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Sunday Morning Star



SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Elders

Glen Taylor Bruce Kessler
 Mark Woody Craig Hayes Chris Taylor

Deacons

Travis Ashley Larry Minson Leslie Jones
 Dustin Gaskins Joe Addison

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

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: John 10:14-15

[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me — just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Thought:

The goal of our walk with Jesus is to come to know him as our shepherd just as intimately as he knows the Father. A key thing for us to remember: In a world where so many people want to attract our attention and are willing to give us advice, we can refuse their voice. We listen to Jesus because he has shown his love for us by laying down his life for us. He is not a hireling, he

is the Good Shepherd.

Prayer:

Holy Father, you are wonderful and generous beyond description. You have shown your love by sending your Son to be my Shepherd. Help me hear his voice through your Word. Help me hear his voice through the wise counsel of spiritual friends. Help me hear his voice through the words sung to me by my brothers and sisters when we are assembled. Help me hear his voice in the Holy Spirit's work on my conscience. Father, I want to follow your Son as my Shepherd and Lord because I know he, like you, is good! In the name of my Shepherd and Lord I pray. Amen.

By Phil Ware



November Greeters	Hayes Family
November Communion	Addisons
December Greeters	Kessler
December Communion	

Set Your Mind On Things Above

Today – Potluck Lunch, 1:00 Assembly, and Baptism
 Stay following our morning assembly for a potluck lunch and fellowship together. Then we will meet again at 1:00 PM. Following that, all are invited to Lake Thunderbird for Dallas Gusan's baptism. Go east of Norman following Alameda Street until you get to the lake bridge. As you get to the bridge, turn immediately to your right to get down to the lake. Contact Craig if you have questions.

Teaching Team Meeting Moved to 4th Sunday (11/24)
 We are moving our monthly teaching team meeting to fourth Sundays. Brothers, make your plans to join us for the next teaching team meeting on Sunday, November 24th at 3:00 PM at the building.

Ladies' Study – Monday, November 11th, Dinner at 6:30
 November's ladies' study will be hosted at Cathy Jones's house on Monday, November 11th. She would like to cook dinner for all attending – please notify her if you can make it so she can plan accordingly. Dinner is at 6:30 PM with the study to follow.

Glen Taylor's Bible Study - fellowship room - November 14th at 10:30

Men's Study – Tuesday, November 19th—This month's men's study will be held at the Church building on Tuesday the 19th at 7:00 PM.

Annual Christmas Party and Talent Show – Sunday, December 8th
 Our annual party and talent show is planned for the second Sunday in December (12/8). Details to follow soon.

Mary & Chase Barrett's baby shower - 3rd Sunday, December 15th - Finger food lunch.
 Registry information coming later.

SCV Family Prayers are held on Zoom every Monday at 5:30 PM.
 The Zoom Meeting ID is 3708723828 and the Passcode is 031923

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www.facebook.com/cvchurchofchrist.

November Sunday 2024 Schedule				
	3	10	17	24
AM Speaker	Bruce Kessler	Dustin Gaskins	Chris Taylor	Michael McCorkle
1 PM Speaker		Gerald Winslow		
Communion Lead	Chris Hutcherson	Isaac May	Dale Danser	Mike Hall
Usher	Travis Ashley	Chaney Jones	Brandon McCorkle	Chris Hutcherson
Usher	Isaac May	Tanner May	Jake Rudd	Chase Barrett
Usher	Paul Woody	Jordan Winslow	Carter Hearst	Mark Barrett
Usher	Rick Boaz	Dustin Gaskins	Joe Addison	Cuinn Hayes
Livestream	Brandon	Cuinn	Travis	Isaac
Audio	Carter	Kevin	Tanner	Travis
Reading	Tanner May	Joe Coplen	Rick Boaz	Dustin Claunch
Prayer	Joe Addison	Rick Boaz	Dale Danser	Dustin Gaskins
AM Songs	Cuinn Hayes	Leslie Jones	Jordan Winslow	Brandon McCorkle
AM O/C	Mark W.	Joe A.	Chris T.	Craig H.

