverse demands. The bottom line: the Bible is THE answer for all the issues of life!

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105:



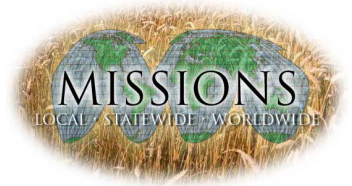
Above: Gabriel and Elena dedicate Baby Luke. Atkins family and friends come to the dedication. **Below:** Shelby Beverly's family make a surprise visit on a recent Sunday.



A Word About Missions

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15



CBCOC takes an active role in the support of missions. We have mission projects in the following countries:

- Belguim, Bolivia, Brazil
- China, Cocopah Indians
- Ecuador, Fiji, India
- Japan, Mexico, Nepal
- Papua, New Guinea
- Philippines, Thailand
- Trinidad/Tobago,
- Ukraine, and Zambia

There are three things you can do!

1. Attend. Women can be a part of Phebe's Fellowship on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00. This group is vital in the prayer and support of our missionaries.

2. Financial Support. CBCOC has promised to give \$134,000 this year to missions. As of this newsletter, we have given just over \$45,000. Use this QR code for online giving.



3. Pray daily for our missionaries!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT CENTRAL

What's the Matter With Mrs. Boyd?

The following news item appeared in the Nashville Banner on June 19, 1956:

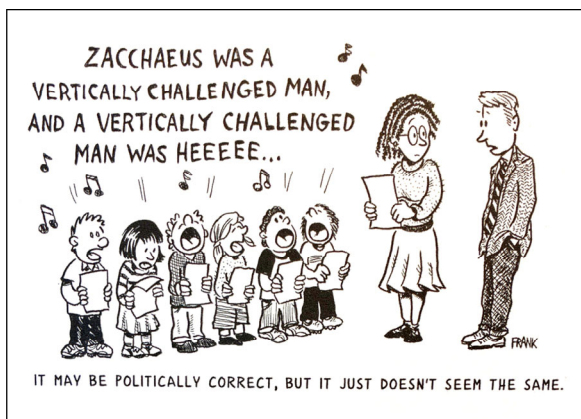
PORTER, OK [AP] Mrs. Ella Boyd, age 81, hasn't missed Sunday School attendance in 1,040 Sundays - a perfect record for 20 years.

1. Doesn't Mrs. Boyd ever have company on Sunday to keep her away from church?
2. Doesn't she ever go anywhere on Saturday night and get up tired on Sunday morning?
3. Doesn't she ever have headaches, colds, nervous spells, tired feelings, poor breakfast, sudden calls out of town, business trips, Sunday picnics, or any trouble of any kind?
4. Doesn't she have any friends at all - friends who invite her to a weekend trip to the sea shore or the mountains?
5. Doesn't she ever sleep late on Sunday mornings?
6. Doesn't it ever rain or snow on Sunday morning?
7. Doesn't she ever get her feelings hurt in church?
8. Doesn't she ever get mad at the preacher or Sunday school teacher?
9. Doesn't she have a radio or television so she can listen to some "mighty good sermons from out of town"?

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The names of Sunday school teachers are written on God's honor roll although few people in this world ever hear of teachers. Usually the pupils are the ones who are known and remembered as is D.L. Moody. Who was the Sunday school teacher who talked with him about Christ in the back room of his uncle's shoe store? It was Edward Kimball!



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Every church service is unique from the others and emphasizes a different area of Bible knowledge. In order to receive a well-rounded diet from the Word of God, we encourage you to attend all four services.

- Survey of the Old Testament* Auditorium Sunday School (9:00 AM)
- Lessons from the Life of Christ* Sunday Morning Preaching (10:00 AM)
- The Book of Acts (NEW SERIES)* Sunday Evening Bible Study (5:00 PM)
- The Book of Revelation* Thursday Evening Bible Study (7:00 PM)