

**South Canadian Valley Church of Christ**  
 c/o Larry Minson  
 1525 Oakhurst Ave.  
 Norman, Ok. 73071



**SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

2217 24th Ave SW - Norman, Okla. 73072 - Ph 405-364-4051

October 4th, 2020 - Issue #1164



Church of Christ

Website: [normanchurch.com](http://normanchurch.com) - Email: [normanscvelders@gmail.com](mailto:normanscvelders@gmail.com)

Facebook: [facebook.com/scvchurchofchrist](https://facebook.com/scvchurchofchrist) - Podcast: <https://normanchurch.buzzsprout.com/>

**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:

**Glen Taylor 360-2762**  
**Bruce Kessler 820-8474**  
**Larry Minson 820-9506**  
**Travis Ashley 818-1144**

**Verse:** Psalm 10:2

*The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.*

**Thought:**

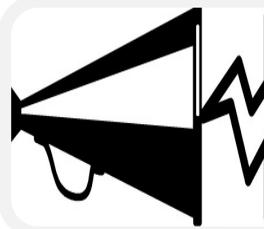
God absolutely hates violence, intimidation, or any means used for the powerful to control, manipulate, or hound those who are weaker. He loathes wickedness that is based upon the strong and the mighty preying on the weak and powerless. We should, by our actions and resources, demonstrate both to the weak and

the powerless that there is a God of love.

**Prayer:**

*Give me a heart, O God, that disdains the abuse of power and the misuse of wealth. Thank you, dear God, for sending Jesus to save me when I was powerless to bring about my own salvation (Romans 5:5-11). Please give me a heart like Jesus when I see others being taken advantage of. In the name of my Savior, Jesus, I pray. Amen.*

by Phil Ware



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Zoom details for Sunday, Oct. 4th:  
 Meeting I.D.: **87416933363**  
 Password: **779436**  
 Live audio streaming is also available  
 on our website at:  
**normanchurch.com.**

**Our Clothing Giveaway** is  
 scheduled for October 17th.  
 Tents have been reserved so  
 the event can be held out-  
 side our building.

### Men's Quarterly Breakfast Meeting:

Saturday, October 27th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
 Church fellowship room - All male members of the congregation are welcome to attend

### Elders' Update Regarding Covid Rules

Concerning use of the building, for the foreseeable future the elders individually will consider each request; you may make your request through Larry Minson as before but the elders will decide. Factors taken into consideration for each decision will include, but not be limited to, the following of health and safety guidelines such as proper social distancing and maximum attendance numbers.

Based on city ordinance, we ask that everyone over the age of six (6) wear a mask while entering the building, while visiting and fellowshiping before and after services, and while exiting the building. When you are seated and are maintaining six-foot distancing from others, wearing a facemask is optional. A small supply of masks is available if you leave yours at home.

#### As before:

- \*We ask that you refrain from handshakes, hugging and other close, personal contact
- \*We will ensure the building is clean and all surfaces are disinfected
- \*The auditorium and the fellowship area are available for seating; those who prefer sitting farther apart might choose the fellowship area
- \*We ask that you practice safe distancing, maintaining six feet of space from one another; this also means sitting on every other pew
- \*Please remember it is important to wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer upon entry to the building

August Communion Preparation  
 August Birthday Cake - 4th Sunday  
 October Greeters

### October Sunday 2020 Schedule

	4	11	18	25
<b>AM Speaker</b>	<b>Jordan Winslow</b>	Chris Taylor	Mark Woody	Craig Hayes
<b>PM Speaker</b>				
<b>Communion Lead</b>	<b>Jordan Danser</b>	Travis Ashley	Dustin Gaskins	Jordan Winslow
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Corbin Hall</b>	Cuinn Hayes	Amon Rowe	Corbin Hall
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Cale Hayes</b>	Chaney Jones	Paul Woody	Jordan Danser
<b>Usher</b>				
<b>Usher</b>				
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Amon Rowe</b>	Corbin Hall	Cuinn Hayes	Chase Barrett
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Tibor Siklosi</b>	Joe Addison	Clyde Woody	Larry Minson
<b>AM Songs</b>	<b>Leslie Jones</b>	Jordan Winslow	Corbin Hall	Cale Hayes
<b>PM Songs</b>				
<b>AM/PM O/C</b>	<b>Craig Hayes</b>	Bruce Kessler	Leslie Jones	Craig Hayes

### October Wednesday Schedule

	7	14	21	28
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Pizza &amp; Singing</b>	Clyde Woody	Jordan Danser	Tibor Siklosi
<b>Text</b>		Sight Restored	Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem	Cleansing of the Temple
<b>Subject</b>		Matthew 20:29-34	Matthew 21:1-11	Matthew 21:12-17

*(Continued from page 5)*

launch, it was the world's largest man-made moveable object. At 11:40 p.m. on that fateful night, an iceberg scraped the ship's starboard side, showering the decks with ice and ripping open six watertight compartments. The sea poured in.

