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**SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Church of Christ

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**Elders**

Glen Taylor   Bruce Kessler   Mark Woody  
Craig Hayes

**Deacons**

Travis Ashley   Larry Minson  
Leslie Jones

**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**

Additional services at 1:00 on 2nd Sundays

**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 & information)**



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:

**Bruce Kessler      405-820-8474**  
**Travis Ashley     405-818-1144**

**Verse:** Ephesians 4: 22-23

*That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.*

**Thought:**

We are made new when we become Christians. Most of us, however, have moments when the old way of life erupts and wants to make its presence known. This means that being new is a lifetime decision we must make each day. As we make that commitment and

seek to follow the Lordship of our Savior, the Holy Spirit's power (that Paul talks about all through Ephesians) is promised to us and the Spirit's goal is to mature us to be like Christ. (Eph. 4:12-16; 2 Cor. 3:18 )

**Prayer:**

*Almighty God and dear Heavenly Father, please bless me today as I seek to live as a new person — cleansed, made holy, and empowered by your Spirit. Give me a new and clean mind as I intentionally put aside my old habits and desires. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

By Phil Ware



## *Becoming More Like Jesus Every Day*

### **New Theme for 2024**

Our theme for this year is "Set Your Mind On Things Above." It is our intention to have one planned Sunday sermon each month related to our theme, starting with today's message.

### **Volunteer for 2024 Responsibilities**

There are sign-up sheets on the foyer table for volunteers to prepare communion and to serve as greeters for the new year. Remember, if you sign up for a month but have one of the Sundays where you will not be there, you can find coverage. Don't let signing up for a full month seem overwhelming. Thank you for helping out!

### **Add Yourself to the Online Church Directory – Church Center App**

If you haven't added yourself to our online directory, use the Church Center App to do so. You can update your information there as well, if needed. Having your info listed is helpful especially to those who like to send cards for birthdays & general encouragement. Consult Craig if you have questions about the Church Center App or the online directory.

### **Ladies Bible Study**

The next ladies Bible study will be held on January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church fellowship room. The topic will be "Prayer". We will kick-off the "Secret Sisters" with a study on prayer and answer any questions.

### **Mark Your Calendars – January Men's Breakfast/Business Meeting**

There will be a men's breakfast and business meeting on Saturday morning, January 27th at 9:00. Please make your plans to join.

**Men's Study – Monday, January 29** - We will begin our men's study in 2024 on Monday, January 29th at 7:00 PM. At the Church fellowship room.

**We have switched to "Facebook Live" from "Zoom".**  
Access this at [www.facebook.com/scvchurchofchrist](https://www.facebook.com/scvchurchofchrist)

January Greeters  
January Communion Prep  
February Greeters  
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Joann Thompson  
Winslow's  
Chris & Jean  
Joanna & Christie

### **January Sunday 2024 Schedule**

	7	14	21	28
<b>AM Speaker</b>	Bruce Kessler	<b>Chris Taylor</b>	Dustin Gaskins	Mike Minson
<b>1 PM Speaker</b>		<b>Isaac May</b>		
<b>Communion Lead</b>	Craig Hayes	<b>Chris Hutcherson</b>	Jordan Winslow	Travis Ashley
<b>Usher</b>	Chaney Jones	<b>Brandon McCorkle</b>	Cuinn Hayes	Tanner May
<b>Usher</b>	Mark Barrett	<b>Jacob McCorkle</b>	Tanner May	Joe Addison
<b>Usher</b>	Tanner May	<b>Larry Minson</b>	Paul Woody	Mark Barrett
<b>Usher</b>	Leslie Jones	<b>Rick Boaz</b>	Corbin Hall	Jordan Winslow
<b>Reading</b>	Isaac May	<b>Mark Barrett</b>	Jacob McCorkle	Chase Barrett
<b>Prayer</b>	David Robinson	<b>Joe Addison</b>	Chris Hutcherson	Rick Boaz
<b>AM Songs</b>	Corbin Hall	<b>Leslie Jones</b>	Craig Hayes	Brandon McCorkle
<b>AM O/C</b>	Travis Ashley	<b>Bruce Kessler</b>	Leslie Jones	Craig Hayes

