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**SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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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>

**Verse:** 1 Peter 2:15-16

*It is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.*

**Thought:**

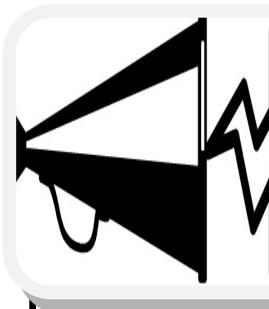
What does the world most need to hear from me today? A life tuned to the melody of grace that I claim I believe. Doing good, being like Christ, is Peter's answer to opposition, cynicism, and even persecution. We are free in Jesus, but being free means that we don't have to pretentiously prove we are free. Instead, we can live for him who died to conquer death

and renounced absolute heavenly freedom so we could find it. We are free to serve others, and most of all to serve God.

**Prayer:**

*Holy Father, my Great Emancipator, you have freed me from sin, law, and death at the cost of your precious Son. I open my heart to you today to say I love you. I and want to thank you for this gift of incredible redemption. Please accept the actions of my life and the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my mind and the emotions of my heart today as my offering of thanks. In the name of Jesus, my Sacrifice and your holy Son, I pray. Amen.*

by Phil Ware



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Woody home Bible Study** tomorrow evening, Monday, Nov 19th, 7:00 p.m. - 3030 Santa Rosa Ct

**Our Christmas Party** will take place on Sunday, Dec 9th - following morning services beginning with a soup, chili, salads, sandwich lunch followed by a "dirty santa" gift exchange (bring a gift for each family member that wants to participate) Following the gift exchange will be a talent show (See Bruce)

**Patricia Bryan** is hosting a Christmas party for kids on Dec 7th, 6:00 to 8:00 at West Metro. Bring snacks, and if you want to participate in the "dirty santa," bring a gift. There will be games and activities.

**Today**  
No scheduled activities or afternoon services following morning services

**Next Sunday**  
Pot luck lunch & afternoon services at 1:00

**Glen Taylor's** Thursday morning Bible study has been canceled till further notice

## Cashew Nuts

If you enjoy cashew nuts as much as I do, you may have noticed something that is both curious and unusual about them. Have you ever noticed that you never see cashew nuts in their shell? You've probably removed other varieties of nuts from their shells, but never a cashew nut. Why is that?

The reason is that the shell and skin of the cashew nut contains extremely

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cause you are a follower of Christ? As we move through our days, let us determine that we are going to be "reflective ambassadors" for the One who died for us, and who lives inside us to this very day-the One who is one day returning to take us home. And let us determine that we are going to make a difference in the lives of other people while we're here.

(By Rocky Henriques)

November Communion Preparation	Topher
November Birthday Cake - 4th Sunday	Topher
November Greeters	

November Sunday Schedule				
	4	11	18	25
<b>AM Speaker</b>	Mark Woody	Jordan Danser	<b>Travis Ashley</b>	Bruce Kessler
<b>PM Speaker</b>		Chris Taylor		Topher Taylor
<b>Communion Lead</b>	Dustin Gaskins	Ray Speights	<b>Topher Taylor</b>	Charles Vallee
<b>Usher</b>	Tibor Siklosi	Jacob Switzer	<b>Amon Rowe</b>	Leslie Jones
<b>Usher</b>	Corbin Hall	Chaney Jones	<b>Chase Barrett</b>	Paul Woody
<b>Usher</b>	Charles Vallee	John Robinson	<b>Larry Minson</b>	Dustin Gaskins
<b>Usher</b>	Cuinn Hayes	Dustin Claunch	<b>Luke Switzer</b>	Jordan Danser
<b>Reading</b>	Amon Rowe	Cuinn Hayes	<b>Corbin Hall</b>	Chase Barrett
<b>Prayer</b>	John Robinson	Jordan Danser	<b>Tibor Siklosi</b>	Mike Hall
<b>AM Songs</b>	Jordan Winslow	Leslie Jones	<b>Jordan Danser</b>	Craig Hayes
<b>PM Songs</b>		Dustin Gaskins		Corbin Hall
<b>AM/PM O/C</b>	Travis Ashley	Larry Minson	<b>Bruce Kessler</b>	Mark Woody
<b>Subject</b>	Abundant Life	Abundant Life	<b>Abundant Life</b>	Abundant Life