On board the ship that night was John Harper and his much-beloved six-year-old daughter Nana. According to documented reports, as soon as it was apparent that the ship was going to sink, John Harper immediately took his daughter to a lifeboat. It is reasonable to assume that this widowed preacher could have easily gotten on board this boat to safety; however, it never seems to have crossed his mind. He bent down and kissed his precious little girl; looking into her eyes he told her that she would see him again someday. The flares going off in the dark sky above reflected the tears on his face as he turned and headed towards the crowd of desperate humanity on the sinking ocean liner. As the rear of the huge ship began to lurch upwards, it was reported that Harper was seen making his way up the deck yelling "Women, children and unsaved into the lifeboats!" It was only minutes later that the Titanic began to rumble deep within. Most people thought it was an explosion; actually, the gargantuan ship was literally breaking in half. At this point, many people jumped off the decks and into the icy, dark waters below. John Harper was one of these people.

That night 1528 people went into the frigid waters. John Harper was seen swimming frantically to people in the water leading them to Jesus before the hypothermia became fatal. Mr. Harper swam up to one young man who had climbed up on a piece of debris. Rev. Harper asked him between breaths, "Are you saved?" The young man replied that he was not.

Harper then tried to lead him to Christ only to have the young man who was near shock, reply no. John Harper then took off his life jacket and threw it to the man and said "Here then, you need this more than I do..." and swam away to other people. A few minutes later Harper swam back to the young man and succeeded in leading him to salvation. Of the 1528 people that went into the water that night, six were rescued by the lifeboats. One of them was this young man on the debris. Four years later, at a survivors meeting, this young man stood up and in tears recounted how John Harper had led him to Christ. Mr. Harper had tried to swim back to help other people, yet because of the intense cold, had grown too weak to swim. His last words before going under in the frigid waters were "Believe on the Name of the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." Does Hollywood remember this man? No. Oh well, no matter. This servant of God did what he had to do. While other people were trying to buy their way onto the lifeboats and selfishly trying to save their own lives, John Harper gave up his life so that others could be saved.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends..." John Harper was truly the hero of the Titanic!

*Sources for this article: "The Titanic's Last Hero" by Moody Press 1997, Scriptures are quoted from the King James Bible.*

## 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 and we'll get you on the prayer list.

Bruce Kessler's aunt Patsy passed away on Wednesday and the funeral was Friday. Also his mother is not doing well at all. His sister, Deborah is in a nursing home and very ill, Please continue to pray for them.

Please pray for the Jones' son-in law, CD and his parents who have Covid. Please pray for their daughter, Rachael and granddaughter Kela as well. They do not have Covid.

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

I (Larry Minson) will be having an Angiogram done in Norman on October 8th to make sure there are no new blockages or problems with the heart.

Craig's brother, Mikes Hayes is being treated with oral medication after doctors found blood in his lungs week before last. He's doing well and was released from the hospital 1 1/2 weeks ago.

Tanya Speights is asking for your prayers for her friend, Maureen Flowers suffering from cancer. If you would like to send Maureen a card she would appreciate it. Her address is: 116 Haynes Lane, Portland TN 37148.

Keep Ian Jones in your prayers. Ian suffered a heart attack two weeks ago and as a result had to have a stint put in after doctors discovered a 95% blockage in his heart. He reports he's fine now.

Cathy Jones experienced heart-like symptoms two weeks ago and she is scheduled to have heart tests done on October 8th.

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

Glen Taylor is recuperating from outpatient surgery on his right arm 3 weeks ago to repair Carpal Tunnel. They also loosened a nerve in his elbow.

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.

Bonnie Osborne is experiencing lots of pain in her ankle, knee and back and is having to wear a Life Alert device.