### **January Wednesday 2024 Schedule**

	3	10	17	24	31
<b>Speaker</b>	Singing & Pizza	Leslie Jones	<b>Dale Danser</b>	Brandon McCorkle	Clyde Woody
<b>Text</b>					
<b>Subject</b>					

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I've seen church families rally around those who were wrongfully accused, financially struggling, spiritually weak, or physically depleted. I've seen Christians help shoulder the marital and parental burdens of others. I've seen church leaders courageously and lovingly lead their flocks through natural disasters, economic crises, and even a pandemic.

And personally, my family has experienced the love, support, and help from fellow Christians more times than I can say.

God knew we would need each other. I hope we all make the most of that! But if your heart is going through a struggle and you feel lonely, please don't try to soldier on alone. Reach out to your brothers and sisters in Christ and let them have the opportunity to be by your side.

We're to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thess. 5:11). We're to "stir up one another to love and good works" (Heb. 10:24). We're to "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2). And we are to "abound in love for one another" (1 Thess. 3:12). Sometimes it's in our giving to others in these ways that we end up receiving exactly what we need ourselves.

We need each other!

*By Kathy Pollard*

## "Tough Times Toughen"

Good can come out of bad things and bad situations. When those of us who love God are tempted or troubled by ungodly thoughts, don't we better understand at that time more than any other the need for God?

Of course, when we're in that state of temptation, we feel sad and we sigh and we pray, because we're in misery. Then we get tired of being in misery, tired enough to make some changes that will set us free from that struggle.

So the tough times allow us to appreciate and grow toward more good times. They also toughen us to develop a resistance to sin — sin that appears pleasurable, but ends in torment.

So, I've got to be thankful that God has provided a way to deal with our temptations!

*"Remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it."* (1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT)

Written by Paul Faulkner

## 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.*

If you need prayers from the church, please call or text Larry at **405-820-9506** or April at **405-833-7207** or email us at: **Lminson319@gmail.com.**

Mark Woody's stepmother, Alicia Kelly has a mass on her lung. She is in a hospital in Florida. Della Combest's daughter-in-law, Laura Combest, has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Susan Hutcherson is asking for prayers for her mother, Audra Paris, who suffered another fall. She would love cards. Her address is "Audra Paris, c/o Rivermont Independent Living, 800 Canadian Trails Dr, Apt 304, Norman, OK 73072.

John Robinson is recovering from foot and ankle surgery last Thursday. Please pray that he has relief from the pain.

Linda Thompson is suffering from back pain but she will not be having surgery in February as previously thought. She has a nurse assisting her.

Joann Thompson's sister, Linda True, is now in rehab after hip surgery.

Joe Addison's sister-in-law, Rhonda Addison has been diagnosed with early stage cancer.

Tanya Speights had a heart Ablasion done a few weeks ago and is in stage 4 Kidney disease.

Wanda Hames is living in an assisted living center, "Harbor Chase", 10801 S. May in OK City. She is in room 130A. She would appreciate visits, cards and letters.

Please pray for Taylor Epperson, a 22 year old niece of a dear friend of the Addison's. They also would also appreciate your prayers for relief of his migraine headaches for Keith Schlitter. Keith is waiting to see the doctor.

### Suffering with cancer:

Susan Hutcherson with NET Cancer \* Jerry McCorkle \* Sheila Dorn's mother, Clara Kaniatobe has lung cancer \* Amon's aunt Tamantha Simmons with stage 1 cancer \* Sean Hanley's wife Laurie with Colon Cancer \* Joe Addison's sister-in-law Teresa Addison \* Brantley's mother, Melissa Hightower \* Arlinda Gleffe, a friend of Tanya Speights with breast cancer \* Nicole Robinson's brother, Chris has Leukemia \* Lakela Whinery's cousin, Hayden Reagan has Leukemia.

