

**South Canadian Valley Church of Christ**  
 c/o Larry Minson  
 1525 Oakhurst Ave.  
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**Verse:** Psalm 103:12

*As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

**Thought:**

Now that's a long way - from sun rising to sun setting, that's how far God has removed our sins. But the key word is removed. When we sin and come to God in repentance, God doesn't just forgive our sin; he purifies us of all unrighteousness. What was unholy in me is made righteous in him. What was impure is now clean. What was stained is spotless. Why? How? We can now see more fully what the Psalmist could know only in part. God doesn't see our

sin, but Jesus' sacrifice. His blood purifies and cleanses us! Our sin is gone and we are clean.

**Prayer:**

*Father of mercies, thank you for not only forgiving my sins, but for removing them. I thank you that I can stand before you holy and without fault because of the blood of Jesus and your gracious desire to forgive. I now ask, Righteous Father, that you strengthen me with your Holy Spirit so that my conduct will reflect your estimate of me in Jesus. In the name of the Christ, your Son and my Savior, I pray. Amen.*

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 blocks south (on the left)

(check inside for more detailed monthly  
 scheduled activities)



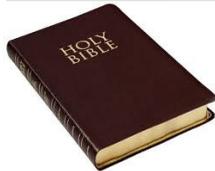
to our visitors. We're very happy to have you here with us today. We hope we have made you feel welcome and invite you to be back with us anytime. Let us know if you have any questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitors card.

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



### Canceled:

The Woody family Bible study has been canceled for tomorrow night. The Next study will be on Sept 16th, 7:00 pm

### Today

Nursing home singing at "Gardens at Rivermont"

### Next Sunday

Hot Dog & Hamburger cook-out following morning services

### Men's business meeting

Scheduled for September 21st, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served. Would love for all the men, young and old, to be here.

April and I have set up a CPR training class for October 19th in the church fellowship room beginning at 10:00 a.m. The class will last about 2 - 2 1/2 hours and the cost is \$45. We have used this trainer before and he is very good. You will receive your certification card good for two years. Just let April or Larry know if you want to do this.



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

Topher & Cathy  
Jordan & Aubrey  
Jordan & Hannah

### September Sunday 2019 Schedule

	1	8	15	22	29
<b>AM Speaker</b>	Jordan Danser	Jordan Winslow	Dustin Gaskins	Craig Hayes	Travis Ashley
<b>PM Speaker</b>				Topher Taylor	
<b>Communion Lead</b>	Youth	Jordan Danser	Jordan Winslow	Travis Ashley	Dustin Gaskins
<b>Usher</b>	Youth	Cuinn Hayes	Larry Minson	Charles Vallee	Corbin Hall
<b>Usher</b>	Youth	Joe Addison	Amon Rowe	Jordan Winslow	Joe Addison
<b>Usher</b>	Youth	Paul Woody	Tibor Siklosi	Cuinn Hayes	Chase Barrett
<b>Usher</b>	Youth	John Robinson	Chase Barrett	Dustin Gaskins	Charles Vallee
<b>Reading</b>	Youth	Corbin Hall	Cuinn Hayes	Chase Barrett	Amon Rowe
<b>Prayer</b>	Youth	David Robinson	Chris Taylor	Joe Addison	Tibor Siklosi
<b>AM Songs</b>	Youth	Mark Woody	Corbin Hall	Craig Hayes	Jordan Winslow
<b>PM Songs</b>	Youth			Amon Rowe	
<b>AM/PM O/C</b>	Mark Woody	Bruce Kessler	Glen Taylor	Larry Minson	Travis Ashley

### September Wednesday Schedule

	4	11	18	25
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Pizza &amp; Singing</b>	Bruce Kessler	Paul Woody	Mike Hall
<b>Text</b>				
<b>Subject</b>			Compassion 2	

### While We Were Still Sinners

Some years ago, the Journal of the American Medical Association published an article by Dr. Paul Ruskin on the "Stages of Aging." In the article, Dr. Ruskin described a case study he had presented to his students when teaching a class in medical school. He described the case study patient under his care like this:

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It's true, isn't it? We make sacrifices for those we love, but we are unwilling to make the same sacrifices for those we don't know well (or that we don't know at all). We gladly give of our time, money and energy to assist those we are close to. But when Jesus told us to do good to those who are our enemies, it goes against our natural instinct.

What seems so obvious to us is used by Paul to demonstrate the amazing love of Jesus Christ.

"Look at it this way: At the right time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for ungodly people. Finding someone who would die for a godly person is rare. Maybe someone would have the courage to die for a good person. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This demonstrates God's love for us." (Romans 5:6-8, God's Word)

To have the love we are willing to express toward our children and those we hold dear, and be willing to show that same sacrificial love toward who oppose us -- enough that we are willing to die -- is love beyond anything we have ever experienced (or can even imagine). But such is the love that God has for each and every one of us. May that love motivate you to respond to the one who has given up so much just for you.

(By Alan Smith)

## This World is Not My Home

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1)

First Peter 2:11 says that we are aliens and strangers in this world. We are in the world, but we are not of the world. We are twice-born in a world of once-born people, and we're going to find ourselves going against the tide most of the time. It's like a deep sea diver who is underwater and outside his natural environment. He could not live if he weren't linked to his life supply above. That's the way we need to live. If we are to survive, we must stay linked to Jesus who is our life. The Bible says we're not to set our affections on things beneath, but on things above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of the Father. (Colossians 3:1)

It's time to check your lifeline...are you trusting in anything in this world?

Are you making friends with the things of this world?