November Wednesday 2024 Schedule				
	6	13	20	27
Speaker	Pizza/Singing	Dale Danser	Brandon McCorkle	Clyde Woody
Livestream	Brandon	Isaac	Cuinn	Travis
Audio	Tanner	Kevin	Travis	Carter
Open/Close		Bruce	Joe	Dustin

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fore we did, however, there were a few rules we had to follow for safety:

We had to wear a helmet. We had to hold on to him at all times. We had to lean when he leaned in order to stay balanced. I have to say, the last rule was a little frightening to follow since I wasn't used to riding a bike. Who would have thought that leaning in would help us stay balanced and safe? It didn't quite feel right to me, but then again, what did I know about motorcycles? I had to give up my instinct to stay upright and trust that he knew what was best. If he leaned, I leaned along with him, and so it was for many years as I rode on the back of his bike.

As I got to thinking about this today, I couldn't help but notice a parallel between the physical lessons I learned way back then and the spiritual lessons I'm still learning today. These guiding principles protect and strengthen us as we navigate life's challenges and trials. James 1:2-4 reminds us to "consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." Joy and trials at the same time? It almost seems to defy logic, doesn't it? It's moments like these that call us to give up our preconceived ideas of how things should be and follow God's lead.

It's not easy to lean into difficult moments, at least not at first, but the more we practice leaning, trusting, and submitting ourselves to His will, the more we realize the power of His strength. So, how do we hold on to joy in the midst of our trials? We keep these three things in mind:

We wear the helmet of salvation— (Ephesians 6:17). Our salvation protects our minds and hearts, reminding us of the saving grace that keeps us grounded in Christ. It shields us from doubt and fear as we go through life's uncertainties.

We hold on to God at all times—When we cling to Him, no matter how difficult or unpredictable life becomes, we are secure in His hands. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Holding on to God is essential as we navigate through trials.

We learn to lean on Him—especially when life takes unexpected turns. It may feel frightening at first, but leaning into God's direction keeps us balanced and safe, even when it doesn't make sense. As James 1:2-4 tells us: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

Leaning into God's will—trusting Him through the trials—strengthens our faith and builds perseverance. It's not always easy, but the more we lean, the stronger we become, finding ourselves secure in His plan, protected by His salvation, and held by His unfailing grip.

By Darlene Schacht

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.

Please check your prayer requests and let Larry or April know when we need to update an entry.

Bonnie is having a branch block done at the bottom of her spine to try to relieve the intense pain she has been suffering. Injection will be Thursday November 14th.

Anna Holden's grandmother and grandfather, Shirley & Robert Wilson, have been admitted to the hospital.

Ginny is asking for prayers for her brother, Ricky Stone, who is in Septic and has heart issues.

Michelle Barron has been diagnosed with Myelodysplasia MDS. She is waiting to start a new shot for treatment. She is transfusion dependent. Keep praying please.

Anna Palmer's grandmother, Billie Belknap passed away. Please pray for Anna and her family.

Dale Danser is in great need of prayers. He's suffering with terrible pain as of last evening.

Linda Thompson's son, Warren Benge had surgery on 4 vertebrae approx. 1 year ago. It has caused his voice to be very hoarse. Doctors are not sure it can be fixed.

Ray Speights had cancer removed Thursday and had a chemo treatment. Please pray.

Cassia Claunch had surgery recently. She is doing ok, but still having some pain.

Laura Danser had surgery a couple of weeks on both hands for Carpel Tunnel and is recuperating.

Joe Addison is asking for prayers for his brother, John Addison. John will be having shoulder surgery on Monday, October 28th.

Please pray for Janet Lee Kelly. This is Mark Woody's biological sister, Jolie Pellegrino's, mother. She has been in the hospital for 2 weeks with esophageal issues. She is now in rehab.

Kelly Woody is recuperating from surgery to correct a Deviated Septum.

Mary Barrett is on bedrest due to high blood pressure.

Roeann's neighbor, Phil Clour is on Hospice. Please pray for Phil and his family.

Kelly Winslow's father, JC Green is struggling with back problems.

Jean & Chris Taylor are asking for prayers for their daughter, Chrysti Kendrick that her health will improve.