November Wednesday Schedule				
	7	14	21	28
<b>Speaker</b>	Pizza & Singing	Dustin Gaskins	<b>Clyde Woody</b>	Glen Taylor
<b>Text</b>				
<b>Subject</b>				

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Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you accepted Him as the Lord and Savior of your life by accepting His death on the cross as the only payment for your sins? Do you have the assurance that one day you will spend eternity in heaven with Him?

Perhaps you've never made that decision. You may feel like a cashew nut - hiding behind a caustic shell of works, possessions and treasures that is eating away at your life - consuming your time, talent and eternal destiny - coming between you and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ - the Creator of the universe.

*"Dear Lord God, we desire to know you more and more each day. Our prayer is that you would strip away anything that prevents us from learning more about you and becoming closer to you. Amen."*

(By Roy Irwin) [Edited]

## Cheerful Thoughts

It was only a glad "Good morning!" As she passed along the way, But it spread the morning's glory Over the living day. --Unknown

The little poem above reminds us that sometimes we can have a tremendous impact on the lives of others as we intersect with them. It may be only for a moment, or for an extended period of time. But we can reflect Christ onto them, and perhaps make a difference in their lives.

A few years ago, I stopped on the way home from work to purchase gasoline for my car. The place I stopped had the lowest prices around, and it was between five and six o'clock in the evening - so it was busy! I pumped the gas into my car, then headed inside to pay with cash. Apparently the clerk was new, and the equipment was not functioning properly. She was becoming more and more flustered, and the customers waiting there were becoming more and more impatient and short-tempered. And of course, the situation was only making the clerk more and more nervous, leading to more mistakes, leading to... well, you get the picture.

My turn came, and I stepped up to the counter. With all the other customers standing around, and the air thick with tension, I said "Ma'am," in such a way as to get her attention. She looked up and me, and I made eye contact. I said in a voice which I intended to be soothing while being heard by everyone else, "It's okay. You're doing fine."

That's all I said, but her demeanor changed immediately. Her shoulders slumped in relief, she took a deep breath, and you could almost feel the tension leaving the room. Saying that out loud seemed to make all the customers realize that she was doing the very best she could do, that it wasn't her fault that the equipment wasn't working properly. She was able to complete the transaction, and she moved on to the next person, this time with more confidence and authority. All it took was one person who spoke the right words at the right time to defuse the situation and transform it.

But it doesn't have to be a situation like the one I've just described. It could be a lonely old man who just wants human contact, even if it is just a smile. Have you ever thanked the policeman who stopped you for speeding? Have you done something lately for a perfect stranger just be-

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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.**

If you need prayers from the church, please let us know. Call Larry at 820-9506 or April at 833-7207 or email us at: [Lminson@cox.net](mailto:Lminson@cox.net) and we'll get you on the prayer list.

Dustin Gaskins great-grandfather just had bladder surgery this past week. He is 90 years old and came through the surgery just fine.

Sergio has been diagnosed with cancer of the Lymph Nodes but is doing very well.

Glen and Mary Taylor's cousin Retha Jantz's daughter, Denise Jennings has been diagnosed with

multiple cancers and treatment seems to working some.

Bruce Kessler has an MRI scheduled shortly to try to diagnose a spot he has had in his lung for the past few weeks.

Kim Kessler is now out of her sling and recuperating nicely following successful shoulder surgery several weeks ago.

### Suffering with cancer:

The Jones's sister-in-law Debbie has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Craig and Emily's friend, Sammie Setliff is diagnosed with breast cancer. Sammie is a member of the church in Plainview, TX.