By Adrian Rogers

## 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 or text 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.

Shirley Robinson is asking for your prayers for her 14 yr old great-granddaughter, Kylie Pate who is having appendectomy emergency surgery. Also, her 14 yr old great-grandson, Jace Ellis has been diagnosed with type 1 Diabetes.

Della Combest is recuperating from surgery a couple of weeks ago. Della suffered a broken bone in her hip from a fall.

Mary Evelyn injured her wrist from a fall a couple of weeks ago, no broken bones but sprained muscles and ligaments. She will be wearing a splint for a couple more weeks then will have exercise therapy for a few week..

Rachel Vallee is asking for prayers for muscular tension and pain she's been experiencing.

Bruce Kessler's mother, Mary, has a very serious heart condition and doctors have told her she could last another two years or pass at any time. Please pray for Mary and her family.

Leslie Jones is still having a little pain and discomfort but continues to improve nicely following shoulder surgery several weeks ago.

Mary Taylor is recuperating but still experiencing some pain and discomfort following knee replacement surgery several weeks ago.

Leslie and Cathy's sister-in-law, Debby Jones has been receiving treatments with steroids to shrink or hopefully destroy a mass right behind one eye. She is doing much better and is doing physical therapy. Please pray for Debby, husband Tim and the children.

### Suffering with cancer:

Cathy Taylor's grandmother Louise has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Chris Taylor is asking for your prayers for a coworker, Reva Sweetin, undergoing cancer treatment.

Joe Addison is asking for prayers for Martha Morris, the wife of a co-worker, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Mary Taylor is asking for your prayers for David Bradley. David is the son of Bob Bradley, a good friend of Glen & Mary Taylor & is suffering with stage 4 cancer. Glen & Mary Taylor's cousin Retha Jantz's daughter, Denise Jennings has multiple cancers. Cards & letters are requested. Her address is 9116 S. Young's, OKC, OK 73159.

### Always keep in our prayers:

Rachel Vallee suffering with Fibromyalgia \* Catherine Vise, mother of Cathy Jones \* Emily Hayes' grandfather Kenneth Jarrell \* Loraine Ashley with a severe auto immune disorder \* Leslie Jones' father and mother \* Dean Howard.

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

**Happy Birthday!** ON **SEPTEMBER**

Wendy Orellama	6th
April Minson	9th
Mary Evelyn Barnes	10th
Corbin Hall	11th
Cale Hayes	13th
Preslynn Claunch	21st
Rebecca Hall	25th
Bruce Kessler	26th
Della Combest	27th

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

**September Anniversaries**

**Charles & Rachael Vallee 6th**  
 Chase & Mary Barrett 14th  
 Joe & Kittie Addison 18th  
 John & Nicole 22nd  
 Danny & Shelia Foy 28th

**Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday Services**

Sun. Morn. Attendance	78
Afternoon Attendance	45
Wed. Attendance	51
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$1,703
Last Building Fund Offering	\$ 887

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

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

<del>1st Sunday</del>	1st	12:00	Nursing Home Singing-Gardens at Rivermont
<del>1st Monday</del>	<del>2nd</del>	<del>7:00 p.m.</del>	<del>Bible Study at the Woody home</del>
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	14th	10:00 -11:30	Food Pantry Opened
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	8th	Noon	Hot Dog & Burger Lunch
<b>3rd Monday</b>	16th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody Home
<b>4th Monday</b>	23rd	7:00 p.m.	Youth Study at the Hayes home
<b>3rd Wed</b>	18th	6:15 p.m.	Prayer Service
<b>4th Sunday</b>	22nd	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 Services
<b>4th Saturday</b>	28th	9:00-11:00	Men's Teacher Training

"There is a difference between the pursuit of excellence from a human perspective and a divine perspective. The former strives to put forth the best human effort; the divine approach to excellence begins with bowing before the Lord."  
 Jack Hayford & Dick Eastman in "31 Days Meditating on the Majesty of Jesus"

**Area Gospel Meetings - 2019**

**Stillwater Church of Christ**  
 Meeting w/ Timothy Fleming  
 Sept 4th - Sept 8th  
 Evening services - 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday services - 10:30 a.m.

**Tulsa Church of Christ**  
 Meeting w/ Tony Springer  
 October 4-6, 2019  
 Topic - Manuscripts & Translations  
 Evenings 7:30 pm, Sunday 10:30 & 2:00

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"The patient neither speaks nor comprehends the spoken word. Sometimes she babbles incoherently for hours on end. She is disoriented about person, place, and time. She does, however, respond to her name... I have worked with her for the past six months, but she still shows complete disregard for her physical appearance and makes no effort to assist her own care. She must be fed, bathed, and clothed by others.

"Because she has no teeth, her food must be pureed. Her shirt is usually soiled from almost incessant drooling. She does not walk. Her sleep pattern is erratic. Often she wakes in the middle of the night and her screaming awakens others. Most of the time she is friendly and happy, but several times a day she gets quite agitated without apparent cause. Then she wails until someone comes to comfort her."

After presenting the class with this challenging case, Dr. Ruskin then asked his students if any of them would like to volunteer to take care of this person. No one volunteered. Then Dr. Ruskin said, "I'm surprised that none of you offered to help, because actually she is my favorite patient. I get immense pleasure from taking care of her and I am learning so much from her. She has taught me a depth of gratitude I never knew before. She has taught me the spirit of unwavering trust. And she has taught me the power of unconditional love." Then Dr. Ruskin said, "Let me show you her picture." He pulled out the picture and passed it around. It was the photo of his six-month-old baby daughter.

I'm not sure exactly what the doctor's point was intended to be when he presented that lecture, but it reminds me that those of us who are parents do things for our children that we would never dream of doing for anyone else. Allow me to clarify that thought just a bit: We do things for those we love that we would not be willing to do for anyone else.

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