

**South Canadian Valley Church of Christ**  
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**Verse:** 1 Peter 1:15-16

*Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

**Thought:**

"Holy" is one of those words we generally associate with the "stained glass ghetto" — a word only "church folks" use. That may be true, but it's still a great concept. Every kid knows that you don't eat hot dogs and potato chips on china. Mom's china is reserved for "special company" or "special occasions." Hot dogs are for paper plates and every day, china is for special e-

vents. When God is calling us to be holy, he's calling us to be china — something special just for him, and as Peter emphasizes, just like him.

**Prayer:**

*Holy Lord, God Almighty, I come before you knowing how great the distance is between your holiness and my commonness. I thank you for making me holy through the sacrifice of Jesus and by sending your Holy Spirit to live inside of me. Please receive my life today as a holy offering to you. I pray in the name of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.*

By Phil Ware



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**Elders**

Glen Taylor ~ Bruce Kessler ~ Mark Woody

**Deacons**

Travis Ashley ~ Larry Minson

**Our Mission and Commitment Statement**

*As Christ's church our purpose is to go and make disciples of Christ, foster their spiritual growth, and equip them to serve the church and the community, thereby glorifying God.*

## Church Service Schedule

Sunday Mornings 10:00  
 Wednesday Evenings 7:00

Location: **2217 24th Ave SW**  
**Norman, Okla.**

From HW 9 and 24th Ave SW, go  
 two blks south (on the left)

check inside for more detailed monthly  
 Scheduled activities

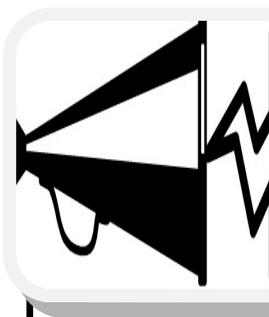


to our visitors. We're very happy to have you here with us today. We hope we have made you feel welcome and invite you to be back with us anytime.

Let us know if you have any questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitors card.

Call if you need a ride to Church:

<b>Glen Taylor</b>	<b>360-2762</b>
<b>Bruce Kessler</b>	<b>820-8474</b>
<b>Larry Minson</b>	<b>820-9506</b>
<b>Travis Ashley</b>	<b>818-1144</b>



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Bible Study** at the Woody home tomorrow evening, Jan 15th, 7:00 p.m.  
3030 Santa Rosa Ct - Norman

**Today:**  
Pot luck lunch, 1:00 services & a celebration for Sergio's family

**Check out** the new and improved church website!  
Same address:  
[www.normanchurch.com](http://www.normanchurch.com)

**Next Sunday**  
No services or other scheduled activities following morning services

**Congratulations** are in order for Sergio Wende & family. There is a celebration planned today for the family along with the luncheon.

## LOOK UP

If you put a buzzard in a pen six or eight feet square and entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of his ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of ten or twelve feet. Without space to run, as is his habit, he will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

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God, confess [sin], fellowship with Him in prayer and the quiet study of His Word, and listen intently for His direction. Let's commit (or recommit) to loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and let's be determined to take the necessary steps to draw near and know Him better.

*By Steve Troxel (edited)*

January Communion Preparation  
January Birthday Cake - 4th Sunday  
January Greeters

Minsons  
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### Sunday Schedule - January 2018

	7	14	21	28
<b>AM Speaker</b>	Craig Hayes	<b>Bruce Kessler</b>	Travis Ashley	Michael McCorkle
<b>PM Speaker</b>		<b>Mark Woody</b>		Michael McCorkle
<b>Communion Lead</b>	Doug Switzer	<b>Dustin Gaskins</b>	Chris Taylor	Ray Speights
<b>Usher</b>	Jim Osborne	<b>Chaney Jones</b>	Amon Rowe	Jacob Switzer
<b>Usher</b>	Corbin Hall	<b>Dustin Claunch</b>	Paul Woody	Jordan Danser
<b>Usher</b>	Charles Vallee	<b>Larry Minson</b>	Luke Switzer	Topher Taylor
<b>Reading</b>	Cuinn Hayes	<b>Amon Rowe</b>	Corbin Hall	Luke Switzer
<b>Prayer</b>	Dustin Claunch	<b>Mike Hall</b>	Topher Taylor	Dustin Gaskins
<b>AM Songs</b>	Leslie Jones	<b>Jordan Danser</b>	Jordan Winslow	Craig Hayes
<b>PM Songs</b>		<b>Corbin Hall</b>		Mark Woody
<b>AM/PM O/C</b>	Travis Ashley	<b>Glen Taylor</b>	Mark Woody	Larry Minson

### Wednesday Schedule - January 2018

	3	10	17	24	31
<b>Speaker</b>	Pizza & Singing	Glen Taylor	<b>Jordan Winslow</b>	Jordan Danser	Dustin Gaskins
<b>Text</b>					
<b>Subject</b>		Open	<b>Open</b>	Open	Open

## Know Him Better

When a child is born into a family, there is almost an instant bond of love. The parent and child spend LOTS of time together and truly begin to know each other. The parent knows the needs of the child, and the child knows the parent as the provider of comfort and security.

But as the child grows, other activities and friends can begin to limit time together. In the search for independence, there can often be rebellion toward parental instruction and counsel. In many families all around the world, the parent and child drift apart and no longer communicate as they once had - they sadly cease to know one another.

Ephesians 1:16-17 says: "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better."

Notice this is Paul's continuous prayer, that we be given revelation and wisdom. Revelation is the unveiling of God's truth, and wisdom is the application of His truth in our lives. Both of these are necessary and serve the single purpose of knowing Him better.

