

South Canadian Valley Church of Christ  
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# Sunday Morning Star



**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  
 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>

**Verse:** Proverbs 10:11

*The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.*

**Thought:**

Want to know the difference between a righteous person and a wicked one? Simple, check the fruit of their life. One of the most visible forms of fruit in a person's life is his or her speech. The right-

eous person finds a way to impart life with his or her speech. The wicked will nearly always reveal themselves by what his or her mouth says.

**Prayer:**

*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O God my Father, redeemer, and LORD. In the name of Jesus. Amen.*

by Phil Ware



~~January Communion Preparation~~  
~~January Birthday Cake -- 4th Sunday~~  
 January Greeters



Zoom details for Sunday, January 17th:  
 Meeting I.D: **83803023985** Password: **737693**  
 Live audio streaming is also available on our website at [normanchurch.com](http://normanchurch.com).

The men's teacher training session will take place next Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

### Online Giving and Church Center App

We are excited to announce new technology options for 2021 and beyond: online giving and a church mobile app.

**Online giving** is now available, from our website or through the new smartphone app. This new giving option is only offered for your convenience; it is not required. Should you choose to use this functionality, you can give by credit/debit card or by ACH bank transfer, and you can select to cover the processing fee per transaction yourself so the church doesn't have to.



Download the new **Church Center App** for free for your iPhone or Android device. You can give online using the app, plus update your contact information with us. In the future we plan to use the online directory option in the app, and also eventually utilize group notifications via the app. (Because some members' data already is in our system, your email or phone may be recognized when you add the app.)

*Step-by-step instructions regarding downloading the app and how online giving works (including a video link) are available by request. To receive the detailed instructions, or if you have questions about online giving or the new app, contact Craig Hayes.*

January Sunday 2021 Schedule					
	3	10	17	24	31
<b>AM Speaker</b>	Bruce Kessler	Jordan Danser	<b>Dustin Gaskins</b>	Jordan Winslow	Craig Hayes
<b>Communion Lead</b>	Jordan Danser	Jordan Winslow	<b>Mike Hall</b>	Chris Taylor	Travis Ashley
<b>Usher</b>	Corbin Hall	Cuinn Hayes	<b>Amon Rowe</b>	Corbin Hall	Chaney Jones
<b>Usher</b>	Cale Hayes	Chaney Jones	<b>Paul Woody</b>	Tibor Siklosi	Dustin Claunch
<b>Reading</b>	Amon Rowe	Corbin Hall	<b>Cuinn Hayes</b>	Dustin Claunch	Chase Barrett
<b>Prayer</b>	Tibor Siklosi	Joe Addison	<b>Mike Hall</b>	Larry Minson	Mike Hall
<b>AM Songs</b>	Jordan Winslow	Mark Woody	<b>Corbin Hall</b>	Cale Hayes	Jordan Danser
<b>AM O/C</b>	Craig Hayes	Bruce Kessler	<b>Leslie Jones</b>	Travis Ashley	Mark Woody

Wednesday 2021 January Schedule				
	6	13	20	27
<b>Speaker</b>	Pizza & Singing	Cale Hayes	<b>Jelmer Bardoel</b>	Amon Rowe
<b>Text</b>				
<b>Subject</b>				

## From the Elders

Out of precaution for our health and well-being, until further notice there are no activities planned at the building besides our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services. Additionally, unless you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing one, masks should be worn by all over the age of six while inside the building. As you know, these measures were put in place after an outbreak of the virus in our congregation. We are grateful for, and blessed by, everyone's cooperation, and for your continued patience and love for each other.

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are ready for something new and whose hearts are open to change. It's exciting to think we have this fresh open door of opportunity to show Jesus to our community!

"Speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God..." Jesus went out among the people and made the most of those encounters by giving them hope. He met two individuals on a roadside and "explained to them the things concerning Himself and the Scriptures." He touched their hearts and they said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?" And then they "got up that very hour" and went on to tell others, "the Lord has really risen" (Luke 24:13-35)! Jesus opened their eyes (v. 31) and helped them see that He truly was alive after the suffering.

Perhaps one of your New Year's resolutions is to be a better Bible student by committing to daily Bible reading or participating in a Scripture writing plan. An easy way to "speak the things concerning the kingdom of God" is to determine to verbally share something you read that day. Did something strengthen you in your reading? Did a phrase intrigue you? Were you challenged to do better or make a change? Whatever it is, look for a way to share it with someone, every single day. It could be as simple as saying, "That reminds me of something I read just this morning..." What will you be doing? Offering hope. Leaving people better than you found them. Helping others see Jesus.

This can be a great year for Christ. Let's get out there, encounter the people, and speak of the only things that are real and lasting. A simple phrase here, a little thought there, a post about the Bible...let's show the world that Christians are ALIVE after 2020.

*by Kathy Pollard*

## 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 let us know. Call or text Larry at 820-9506 or April at 833-7207 or email us at: [Lminson319@gmail.com](mailto:Lminson319@gmail.com) and we'll get you on the prayer list.

