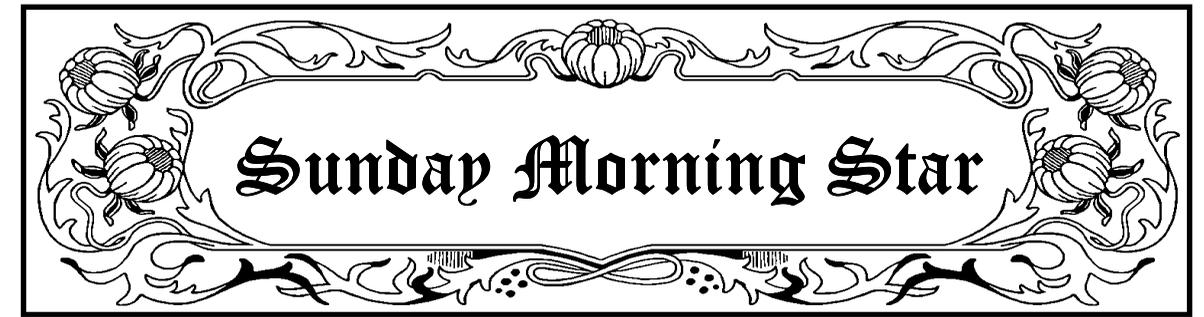


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**SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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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:** Romans 8:18

*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

**Thought:**

Paul knew hardship: take a look at the list of just some of the difficult challenges he had to face in 2 Corinthians 11:22-33. His "present sufferings" make most of our difficulties seem tame by comparison. However, Paul could say confidently that the glory he would have with Christ (cf. Col. 3:1-4) would be so incredible, with blessings so fantastic, that his hardships are minor in comparison. That glory will also be ours! Now isn't that fantastic

news.

**Prayer:**

*Holy and Almighty God, you are awesome, glorious, and majestic. I praise you for reaching down and saving me by your grace. Father, most of the time my faith is strong and I feel confident about my future. However, at times my faith can waver when I'm confronted with grave difficulties. Give me courage and boldness, dear God, to face those challenges with the conviction that they are actually minor in comparison to the glory you will share with me when Jesus returns. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

By Phil Ware



**Bible Study** at the Woody home tomorrow evening, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. 3030 Santa Rosa Ct - Norman

**Today** - No luncheon or afternoon services but there is a bowling party scheduled for 2:00 at "Sooner Bowling Center," 550 24th Ave NW in Norman. If you want to go, see Kim Kessler.

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

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

### GOD IS UNDER THE BED

My brother Kevin thinks God lives under his bed. At least that's what I heard him say one night. He was praying out loud in his dark bedroom, and I stopped outside his closed door to listen. "Are you there, God?" he said. "Where are you? Oh, I see. Under the bed." I giggled softly and tiptoed off to my own room. Kevin's unique perspectives are often a source of amusement. But that night something else lingered long after the humor. I realized for the first time the very different world Kevin lives in. He was born 30 years ago, mentally disabled as a result of difficulties during labor. Apart from his size (he's 6-foot-2), there are few ways in which he is an adult. He reasons and communicates with the capabilities of a 7-year-old, and he always will. He will probably always believe that God lives under his bed, that Santa Claus is the one who fills the space under our tree every Christmas, and that airplanes stay up in the sky because angels carry them.

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#### Note from Chris Long:

On a day that should have been all about love, it was saddening to hear of yet another school shooting - this time in Florida. A true reminder again of this broken world we live in. After Columbine in the late 90's, I started writing this song and finished it after the Santee school shooting in 2001 and recorded it several years later. It's a song I honestly tend to completely forget about, but today it once again reflects my thoughts. Even as one that was still in high school-era age myself at the time of Columbine, I knew that all the yapping going on about why it happened was missing the bigger picture issue. Once again, the talking heads will yap about how to solve this problem. One will say to get rid of more guns. Another will say that guns don't kill people only people do. And the deeper issues will go untouched and unexplored. And life will go on and the cycle will repeat. It's what we do.

February Communion Preparation	Hayes
February Birthday Cake - 4th Sunday	Halls
February Greeters	Hayes

#### Sunday Schedule - February 2018

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

#### Wednesday Schedule - February 2018

	7	14	21	28
<b>Speaker</b>	Pizza & Singing	Craig Hayes	<b>Leslie Jones</b>	Travis Ashley
<b>Text</b>		Joshua 1	<b>Josh. 2</b>	Josh. 3:1-5:12
<b>Subject</b>		Be Strong & Very Courageous	<b>Rehab Hides the Spies</b>	Entering the Promise Land

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really is to our hearts, I'll realize that God heard the simple prayers of a boy who believed that God lived under his bed. Kevin won't be surprised at all.

"Father, I ask you to bless my friends reading this right now Lord, show them a new revelation of your love and power. Holy Spirit, I ask you to minister to their spirit at this very moment. Where there is pain, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubting, release a renewed confidence in your ability to work through them. Where there is tiredness, or exhaustion, I ask you to give them understanding, patience, and strength as they learn submission to your leading. Where there is spiritual stagnation, I ask you to renew them by revealing your nearness, and by drawing them into greater intimacy with you. Where there is fear, reveal your love, and release to them your courage. Where there is a sin blocking them, reveal it, and break its hold over my friend's life. Bless their finances, give them greater vision, and raise up leaders, and friends to support, and encourage them. Give each of them discernment to recognize the ignorance and error of thought around them, and reveal to them the power they have in you to bring light to these places For all of this and more, we are so grateful.

