

South Canadian Valley Church of Christ
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Verse: Luke 2:6-7

While [Joseph and Mary] were [in Bethlehem], the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Thought:

I've always been amazed at how God chose to place his Son into our world. He could have done it any way he wanted. But he chose this way — to enter the world in difficult times under difficult circumstances as a helpless infant who must be cared for by parents who were vulnerable to so many frailties. Yet in spite of the challenges that lay ahead and the bewildering mystery that

confronted them, Joseph and Mary — along with everyone around them — were caught up in the great joy of this new child. Thank God for such new hope!

Prayer:

Give me a heart of faith, O God, so that I might always see your sovereignty and grace being poured out on me in special ways. I am thrilled that you, the Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe, chose to enter my world as a child. Thank you for trusting your wonderful salvation to human flesh so we could know that you deemed us worthy of entering our world to make us right for yours. In the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

by Phil Ware



SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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:

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Woody home Bible Study
Monday, Jan 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
3030 Santa Rosa Ct

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 16th in the church fellowship room at 6:15 p.m. Mike Hall is leading this.

New Directories

I am in the process of updating and printing new Church directories. If you want new photos, see Bonnie Osborne or myself, or you can send a photo to me. There is a draft copy out in the foyer for you to check your information. Make sure you do so this will be as accurate as possible.

Thanks, Larry



Today:

Pot luck lunch and 1:00 services following morning services

Next Sunday

No services or activities scheduled following morning services.

Opportunity for Service

Christmas day, Chris and Jean Taylor will be helping serve a meal for a home in Ok City that houses and feeds homeless and needy. Any donations of cookies, cake, candy or any other perishable products. Socks, caps, etc would work as well. Also, Ellen Wuthrich is having surgery on Wednesday and Cathy Jones on Thursday. If you can help with food, etc for these two families, see April.



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

Gaskins
Chris & Jean Taylor

December Sunday Schedule

	2	9	16	23	30
AM Speaker	Craig Hayes	Dustin Gaskins	Jordan Winslow	Chris Taylor	Mike Hall
PM Speaker		Christmas Party		Glen Taylor	
Communion Lead	Dustin Gaskins	Ray Speights	Topher Taylor	Charles Vallee	Craig Hayes
Usher	Leslie Jones	Craig Hayes	Amon Rowe	Tibor Siklosi	Dustin Claunch
Usher	Corbin Hall	Chaney Jones	Chase Barrett	Paul Woody	Chris Taylor
Usher	Charles Vallee	John Robinson	Larry Minson	Dustin Gaskins	Topher Taylor
Usher	Cuinn Hayes	Dustin Claunch	Travis Ashley	Jordan Danser	Jordan Winslow
Reading	Tibor Siklosi	Cuinn Hayes	Corbin Hall	Chase Barrett	Amon Rowe
Prayer	Tibor Siklosi	Mark Woody	Leslie Jones	Mike Hall	John Robinson
AM Songs	Jordan Danser	Leslie Jones	Jordan Danser	Craig Hayes	Mark Woody
PM Songs				Corbin Hall	
AM/PM O/C	Travis Ashley	Larry Minson	Bruce Kessler	Mark Woody	Glen Taylor

December Wednesday Schedule

	5	12	19	26
Speaker	Pizza & Singing	Tibor Siklosi	Corbin Hall	Bruce Kessler
Text				
Subject				

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when Jake unwrapped them.

"Mike distributed his packages during the noon hour. We each got a nice piece, opened it, and thanked him. The biggest package of all he saved until last. It was for Jake. Pete was all but bursting; and Mike looked very smug. Like always, Jake sat by himself; he was on the far side of the big table. Mike pushed the package over to where he could reach it; and we all sat and waited.

"Jake was never one to say much. You might never know that he was around for all the talking he did. In three years he'd never said a hundred words. So we were all quite astounded with what happened next. He took the package firmly in his grip and rose slowly to his feet. He smiled broadly at Mike - and it was then we noticed that his eyes were glistening. His adam's apple bobbed up and down for a moment and then he got control of himself.

"I knew you wouldn't forget me,' he said gratefully; 'I knew you'd come through! You're big and you're playful, but I knew all along that you had a good heart.'

"He swallowed again, and then took in the rest of us. 'I know I haven't seemed too chummy with you men; but I never meant to be rude. You see, I've got nine kids at home - and a wife that's been an invalid - bedfast now for four years. She ain't ever going to get any better. And sometimes when she's real bad off, I have to sit up all night to take care of her. And most of my wages have had to go for doctors and medicine. The kids do all they can to help out, but at times it's been hard to keep food in their mouths. Maybe you think it's funny that I go off by myself to eat my dinner. Well, I guess I've been a little ashamed, because I don't always have anything between my sandwich. Or like today - maybe there's only a raw turnip in my pail. But I want you to know that this meat really means a lot to me. Maybe more than to anybody here because tonight my kids . . .' he wiped the tears from his eyes with the back of his hand, ' . . . tonight my kids will have a really . . .'

"He tugged at the string. We'd been watching Jake so intently we hadn't paid much notice to Mike and Pete. But we all noticed them now, because they both dove at once to try to grab the package. But they were too late. Jake had broken the wrapper and was already surveying his present. He examined each hoof, each ear, and then he held up the tail. It wiggled limply. It should have been so funny, but nobody laughed - nobody at all.

"But the hardest part was when Jake looked up and said 'Thank you' while trying to smile. Silently one by one each man moved forward carrying his package and quietly placed it in front of Jake for they had suddenly realized how little their own gift had really meant to them . . . until now . . .

