



Living The Simple Life

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JOHN 16:33 – These things have I spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

“Nothing influences the quality of our life more than how we respond to trouble.”

In March of 2020, Pastor and I were on our way to Glendale, Arizona, to speak at a Marriage Retreat, which had been on our calendar for almost a year. Our plan was to stay there a couple of days, then stop in Canyon, Texas, for fun with the Little Texans and their parents.

Our plans changed abruptly when in New Mexico for the night, the Shutdown became a reality across the nation because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. We continued on to Arizona, and the retreat went on as planned. We believed the Lord would have us fulfill our commitment to Bro. Scott and Mrs. Dina Naill, the retreat, and their church. We drove straight home the following Monday. The coming days were full of frustrations, mandates, updates on the mandates, more questions than answers, and fear, and oh yes, masks – lots of masks!

Upon returning home, we began the difficult task of ministering from a distance. Texts, calls, and waves from afar became the norm. Livestream became a noun with which we were all familiar. Sundays were just weird, as we dressed for church and met in the Man Cave for the

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**Church-Wide
Prayer Meeting**
8.10.25 @ 8:20 AM

FRIENDS DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025
9:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM



& REVIVAL SERVICES

Mon Aug 11 - Wed Aug 13 7 PM Nightly

Our Friend & Guest Speaker
Evangelist Kent York



SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

FALL REFRESH-HER

Central Baptist Church Ponca City, OK

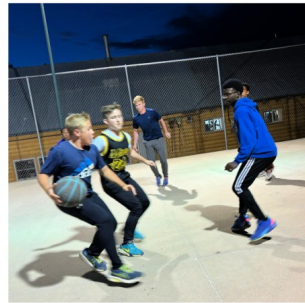
Temple Sign-up Available July 16-Aug 6



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Ladies Meeting
Sept 15 7 PM







Sunday AM Service. Then Harrison, Harper, and I went to the playroom to record a video for the 3,4,5 year-old Jr Church. At the time it was better than nothing, but it just wasn't the same!

Trouble and Tribulation had taken over everyone's life. Some suffered more than others with loss of jobs, those who were furloughed, illness, and the loss of loved ones to Covid. School took place at home with more questions than actual teaching taking place. Inconvenience, distress, confusion, anxiety, fear, and anger were prevalent in all our lives.

The above portion was written for the September 2020 newsletter. I was finishing up our Bible study that year in the newsletter because we had not had a Ladies Meeting since March. Remember **the. simple. life.** title and study? I have been reading over it and was prompted to do it again – to continue the study – Living The Simple Life.

SIMPLE: Single, consisting of one thing, uncompounded, uncombined with anything else; plain, sincere, harmless.

In Scripture, to be Simple-Simplicity is a fair open profession and practice of evangelical truth, with a single view to obedience and to the glory of God.

WEBSTER'S 1828 DICTIONARY

God desires that we as His children live a simple life. We tend to complicate life by over thinking, over analyzing, and sometimes just plain disobeying God's Word. We also make choices that make life more complicated than it already is.

All of us live in a world of distractions, interruptions, inconveniences, delays, tragedy, uncertainty, and the daily drudgery of life. This digital age has given us faster communication, but we are often harassed by email, texts, notifications, and alerts vying for our immediate attention. And most of those we can live without if we took the time to process the request for action. We must learn to live in the Reality of God's Word and Plan in order to not only survive, but thrive in this busy, noisy, distracting world.

Jesus said that in this world we would have tribulation. Living The Simple Life will enable us to see all events as He sees them and draw us closer to Him through them.

I trust you will join us for this Bible Study – Living The Simple Life. This is not a rerun or a review, but it is a reminder of how important it is to keep our minds on Jesus, our hands in His, and our eyes focused on Him. "He is engineering a Master Plan for His Glory and our Good. Only He knows the end from the beginning." Living The Simple Life teaches me to view life from His Word and stay connected to Him.

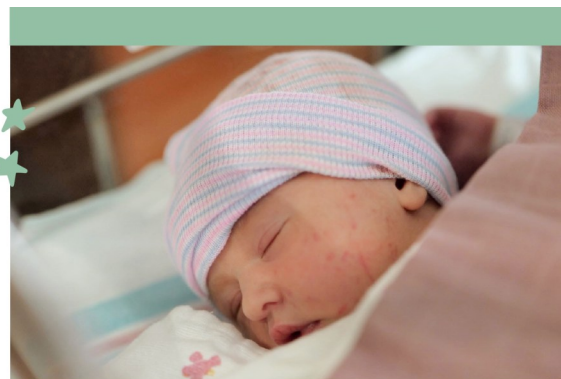
Verse Challenge

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.
If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

September 2025: 1 John 2:15-17



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JUNE 20, 2025 4:50 AM
6 LBS 15 OZ 19.5 INCHES

PROUD PARENTS: CODY & STACEY
GLEEFUL GRANDS & GREAT:
TERRY & DEBBIE CHASTAIN; VIRGINIA WYSS