Suffering with cancer:

Dean Howards daughter & son-in-law, Bob & Lucine Wagner * Taylor Epperson, 22 yr. old niece of a good friend of the Addisons * Ray Speights * Susan Hutcherson with NET Cancer * Sheila Dorn's mother, Clara Kaniatobe has lung cancer * Arlinda Geffen, 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:

Tanya Speights stage 3 Kidney disease * Della Combest's daughter-in-law, Laura Combest, has Alzheimer's * Bruce Kessler with Parkinson's Disease * Cassia Woody suffers with POTS * Jim & Bonnie Osborne with chronic pain * Leslie Jones' mother with COPD * Loraine Ashley with a severe auto immune disorder * Dean Howard

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

Happy Birthday!
Nov. Birthdays

Mark Barrett	1st
Cuinn Hayes	4th
Kelsey Hayes	9th
Clyde Woody	12th
Kim Haddad	17th
Sheila Dorn	17th
Jackson Rudd	20th
Kristen Rudd	26th
Ray Speights	26th

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

November Anniversaries

Dale & Laura Danser 17th
 David & Susan Robinson 22nd

Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday of this week

Last Sun. Morning Attendance	99
Last Sun. Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	82
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$4,007

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Go to mixlr.com/bkess & listen to Bruce Kessler's on-line radio show, "Passion for Christ"

November Calendar

1st Sunday	3rd	12:00 noon	Nursing Home Singing
1st Wed	6th	6:30 p.m.	Pizza & Singing
2nd Thursday	14th	10:30-12:00	Glen Taylor's Bible Study - fellowship room
2nd Saturday	9th	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Opened
2nd Sunday	10th	1:00 p.m.	2nd Service at 1:00, after lunch
3rd Sunday	17th		Fellowship with Other Members
4th Sunday	24th	3:00 p.m.	Teaching Team Training
3rd Monday	18th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Mark & Kelly's Home
4th Thursday	28th	10:30 a.m.	Glen Taylor's Bible Study - fellowship room

Every Monday at 5:30 PM we will have "Prayer Together With the Church". The meeting ID and passcode will be texted to you. Be sure you have "opted in" to texts.

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

52 Reasons to Love the Church

#45- Sweet Communion

A few quiet moments every Sunday, head bowed, heart lifted. Maybe you close your eyes and rest your palm on the cover of the Bible in your lap. Or reach for the hand of a loved one next to you. Maybe you flip to one of the gospels and read about your Savior's sacrifice.

This precious time in worship centers our souls in at least four ways:

The Blessing. Jesus set the example when He blessed the bread before breaking it (Mk. 14:22). The prayer before the Lord's Supper is an opportunity to give thanks (1 Cor. 11:24), to remember Him (Lk. 22:19), and to examine ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28).

The Body. "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me" (1 Cor. 11:24). The unleavened bread represents the body of Jesus, willingly sacrificed on the cross for us. "He bore our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Pet. 2:23-24).

The Blood. The "fruit of the vine" (Matt. 26:29) represents the blood of Christ. "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matt. 26:28).

The Body. Not the physical body of Jesus this time, but His body the church (Eph. 1:22-23). We "gather together" for this memorial (Ac. 20:7). Even though we are many individuals, we are one body because of the cross (1 Cor. 10:17). We are united because of the blood of Christ (Eph. 2:13). It is sweet fellowship! "Hearts are brought in closer union while partaking of the bread."

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"

(1 Cor. 10:16)

By Kathy Pollard

Leaning into God's Power

It was 1975. Disco music was topping the charts, bell-bottoms and platform shoes were all the rage, and everyone was lining up to see Jaws, the blockbuster movie of the summer. It was also the year my sister's boyfriend rode into our lives on his motorcycle.

Wayne might have looked tough on the outside with his leather jacket, broad shoulders, and boulder-sized muscles, but let me tell you, behind that rough exterior was a heart of gold. He had an incredible way with kids, and we loved him for it.

I'd never been on the back of a motorcycle before, and so the first time Wayne offered to take us for a ride, I was more than ready to jump on and take off. Be-

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