This was where the foreman left the story and the men. He didn't need to say anymore; but it was gratifying to notice that as each man ate his lunch that day, they shared part with Bill and one fellow even took off his shirt and gave it to him."

"When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work - this is a gift of God." Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NIV)

"Lord, thank You for all You have given me to enjoy. Make me aware of people in need with whom I can share from the abundance I have received. Amen"

(Author Unknown)

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 and we'll get you on the prayer list.

Sergio was in an auto accident just north of Blanchard yesterday and end up in the emergency room with pain in his ribs. No broken bones and he's doing much better. Sergio is also receiving radiation treatments to fight cancer of the Lymph Nodes.

Glen & Mary have a friend, Avery Rample who is suffering from a blood disorder.

Iola McGauhey, mother of Rebecca Davis is in the Norman Regional East hospital suffering from a stomach virus.

Dustin Gaskin's grandfather, Marshall Shaddix passed away last Monday evening from complications following bladder surgery a few weeks ago. Marshall was 90 years old.

Leslie and Cathy Jones' granddaughter, Lakela has been diagnosed with severe Sleep Apnea. She has been suffering off and on for 5 months with Strep/Tonsillitis. Please pray doctors can take her tonsils out soon.

Ellen Wuthrich is recuperating from restorative surgery last Wednesday.

Bruce Kessler is still having some chest discomfort. Doctors are trying to diagnose a spot he has had in his lung for the past several weeks.

Cathy Jones is recuperating from hernia surgery last Thursday and doing well.

Bruce Kessler's step mom, Exie Kessler, is in the hospital suffering from AFib. She will be undergoing a stress test and other tests in the next few weeks.

Dean Howard is in Medical Plaza West in NW Norman in room 410 receiving extended care. Dean suffered a broken wrist, and a cut on her head a couple of weeks ago after a fall, as well as fighting urinary tract infection. She's much better and may be released to go home as early as tomorrow.

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:

Rachel Vallee is having ongoing pain and weakness that is making it hard for her to function. Rachel suffers with Fibromyalgia.

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

Keep Rebecca Davis' mother Iola McGauhey, Leslie Jones' father and mother, Cathy Jones' Mother and Dean Howard always in your prayers please

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



IN DECEMBER

Wanda Hames	2nd
Tiffany Cude	4th
David Robinson	4th
Kelly Woody	4th
Ellen Wuthrich	5th
Aaron Cude	6th
Hannah Bailey	10th
Karen Hames	10th
Chris Taylor	11th
Topher Taylor	11th
Dustin Claunch	13th
Kittie Addison	14th
Travis Ashleigh	14th
Janie Caballero	17th
Amon Rowe	18th
Kylea Hale	20th
John Robinson	22nd
Mary Barrett	30th
Malenna Johnson	31st

Let Larry or April know if your name was left out of this list.

December Anniversaries

**Ray & Tanya Speights 10th
Glen & Mary 29th**

**Statistics For Last Sunday
& Wednesday Services**

Sun. Morn. Attendance	68
Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	53
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$1,848
Last Building Fund Offering	\$2,198

Go to mixlr.com/bkess & listen to Bruce Kessler's on-line radio show, "Passion for Christ"

DECEMBER CALENDAR

1st Sunday	2nd	12:00	Nursing Home Singing-Gardens at Rivermont
1st Monday	3rd	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody home
2nd Saturday	8th	10:00 –11:30	Food Pantry Opened
2nd Sunday	9th	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 Services
3rd Monday	17th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody Home
3rd Wed	19th	6:15 p.m.	Prayer Service
4th Sunday	23rd	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 Services
4th Saturday	22nd	9:00-11:00	Men's Teacher Training

"But for the Grace of God . . ."

Bill was a big, awkward, homely guy. He dressed oddly with ill-fitting clothes. There were several fellows who thought it smart to make fun of him.

One day one fellow noticed a small tear in his shirt and gave it a small rip. Another worker in the factory added his bit, and before long there was quite a ribbon dangling. Bill went on

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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

Sooner East Church of Christ – Midwest City

Meeting – Chase Palmer
July 7th-14th, 2019
1st Sunday: 10:30 & 2:00
Weekdays: 7:30
2nd Sunday: 10:30 & 4:00

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

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Gospel Meeting – Jay Loyd
June 9-16, 2019

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about his work and as he passed too near a moving belt the shirt strip was sucked into the machinery.

In a split second the sleeve and Bill was in trouble. Alarms were sounded, switches pulled, and trouble was avoided. The foreman, however, aware of what had happened, summoned the men and related this story:

"In my younger days I worked in a small factory. That's when I first met Mike. He was big and witty, was always making jokes, and playing little pranks. Mike was a leader. Then there was Pete who was a follower. He always went along with Mike. And then there was a man named Jake.

"He was a little older than the rest of us - quiet, harmless, apart. He always ate his lunch by himself. He wore the same patched trousers for three years straight. He never entered into the games we played at noon, wrestling, horse shoes and such. He appeared to be indifferent, always sitting quietly alone under a tree instead. Jake was a natural target for practical jokes.

"He might find a live frog in his dinner pail, or a dead rodent in his hat. But he always took it in good humor. Then one Fall when things were slack, Mike took off a few days to go hunting. Pete went along, of course. And they promised all of us that if they got anything they'd bring us each a piece.

"So we were all quite excited when we heard that they'd returned and that Mike had got a really big buck. We heard more than that. Pete could never keep anything to himself, and it leaked out that they had real whopper to play on Jake.

"Mike had cut up the critter and had made a nice package for each of us. And, for the laugh, for the joke of it, he had saved the ears, the tail, the hoofs - it would be so funny

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