As we continue in our relationship with Jesus Christ, there is a tendency to hit those spiritual teenage years where we have things pretty well figured out - or so we think. We begin to gain "self" confidence and trust in our own ability. We get more involved in activities (maybe even "good" activities) and with friends (maybe even "good" friends), but one day we wake and find we have drifted. We did not intentionally walk away, but there is a definite loss of passion; the relationship is strained; we no longer really know God.

As a loving father longs to hold his children, our Heavenly Father longs for us to draw near and know Him; "Let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows Me" (Jeremiah 9:24). The Bible always speaks about knowing someone as a very personal and loving relationship; "Adam knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain" (Genesis 4:1 KJV). Jesus even defined eternal life as a state of knowing; "Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3). Knowing God certainly means more than knowing things about God; perhaps a passionate identification with Jesus is a good place to start.

The road back to a restored relationship begins with spending time together. No matter how busy we get we must continue to humbly come into the presence of

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## Praying for you

**James 5:16** - *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The Effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

Please feel free to share with us your blessings and answered prayers. We'd love to join you in thanking God for the wonderful things He's done for you.

Give thanks to God for answered prayers in regards o Sergio, Wende and that family.

Update: Matt Futer who is a family friend of the Davis and Addison family has been long time diagnosed with brain cancer. He's currently suffering from seizures but doctors have found no brain cancer.

Denise Koch has been suffering with a very bad cold and laryngitis for a couple of weeks and started a new job. Pray for her.

Buddy Davis continues his recovery following a stroke last week in a rehab center in Ok City. He is suffering some speech issues but otherwise in fair condition. Buddy is a Dustin Claunch's grandfather and a new member of this church.

Dean Howard has been suffering with stomach issues for the past couple of months. Inflammation & an irritation as well as a polyp has been found on her esophagus and is being tested.

Loraine is recuperating following surgery to remove some scar tissue from her intestine.

### Suffering with cancer:

Glen & Mary Taylor have numerous friends and relatives that are suffering with cancers. Mickey White, a friend from the Sand Springs, Ok congregation. a nephew, Ned Dorsey, a cousin Retha Jantz's daughter Denise has multiple cancers. Cards & letters are requested. Her address is 9115 S. Young's, OKC, OK 73159, and Brenda Hinkle, friend suffering with cancer and would love prayers, cards and letters on her behalf. Her address is 9605 NW 12th PL, OKC, OK 73127.

Dustin Claunch's grandmother, Francis Dean.

### Lets always keep in our prayers:

Please keep Shirley Roberson's 18 month old grandson, Kyler Pellow in your prayers. He suffers with vision problems.

Loraine Ashley has a severe auto immune disorder and frequently suffers with pain. Keep Leslie Jones' father and mother, Cathy Jones Mother and Dean Howard in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers those who are serving in the military or in a civilian capacity.

Happy Birthday!

In January

- Joanna Hall 9th
  - Tammy Boaz 11th
  - Kaleb Switzer 14th
  - Leslea Hale 27th
  - Jeff Uhter 28th
  - Rick Boaz 29th
  - Leslie Jones 30th
- Let me know if your name was left out on the birthdays or anniversary's.

## January Anniversaries

Ab & Della Combest 27th

### Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday Services

Sun. Morn. Attendance	71
Sun. Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	48
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$3,407
Last Building Fund Offering	\$5,857

Go to [mixlr.com/bkess](http://mixlr.com/bkess) & listen to Bruce Kessler's on-line radio show, "Passion for Christ"

## JANUARY CALENDAR

<b>1st Sunday</b>	7rd	12:00	Nursing Home Singing - Gardens at Rivermont
<b>1st Monday</b>	1th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody home
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	13th	10:00 -11:30	Food Pantry Opened
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	10th	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 p.m. Services
<b>3rd Monday</b>	15th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody Home
<b>4th Sunday</b>	28th	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 p.m. services
<b>4th Saturday</b>	27th	9:00-11:00	Men's Teacher Training

A Bumblebee if dropped into an open tumbler will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, there are lots of people like the buzzard, the bat and the bee. They are struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not realizing that the answer is right there "above" them.

*Author unknown*

## Why Did God Make Dogs?

Why did God make dogs? I don't think it was accidental, so why do you suppose hounds are around?

Recently, I watched an elderly woman trying to recover from a stroke. Her brain was damaged, and her arm was weak, so her therapist brought, of all things, a dog to help out. Instead of completing monotonous drills, the elderly patient threw a bright red Frisbee across the room, and the dog bounced over, picked it up, and brought it back, his eyes begging, "Throw it again, please!" And she did, over and over and over, forgetting that she was actually working quite hard.

What possessed God to make dogs anyway? Certainly there are exceptions, and certainly people can breed dogs to bring out the worst in them, but in general, there is nothing more selfless, loving or patient than a dog. Mistreat it and it comes back to you anyway. Ignore it and it never gives up hope that you will be its friend again. Make it wait days to go play, and it will still be ready. It offers you friendship and companionship and in return asks only for food, water and an occasional scratch behind the ears. Why would God bother to make such a creature?

I suppose that if dogs were like people they would eventually give up on us ... but they never do. A dog's love is almost impossible to destroy, because it's not a love you earn; it's simply a love you are given. In other words, dogs love unconditionally.

Unconditional love; unending patience; faithfulness to the very end. Do you suppose, just perhaps, that God made dogs to show us a little something about Himself? Do you think maybe "man's best friend" is really pointing us to the One who is truly our very Best Friend?

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge." (Psalm 19:1-2 NIV)

*Author Unknown*