### Always keep in our prayers:

Bruce Kessler with Parkinson's Disease \* Cassia Woody suffers with POTS \* Linda Thompson's brother, Jerry McNichols suffers with extreme Arthritis \* Chris Hutcherson's father, Dan Hutcherson suffers with chronic pain.\* Jim & Bonnie Osborne with chronic pain \* Joe Addison's mother, Ruthie Addison \* Leslie Jones' mother with COPD \* Loraine Ashley with a severe auto immune disorder\* Dean Howard \* Wanda Hames

**Please keep in your prayers those serving in the military & all first responders.**



## January

Macy Barron	9th
Joanna Hall	9th
Tammy Boaz	11th
<b>Makayla Kessler</b>	<b>15th</b>
<b>Alora Gaskins</b>	<b>15th</b>
<b>Tedi Holland</b>	<b>21st</b>
Victor Moyer	24th
Susan Hutcherson	24th
Leslea Hale	27th
Jeff Uhter	28th
Rick Boaz	29th
Leslie Jones	30th

*If your birthday or anniversary was left out, let Larry or April know.*

January Anniversaries

If you have an anniversary in January, let Larry or April know.

Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday of this week

Last Sun. Morning Attendance	91
Last Sun. Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	60
Sunday Contribution:	\$4,185

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January Calendar

<b>1st Sunday</b>	7th	12:00 noon	Nursing Home Singing
<b>1st Wed</b>	3rd	6:30 p.m.	Pizza & Singing
<b>2nd Thursday</b>	11th	10:30-12:00	Glen Taylor's Bible Study - fellowship room
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	13th	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Opened
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	14th	1:00 p.m.	2nd Service (following lunch)
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	21th		Plan Fellowship with Other Members
<b>3rd Monday</b>	15th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Mark & Kelly's Home
<b>4th Thursday</b>	25th	10:30 a.m.	Glen Taylor's Bible Study-fellowship room
<b>4th Saturday</b>	27th	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Men's Teacher Training

Every 5th Sunday we will have a pot luck luncheon in the Church fellowship room.

Oklahoma Gospel Meetings

Coleman Church of Christ, Coleman  
Meeting - Ben Soto  
March 15 - 17 Evenings 7:00  
Sunday 10:00 & 1:00

Tulsa Church of Christ, T ulsa Meeting  
Brad Benoit April 24-28 Evenings 7:30  
Sunday 10:30 & 2:00  
Topic: The Case for Salvation

Tulsa Church of Christ, Tulsa Meeting  
Ty Fleming June 23 - 30  
Sundays 10:30 & 2:00 Evenings 7:30  
Topic: Hermeneutics

South Penn Church of Christ, OKC  
Meeting - Jay Loyd  
July 31 - August 4  
Evenings 7:00  
Sunday 10:00 & 1:30

Tulsa Church of Christ, Tulsa Meeting  
Mike Hall September 25 - 29  
Evenings 7:30 Sunday 10:30 & 2:00  
Topic: Grace and the Law

We Need Each Other

My sister-in-law, Mendy, recently shared a sermon by Jason Chesser. In that message, Jason was talking about the fact that Christians need each other because we're weaker without each other. He mentioned the parable of the lost sheep (Matt. 18:10-14) and said, "No wonder the shepherd was willing to go off and leave the 99 sheep in search of the one. The 99 sheep had each other. The one who wandered off alone was vulnerable." Amen to that.

There's a statement I've heard a lot through the years, usually in a hospital room, at a graveside, or on the front pew after someone has come forward requesting prayers:

"I don't know how ide, or on anyone could go through life without a church family."

Perhaps it is in those more difficult moments that we realize just how much we rely on each other. You can see the gratitude or relief in someone's eyes who has been brought a meal or prayed with through loss or hardship. You can watch someone stand up straighter who was surrounded by loving fellow Christians after confessing sin. You can certainly see a sweet smile on the face of a lonely widow who has been invited to lunch or dinner with your family.

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