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**SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY 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:** Psalm 5:11 (KJV)

*But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.*

**Thought:**

Our hope is in the LORD! He is the basis of our security and the reason for our joyful songs! He is our protection and hope! He is the reason we rejoice!

**Prayer:**

*Praise you, magnificent God and loving Father, for your merciful kindness, your awesome holiness, your rich forgiveness, and your never-ending love. I find my hope and protection in you. You are my hope for the future. In your name, and in the name of your Son Jesus, I rejoice and offer praise. Amen.*

By Phil Ware



### *Set Your Mind With Things Above*

#### **New Theme for 2024**

Our theme for this year is "Set Your Mind With Things Above." It is our intention to have one planned Sunday sermon each month related to our theme.

**Today - There are no activities today follow morning services.** This is an excellent opportunity to plan meals, visits, & fellowship with each other.

**This Thurs, Jan 25th - Glen Taylor's Bible Study - 10:30 a.m.** in the fellowship room.

#### ***Next Saturday, Jan 27th*– 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.

#### **New Song/Singing Night - Friday, February 2nd**

Please join us in the fellowship room on Friday, February 2, to learn new songs and sing together. This will be from 7:30-9:30. Bring a new song to try if you'd like. Contact Craig or Emily with questions.

#### **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!

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

### **January Wednesday 2024 Schedule**

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

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The Christian pastors in Calcutta explained to us that it is difficult to share the Gospel of Jesus with Hindus. Many times a Hindu will respond receptively to the Good News of Jesus with this sort of response, "Sure, I'll accept Jesus and add Him to all my other household gods and goddesses." It's difficult for a Hindu to understand and accept Jesus as the One and Only, so the pastors preach about the uniqueness of Christ.

While in Calcutta, I learned of the beautiful ceremony of baptism for new Indian believers. The new Christians line up their idols at the edge of the baptismal pool. They turn their backs on the idols to be baptized, and then the idols are disposed of. The exquisite symbolism of this practice pierced my heart.

I began to ask myself, Have I turned my back on my idols? Have I trusted and believed in Jesus more than anything else in my life? Do I value Christ as uniquely sufficient, or have I just added Him to my list of comforts and priorities?

I thought back to the year when my family had moved into a house that was badly in need of renovation. As a lover of all things decorative, I plunged head first into paint swatches, wallpaper books and HGTV. One morning when I finally had a quiet time with the Lord, He spoke to my heart that I had an idol that needed demolishing. An idol? God clearly showed me that feathering my nest had become my number one priority and had displaced Him in my heart. He asked me to fast from all the things that fed my decorating addiction for a year.

Sadly, I cancelled my subscriptions to Better Homes and Gardens and Southern Living. My husband even agreed to cancel our cable subscription so I wouldn't have access to HGTV. The reward came as my heart's desire turned back to Jesus, the Unique One. I turned my back on my idols and their consumption of my time and focus was demolished.

When the year was up, I sought God's direction and permission to re-subscribe to my magazines and decorating shows. Knowing He had re-ordered my heart and taken up preeminence in my life, I felt His approval. My idol had been cast down, and I was able to enjoy these things as God's gifts put back in their proper place.

"Dear Lord, help me to identify the hidden, invisible idols in my life. It is my heart's cry that I would put You first, above and over all. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Exodus 20:3-6, "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments." (NIV)

*By Amy Carroll*

## 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 2 weeks ago. 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 Birthdays

Macy Barron	9th
Joanna Hall	9th
Tammy Boaz	11th
Makayla Kessler	15th
Alora Gaskins	15th
<b>Tedi Holland</b>	<b>21st</b>
<b>Victor Moyer</b>	<b>24th</b>
<b>Susan Hutcherson</b>	<b>24th</b>
<b>Leslea Hale</b>	<b>27th</b>
<b>Jeff Uhter</b>	<b>28th</b>
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	59
Last Sun. Afternoon Attendance	45
Wed. Attendance	62
Sunday Contribution:	\$3,308

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January Calendar

1st Sunday	7th	12:00 noon	Nursing Home Singing
1st Wed	3rd	6:30 p.m.	Pizza & Singing
2nd Thursday	11th	10:30-12:00	Glen Taylor's Bible Study - fellowship room
2nd Saturday	13th	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Opened
2nd Sunday	14th	1:00 p.m.	2nd Service (following lunch)
3rd Sunday	21th		Plan Fellowship with Other Members
3rd Monday	15th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Mark & Kelly's Home
4th Thursday	25th	10:30 a.m.	Glen Taylor's Bible Study-fellowship room
4th Saturday	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	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, 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 Mike Hall September 25 - 29 Evenings 7:30 Sunday 10:30 & 2:00 Topic: Grace and the Law
Tulsa Church of Christ, Tulsa Meeting Ty Fleming June 23 - 30 Sundays 10:30 & 2:00 Evenings 7:30 Topic: Hermeneutics	

The Unique One

"You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3 (NIV)

Are there really 330 million gods and goddesses in the Hindu religion? How can that be true? I wondered as I prepared for my trip to India. I began to think surely that number was made up by some cynical Christian, but as I read through a secular source the number was confirmed. Even so, I was completely unprepared for the overwhelming influence of idol worship in the culture of Calcutta.

There were idols of gods and goddesses everywhere I looked. There were idols at the entrance to the hotel, at the archway into the dining room and in booths all along the streets. Everything had religious significance. From fashion - the dots on women's foreheads and the bangles on their arms - to transportation, where the drivers had a goddess on their dashboard for safety. I started asking about each idol. "This is the god of milk," one store owner explained. "That is the goddess of candy," said a waiter. Suddenly I began to understand how there could be so many gods and goddess. Everything within my sight and senses had an idol attached to it.

This was hard to process for an American raised in a culture that is mostly monotheistic. I felt a little tug of pride until I began to think about the idols of my own country: wealth, leisure, youthfulness, work, children, power. The idols that surround me in America may be invisible. There may not be temples built to them with a beautifully sculpted statue in the center where offerings and sacrifices are laid. But America definitely has idols.

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