Glen & Mary Taylor have numerous friends and relatives that are suffering with cancers. Mickey White, a friend from the Sand Springs, Ok congregation, cousin Retha Jantz's daughter Denise Jennings has multiple cancers. Cards & letters are requested. Her address is 9116 S. Young's, OKC, OK 73159, and Byrdie Hawley with cancer spread throughout her body.

### Always keep in our prayers:

Loraine Ashley has a severe auto immune disorder and frequently suffers with pain.

Keep Leslie Jones' father and mother, Cathy Jone's Mother and Dean Howard in your prayers.

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



**IN NOVEMBER**

	Mark Barrett	1st
	Cuinn Hayes	4th
	Alene Coker	6th
	Kelsey Hayes	9th
	Austin Seibert	15th
	Denise Koch	17th
	<b>Jaxon Rudd</b>	<b>20th</b>
	Kristen Rudd	26th
	Ray Speights	26th
	Let Larry or April know if your name was left out of this list.	

**November Anniversaries**

David & Susan Robinson 2nd

**Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday Services**

Sun. Morn. Attendance	83
Afternoon Attendance	42
Wed. Attendance	62
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$2,131
Last Building Fund Offering	\$1,607

**Area Gospel Meetings 2018-2019**

**Tulsa Church of Christ:**  
Gospel Meeting- Shawn Zybach  
April 24-28, 2019  
7:30 evenings, 10:30 and 2:00 Sunday

**South Canadian Valley Church of Christ:**  
Norman, OK  
Gospel Meeting – Jay Loyd  
June 9-16, 2019

East Main Church of Christ- Stratford:  
Meeting with Timothy Fleming  
June 2-9, 2019  
7pm nightly, 10:30 & 2:30 on Lord's Day with a potluck lunch

**Tulsa Church of Christ**  
Meeting- Dee Teel  
July 17-21, 2019  
Evenings 7:30 pm, Sunday 10:30 & 2:00

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

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

<b>1st Sunday</b>	4th	12:00	Nursing Home Singing - Gardens at Rivermont
<b>1st Monday</b>	5th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody home
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	10th	10:00 –11:30	Food Pantry Opened
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	11th	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 Services
<b>3rd Monday</b>	19th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody Home
<b>4th Sunday</b>	25th	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 Services
<b>4th Saturday</b>	24th	9:00-11:00	Men's Teacher Training

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caustic oil that can painfully blister the skin. This dangerous oil must be completely removed before the nut can be touched or eaten. It is a slow and difficult process...

Cashew nuts are first roasted in their shell, burning off some of the caustic oil and making the shell brittle. Next the nuts are cracked and shelled by hand - machines have proven unsuccessful in removing the nut without damaging it. The cashew is then boiled or roasted again and a second shell or 'skin' is removed. Only then is the cashew nut safe to eat and enjoy!

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Just as it is with cashew nuts, I am reminded of how 'caustic' the external things in life can be and how they keep us from a deeper relationship with God. Many people believe that to get closer to God they must live a good life, give money, do good deeds, go to church, etc. Yet the Bible is clear that "...all of our righteous acts are like filthy rags." Isaiah 64:6 (NIV)

Instead, God has always been interested in the heart of each of us. He desires a personal relationship with each individual person - "that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him..." Acts 17:27 (NIV)

I can think of many things over the years that have cluttered my life and prevented me from having a deeper relationship with God. Maybe you can relate to that. Just as with the cashew nut, those things (sin) must be stripped away before you can get to the heart of the person.

Why is that so important?

Because God does not live in churches, temples or in any other man-made structure. He isn't interested in anything that we make, have or own. What could we possibly offer or give to the Creator of everything in the universe? Instead, He lives in the heart of each person who has made His Son Jesus Christ the Lord of his or her life. A person does that when they accept Jesus' death on the cross as the only payment for their sins and the only basis for their spending eternity in heaven with Him.

Once a person accepts Jesus' death as payment in full for their sins, just as with the cashew nut, the caustic shell of sin, the barrier that keeps us from God, is removed from our life, allowing us to experience a relationship with Him.

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