### **Suffering with cancer:**

Emily Hayes' aunt Betty Wells with stage 1 Leukemia.

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:**

Leslie Jone's 92 yr old father, Raymond Jones is in declining health and on Hospice. Leslie's mother also need your prayers.

April Minson's father, Harold Bruehl is suffering from Alzheimer's.

Cristie Barris's father, Doyle Blue who suffers with Parkinsons \* Rachel Vallee suffering with Fibromyalgia \* Emily Hayes' grandfather Kenneth Jarrell \* 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!**

**IN**

**OCTOBER**

Lucille Burk	1st
Larry Minson	1st
Christie Barris	3rd
Timon Taylor	5th
Jake Rudd	10th
Bianca Caballero	20th
Nicole Robinson	22nd
Jaxon Cude	23rd
Jordan Winslow	26th
Cathy Taylor	28th

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

**October Anniversaries**

**Travis & Loraine Ashley 11th**

**Statistics For Last Sunday & Gospel Meeting this week**

Sun. Morn. Attendance	75
Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	47
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$3,363

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



**SCV Sermons – Podcast Available** In addition to streaming online, our sermons are now available via podcast: "South Canadian Valley Church of Christ's Sermons." You can listen to it about anywhere you get your podcasts. iPhone users can find it on Apple Podcasts. Android users can find it on Google Podcasts. It's also available on other podcast players like Spotify and Stitcher. Search for "South Canadian Valley Church of Christ's Sermons."

**October Calendar**

<b>1st Sunday</b>	4th	12:00	Nursing Home Singing Gardens at Rivermont
<b>1st Wed.</b>	7nd	6:30	Pizza and Singing Night
<b>1st Monday</b>	5th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody home
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	10th	10:00-11:30 am	Food Pantry Opened
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	11th	Noon	Hamburger & Hot Dog Cookout
<b>3rd Monday</b>	19th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody Home
<b>3rd Wed</b>	21st	6:15-7:45	Prayer Service
<b>4th Saturday</b>	24th	9:00-11:00 am	Men's Teacher Training
<b>4th Sunday</b>	25th	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 Services
<b>4th Monday</b>	26th	7:00 p.m.	Youth Study at the Hayes home

**Area Meetings 2020**

Tulsa Church of Christ  
Meeting- Lee Adair  
Topic- The Family  
October 2-4, 2019  
Evenings 7:30 pm, Sunday 10:30 & 2:00

Thompson Heights Church of Christ  
Shawnee  
Meeting- David Minson  
October 25-28  
Sunday 10:00 & 2:00 - Evenings 7:30

**The True Hero of the Titanic**

Inspirational Christian Story

John Harper was born to a pair of solid Christian parents on May 29th, 1872. It was on the last Sunday of March 1886 when he was thirteen years old that he received Jesus as the Lord of his life. He never knew what it was to "sow his wild oats." He began to preach about four years later at the ripe old age of 17 years by going down to the streets of his village and pouring out his soul in earnest entreaty for men to be reconciled to God.

As John Harper's life unfolded, one thing was apparent...he was consumed by the word of God. When asked by various ministers what his doctrine consisted of, he was known to reply "The Word of God!" After five or six years of toiling on street corners preaching the gospel and working in the mill during the day, Harper was taken in by Rev. E. A. Carter of Baptist Pioneer Mission in London, England. This set Harper free to devote his whole time of energy to the work so dear to his heart. Soon, John Harper started his own church in September of 1896. (Now known as the Harper Memorial Church). This church which John Harper had started with just 25 members had grown to over 500 members when he left 13 years later. During this time, he had gotten married but was shortly thereafter widowed. However brief the marriage, God did bless John Harper with a beautiful little girl named Nana.

Ironically, John Harper almost drowned several times during his life. When he was two and a half years of age, he almost drowned when he fell into a well but was resuscitated by his mother. At the age of twenty-six, he was swept out to sea by a reverse current and barely survived, and at thirty-two, he faced death on a leaking ship in the Mediterranean. Perhaps, God used these experiences to prepare this servant for what he faced next...

It was the night of April 14, 1912. The RMS Titanic sailed swiftly on the bitterly cold ocean waters heading unknowingly into the pages of history. On board this luxurious ocean liner, there were many rich and famous people. At the time of the ship's

(Continued on page 6)