Ann Loter, friend of the Jones' family, passed away early last week following a long fight with Covid related illness.

Della Combest will soon see a doctor in Lawton to check out the arteries in her neck.

Buddy Davis is scheduled for skin cancer removal. His appointment continues to get postponed and the cancers are getting worse.

Doctors have discovered two blood clots in one leg of Glen Taylor. It's swollen and very uncomfortable. More tests will be coming.

Tanya is asking for prayers for her sister & brother-in-law, John & Diana Fleming, who are suffering with Covid.

Jim Osbourne is experiencing some fatigue but otherwise doing well with the radiation treatments he's been taking. He is scheduled to take his last treatments this week.

Emily Hayes' aunt Betty Wells is suffering with cancer and would love cards and letters. The address to use is: **University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Care of Betty Wells, 700 NE 13th, Okla City, OK 73104**

Laura Danser is experiencing Covid related joint pain.

Please pray for Amon's aunt Tamatha Simmons, suffering with neurological problems and doctors can't figure out a diagnosis. She is unable to work.

Bruce Kessler's mother is still not doing well and needs your prayers.

### Suffering with cancer:

Mike Hall's step-brother, Jeff Hale has been diagnosed with advanced throat cancer.

Emily Hayes' aunt Betty Wells with stage 1 Leukemia is back out of remission.

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

Mary Taylor's cousin Retha Jantz's daughter, Denise Jennings has multiple cancers. Your continuing prayers on her behalf would be appreciated.

### Always keep in our prayers:

Please keep praying for Wanda Hames. Wanda is still experiencing weakness, and her hip and knees are not doing very well.

Joe Addison's mother, Ruthie is struggling with pain and mobility. Please pray she will cooperate with her physical therapist and gain strength & independence.

April Minson's father, Harold Bruehl is suffering with Alzheimer's and is now in the "Arbor House" in Norman..

Christie Barris's father, Doyle Blue who suffers with Parkinsons \* Rachel Vallee suffering with Fibromyalgia \* Loraine Ashley with a severe auto immune disorder \* Dean Howard.

Mary Taylor is experiencing lots of pain. Please pray for her.

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

**Happy Birthday!**

**ON JANUARY**

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

*If your name was left off this list, please let Larry or April know.*

## January Anniversaries

None

### Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday this week

Sun. Morn. Attendance	58
Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	58
Sunday Contribution:	\$2,097

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



## Congratulations

to Rebekah Bardoel, our 2020 graduate from OSU. Rebecca is graduating with a BA-Phycology: Minor in ASL (American Sign Language)

### Alive After the Suffering!

Luke opens the book of Acts with a bang as he presents Jesus as the risen Savior. It makes me think of the words of an old hymn, "He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!" How thrilling it must've been for Luke to pen the words, "He...presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3)! The reactions of Jesus' followers are recorded for us to enjoy. Some women and His disciples show amazement and joy. Thomas needed a little more convincing but ultimately believed. Jesus' comeback made an impact.

2020 was a year like no other. We try to focus on the blessings, but there is no doubt there were plenty of challenges. Many endured the loss of loved ones, financial ruin, relationship strain, or physical distress. It was rough. How did Christians hold up? How did the world see us? Maybe we could've done better, I don't know. But I do know that opportunity awaits! Our neighbors, friends, and co-workers are still watching and, like Jesus, we can show them that we are "alive after [our] suffering." The text says that Jesus used "many convincing proofs." While we can't read hearts or perform miracles like He did, we most certainly can follow His example. Notice two "proofs" He did that we can do, too:

"Appearing to them over a period of forty days..." Jesus went out among the people. He sought out His disciples. He appeared to crowds. He spoke with individuals. After His great suffering, He didn't stay away. He didn't barricade Himself in the safety zone of heaven. He went out among weak humanity, including those who let Him down. This challenges me! With the political turmoil, worldly agenda, fear and suspicion, it's tempting to hole up somewhere safe until things die down. But so many around us are suffering in the worst way, trying to live without Jesus and navigating the darkness on their own. They need to see the risen Savior and the only way to do that is for His people to put in an appearance. Perhaps on this first day of the year, there are those who

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### January Calendar

<b>1st Sunday</b>	3rd	12:00	Nursing Home Singing Gardens at Rivermont
<b>1st Wed.</b>	6th	6:30	Singing Night
<b>1st Monday</b>	4th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody home
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	9th	10:00-11:30 am	Food Pantry Opened
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	10th	Noon	Hamburger & Hot Dog Cookout
<b>3rd Monday</b>	18th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody Home
<b>3rd Wed</b>	20th	6:15-7:45	Prayer Service
<b>4th Saturday</b>	23rd	9:00-11:00 am	Men's Teacher Training - (Zoom)
<b>4th Sunday</b>	24th	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 Services
<b>4th Monday</b>	25th	7:00 p.m.	Youth Study at the Hayes home