

South Canadian Valley Church of Christ  
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**Verse:** 1 Chronicles 16:8

*Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.*

**Thought:**

Giving thanks is more than being thankful to God, it is letting others know of his gracious works so they too can come to know him as Father, Redeemer, and Victorious Lord. Then others can join their voices with our own in a chorus of thanksgiving from the hearts those God's love has redeemed.

**Prayer:**

*Holy God, Almighty King, bless all those who serve you in difficult places today. I especially am thankful for all the missionaries in other cultures sharing the grace of Jesus with people who need to know you as Abba Father. Empower their words, protect their lives and families, and bless their efforts with fruit. Please help me to understand that true thankfulness involves sharing your grace with others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

By Phil Ware



**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 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**



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

**Set Your Mind On Things Above**

**Rejoice!**  
 Dallas Gusan was baptized into Christ last Sunday. What a blessing. We rejoice with our brother – and alongside the angels!

**Welcoming a New Member to the SCV Family**  
 The elders are thrilled to announce that Jacie Hutcherson expressed her desire to join our church family. We have gotten to know Jacie over the past many months and are glad she is now one of us.

**Today – Fellowship Day**  
 Make plans to spend time in fellowship with your brothers and sisters today.

**Bible Study at Woody’s Monday Night**  
 Mark and Kelly and Paul Woody will host a bible study at their home on Monday, November 18th, at 7:00 PM.

**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.

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

Follow our public assemblies on “Facebook Live” at  
[www.facebook.com/cvchurchofchrist](http://www.facebook.com/cvchurchofchrist).

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

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

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"It's nothing to worry about!" I told myself. "I didn't get hurt, and the mud will fall off as I run!"

But the dirt didn't "fall off", and once back home, my pants had to be washed, my shoes had to be scrubbed, and I had to give my dog a bath.

A few days later, I was once again tempted to take the muddy road. You would think that I would have learned my lesson, but when a quiet voice whispered, "Remember what happened last time?" I responded with, "It wasn't anything that a little soap and water couldn't wash out!"

Over the next few weeks, I took that muddy road numerous times. Each time, I became more confident in my ability to keep from getting dirty and to keep from injuring myself, and each time it became easier and easier for me to ignore the little voice of warning.

Then one day, my dog came home infested with ticks. After a visit to the vet to remove the ticks, a Lyme disease vaccine, and a tick bath, all of which cost over \$100, she was still banned outdoors for 3 days until the tick medicine could take effect.

Later, in contemplating this situation, I began to remember how many times my foot had slipped in the mud, how many times I had nearly fallen, and how close I had come to twisting my ankle or breaking an arm. What a chance I had been taking!

How many times in life are we tempted to run down the road of sin? "I'll avoid the sin," you tell yourself, but you learn, too late, that once on the path, it can't be completely avoided. In fact, you are miraculously saved from falling into it over and over again, and when you finally come to your senses, you learn that the traces of sin won't just "fall" off on their own. They have to be washed off with the cleansing "bath" of the blood of Jesus, poured out freely for each and every repentant sinner.

But each time you go down the sinful paths of the world, it becomes easier and easier to give in to the temptation the next time. You hear yourself say: "It doesn't matter. Falling into sin won't hurt me! Jesus will forgive me and cleanse me when I am finished!" [But that is a very dangerous place to be]...each time you travel down the paths of sin, it begins to lose its "sinful" appearance. You continue to put yourself in danger of "slipping" and causing serious damage and permanent scarring to your character. Worst of all, the crippling consequences of your self-indulgence may get someone else into trouble - someone who isn't as strong as you are, or who doesn't know Jesus like you do. "Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak . . . So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ." (1 Cor.:9-13). Is it any wonder that Heb. 12:1 tells us to "Throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles"?

Let's resist the temptation to go down the muddy road - to flirt with sin. Keeping God's commands will prevent us from muddying our shoes. It will ensure that sin never becomes "commonplace". It will make it possible to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1), and it will ensure that we will never become a "stumbling block" for another.

*By Lyn Chaffart [Edited]*

## 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.*

Dean Howard's daughter, Lucine Wagner had cancer surgery recently.

Cassia Claunch had surgery recently and had to go back in surgery to fix a bleed. Still having pain.

Lisa Teel is scheduled for back surgery tomorrow, Monday 18th.

Chrysti Kendricks is having additional health problems that will require more surgery. Please continue to pray for her & send cards of encouragement.

Bonnie is having another MRI done on Monday, Nov 18th.

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 has been referred to MD Anderson for additional testing.

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

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

Linda Thompson's son, Warren Benghe 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 3 weeks ago and had a chemo treatment. Please pray.

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 3 weeks with esophageal issues. She is now in rehab.

Mary Barrett is suffering with 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.

### **Suffering with cancer:**

Dean Howard's 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
<b>Kim Haddad</b>	<b>17th</b>
<b>Sheila Dorn</b>	<b>17th</b>
<b>Jackson Rudd</b>	<b>20th</b>
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	107
Last Sun. Afternoon Attendance	50
Wed. Attendance	73
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$4,396

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

**November Calendar**

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

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

### #46- Seeing God's Goodness

"Anyone who says, 'God is not good,' clearly has not met His church!" Our oldest son, Gary, wrote these words. He definitely experienced it firsthand when he spent 10 days in the ICU. Christians from all over rallied around him with visits, cards, money, and gifts. It was so touching for all of us that I wrote about it.

Now my husband's brother, Brent, is in the ICU. And once again, our hearts are being stirred by the thoughtful gestures of fellow Christians. We've received countless messages and lots of prayers. People have offered to sit with Brent to give his parents a break. Others have offered to house them so they don't have to make the hour and a half trek each day. It's a helpless feeling to be far away from loved ones in times like these but, oh, how relieving it is to see surrounding Christians jump in to help!

God's church clearly demonstrates His goodness to any who are paying attention. These are just a couple of examples. I could share MANY more, and I know you could, too. In addition to practical help during times of trouble, the church family embraces each other in love and appreciation and holds each other up in times of weakness. This shows they're doing their very best to live by grace, mercy, compassion, generosity, and love...the very traits of God.

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

(Gal. 6:10)

I'm so, so grateful. When I pray for those I love who are hurting or struggling, I also thank God for the caring hearts of His people.

I know God is perfect and His people are not. I know there are times when we miss opportunities to help, we let each other down, we hurt one another. We're flawed, we're busy, and we can be selfish with our time and resources. Hopefully we acknowledge it when it happens and strive to do better next time. Because God keeps using us anyway to be a light to those around us (Matt. 5:16).

I've seen way more grace than grumbling, way more help than hostility, and way more appreciation than apathy. It makes me want to do my part better to show others the goodness of God.

*"I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!"*

Psalm 27:13

by Kathy Pollard

## The Muddy Road

I hadn't gone far, however, when it became apparent that staying out of the mud would be impossible. Pools of water completely covered the road in some places, and where exposed, the ridge between the ruts was slushy and slippery. But this didn't faze me in the least. "What's a little mud, anyway?" I muttered, and I proceeded to slosh my way through the sticky mire and muddy water for over half a mile. By the time I was back on the paved road, I had nearly twisted my ankle several times, I had half an inch of mud caked to the bottom of my running shoes, my jogging pants were filthy, and my poor dog was a mess.

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