In Jesus' name we pray.  
AMEN"

### Thought for Today

"...The church is the biggest tombstone of all - a monument among the dead. When Jesus died on the cross to save us from sin, His purpose was not only to provide a way for us to enter heaven but also to make us more like Himself, that we might minister to others in His name. He instructed us to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to visit those who are sick and in prison. Christ wants us to be instruments through whom the needs of the people can be met. We can never have the kind of life He wants us to have until we learn to love others in His name...How can we say we love Jesus if we do not care about the suffering people whom Jesus loves? We have excess wealth, yet refuse to share it with those who are starving. Being Christlike is caring about the hungry, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned."

*Ex-convict Harold Morris in his book "Twice Pardoned"*

## 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. We care about you and your problems and want to pray for you or help you in any way we can.

Cathy Jone's mother, Catherine has been suffering with type

A flu.

Wanda Hames is having more tests done following what they thing is a light stroke last week. Her speech is slightly impaired and mild weakness on her right side but is doing ok.

Denise's daughter, Christine is asking for your prayers for a friend's (Lainey) 4 month daughter who is suffering from seizures. They don't have any specific answers but the baby is having hundreds of seizures per day. They also learned the baby would not develop normally. Lainey is asking for prayers and meals. She also has another young daughter and works full time. She lives at 240 and sunny lane. She's looking for someone to care for her daughter for around 700 per month since she can't go to regular daycare because the medicine she's on is making her immune system weak. 730-430 Monday thru Friday.

An Ultrasound test indicated a mass on Leslie Jone's thyroid that needs to be biopsied but they are fairly sure it's cancerous. He will have surgery at 7:30 in the morning. Please pray for Les and the family.

Rachael Vallee continues to have incidents in her classroom, one of which injured her a couple of weeks ago. She is asking for prayers for calm and safety in her classroom.

Brenda Hinkle, friend of Mary & Glen is battling cancer. She had to stop taking the chemo treatments as they were making her sick to the point of being mostly bedfast. She would appreciate cards and letters of encouragement, 9606 NW 12th PL, OKC, OK 73127.

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.

Dean Howard is still having some issues with her stomach.

### 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, nephew, Ned Dorsey, a 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 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 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 February

Coy Taylor 7th  
 Karen Hames 10th  
 Joe Addison 12th  
 Chelsea Vallee 12th  
 Eli Hogan 27th

Let me know if your name was left out on the birth-days or anniversary's.  
 Larry M.

## February Anniversaries

Bruce & Kim Kessler 7th  
 Doug & Maryori Switzer 14th

## Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday Services

Sun. Morn. Attendance	82
Sun. Afternoon Attendance	39
Wed. Attendance	49
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$2,873
Last Building Fund Offering	\$6,349

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

## FEBRUARY 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 p.m. 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 p.m. services
<b>4th Saturday</b>	24th	9:00-11:00	Men's Teacher Training

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I remember wondering if Kevin realizes he is different. Is he ever dissatisfied with his monotonous life? Up before dawn each day, off to work at a workshop for the disabled, home to walk our cocker spaniel, returning to eat his favorite macaroni-and-cheese for dinner, and later to bed. The only variation in the entire scheme are laundry days, when he hovers excitedly over the washing machine like a mother with her newborn child. He does not seem dissatisfied. He lopes out to the bus every morning at 7:05, eager for a

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day of simple work. He wrings his hands excitedly while the water boils on the stove before dinner, and he stays up late twice a week to gather our dirty laundry for his next day's laundry chores. And Saturdays - oh, the bliss of Saturdays! That's the day my dad takes Kevin to the airport to have a soft drink, watch the planes land, and speculate loudly on the destination of each passenger inside. "That one's goin' to Chi-car-go!" Kevin shouts as he claps his hands. His anticipation is so great he can hardly sleep on Friday nights. I don't think Kevin knows anything exists outside his world of daily rituals and weekend field trips. He doesn't know what it means to be discontent.

His life is simple. He will never know the entanglements of wealth or power, and he does not care what brand of clothing he wears or what kind of food he eats. He recognizes no differences in people, treating each person as an equal and a friend. His needs have always been met, and he never worries that one day they may not be. His hands are diligent. Kevin is never so happy as when he is working. When he unloads the dishwasher or vacuums the carpet, his heart is completely in it. He does not shrink from a job when it is begun, and he does not leave a job until it is finished. But when his tasks are done, Kevin knows how to relax. He is not obsessed with his work or the work of others. His heart is pure. He still believes everyone tells the truth, promises must be kept, and when you are wrong, you apologize instead of argue. Free from pride and unconcerned with appearances, Kevin is not afraid to cry when he is hurt, angry or sorry. He is always transparent, always sincere. And he trusts God. Not confined by intellectual reasoning, when he comes to Christ, he comes as a child. Kevin seems to know God to really be friends with Him in a way that is difficult for an "educated" person to grasp. God seems like his closest companion. In my moments of doubt and frustrations with my Christianity, I envy the security Kevin has in his simple faith. It is then that I am most willing to admit that he has some divine knowledge that rises above my mortal questions. It is then I realize that perhaps he is not the one with the handicap, I am. My obligations, my fear, my pride, my circumstances they all become disabilities when I do not submit them to Christ. Who knows if Kevin comprehends things I can never learn?

After all, he has spent his whole life in that kind of innocence, praying after dark and soaking up the goodness and love of the Lord. And one day, when the mysteries of heaven are opened, and we are all amazed at how close God