

## South Canadian Valley Church of Christ

c/o Larry Minson

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Norman, Ok. 73071



**Verse:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16  
*Rejoice evermore.*

### Thought:

Now wait just a minute. I have some pretty sorry days! Things don't always go well for me! Some of my friends have abandoned me at my worst possible moments. How can I be joyful ALWAYS? "Simple, my child," the Father reminds me. "First, joy is more than always feeling happy, but is instead, a deep abiding sense of being in God's grace and purpose. Second, no matter where you are, no matter how hopeless things may seem, your life is

bound for glory — my glory!" In the light of this incredible truth, all other things seem bland, out of touch, and insignificant.

### Prayer:

*O LORD, please give me a clearer sense of your glory and victory. Please empower my faith to trust the truth of your conquest over hell. Please fill me with your Spirit and bring forth your fruit in my life. Please fill my mouth with joyful praise for all that you have done for me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

By Phil Ware

# Happy Thanksgiving 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

Deacons  
Travis Ashley ~ Larry Minson

### 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)



Welcome

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

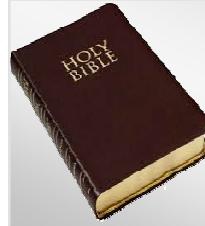
be back with us anytime. Let us know if you have any questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitors card.

Call if you need a ride to Church:

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



The next home Bible study at the Woody home is on December 2nd, 7:00 p.m. 3030 Santa Rosa Ct



**Today**  
Pot Luck lunch and afternoon services at 1:00

**Next Sunday**  
Nursing home singing at "Gardens at Rivermont"  
south of HW9 off Chautauqua

**Tomorrow Evening at 7:00**  
Youth study at the Haye's home.  
617 Ridge Lake Blvd

## You're Invited!

Roeanne Gibson is hosting a get-together at her home on 604 Riverwalk in Norman on December 13th at 6:30. Bring your favorite finger foods.

## Christmas Party - Dec 8th

In the church fellowship room following morning services, we'll have finger foods and snacks with a "white elephant" gift exchange following. All who want to participate in the gift exchange need to bring a inexpensive gift, one gift for each participant. If you cannot bring a gift, let someone know. There will also be a talent show in the auditorium following the gift exchange.

November Communion Preparation  
November Birthday Cake - 4th Sunday  
November Greeters

Winslows  
Jean Taylor  
Hayes

## November Sunday 2019 Schedule

	3	10	17	24
AM Speaker	Jordan Winslow	Jordan Danser	Dustin Gaskins	<b>Craig Hayes</b>
PM Speaker		Mike Hall		<b>Mark Woody</b>
Communion Lead	Dustin Gaskins	Topher Taylor	Chris Taylor	<b>Jordan Danser</b>
Usher	Cuinn Hayes	Jake Rudd	Tibor Siklosi	<b>Charles Vallee</b>
Usher	Corbin Hall	Leslie Jones	Jordan Winslow	<b>Chase Barrett</b>
Usher	Charles Vallee	Dustin Gaskins	Topher Taylor	<b>Amon Rowe</b>
Usher	John Robinson	Chaney Jones	Dustin Claunch	<b>Joe Addison</b>
Reading	Amon Rowe	Cuinn Hayes	Corbin Hall	<b>Brantly Hightower</b>
Prayer	Dustin Claunch	Joe Addison	Cale Hayes	<b>Tibor Siklosi</b>
AM Songs	Jordan Danser	Corbin Hall	Craig Hayes	<b>Jordan Winslow</b>
PM Songs		Amon Rowe		<b>Paul Woody</b>
AM/PM O/C	Larry Minson	Bruce Kessler	Mark Woody	<b>Travis Ashley</b>

## November Wednesday Schedule

	6	13	20	27
Speaker	Pizza & Singing	Chris Taylor	Travis Ashley	<b>Topher Taylor</b>
Text		1 Thess 2:13-3:13	1 Thess 4:1-8	<b>1 Thess 4:9-12</b>
Subject		Not Be Moved by Afflictions	Your Holiness	<b>Love One Another</b>

## Destroy The 'Ite

Moses had led the people of Israel through the desert for 40 years and was now preparing them to cross the Jordan River into the promised land of Canaan. As part of this preparation, Moses reminded the people how God had provided for all their past needs and reviewed the laws by which God expected them to live; "and if we are careful to obey all this law before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us, that will be our righteousness" (Deuteronomy 6:25).

The people of Israel would be brought into a right relationship with God as they worshipped Him and obeyed His commands. But as they entered the promised land, there were many enemies which had to be removed.

Deuteronomy 7:1-2: "When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations - the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you - and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy."

These enemies posed a serious physical threat, but the longer term danger was to their spiritual survival. God wanted these "Ite" completely destroyed because their worldly gods would continually pull at the heart of His chosen people; "Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods" (Deuteronomy 11:16).

This can be a difficult message with today's soft view of sin. But there is an important lesson for each of us who desire a close relationship with God. Today, Jesus has provided the path to righteousness; "This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe" (Romans 3:22). But God still desires the entirety of our heart and expects us to turn from anything which pulls us away from an unhindered and unrestrained devotion.

As he leads us into His promised land of rest and peace, there will always be enemies which entice us to turn from God, many temptations which compete for our time and thoughts...and for our worship. These "Ite" will appear stronger than our ability to conquer. But we are "more than conquerors" - we have the victory; "the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you" (Deuteronomy 7:22).

What enemies take us away from the worship of God? What addictions, activities, desires or fears are consuming our heart and keeping us from being focused on Jesus - keeping us from a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father? Let's be determined to possess the land and fully give our heart to God. Let's identify the enemies which hinder our walk and, without mercy, let's completely destroy the Ite.

By Steve Troxel (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.**

Please feel free to share with us your blessings and answered prayers. We'd love to join you in thanking God for the wonderful things He's done for you.

Mary Evelyn had some work done on her teeth last Wednesday, and was supposed to be flying to Mississippi for a week following that. Please pray for her.  
Lesley and Cathy's son-in-law, CD Whinery had a spot in his throat and small intestines that was found to be a benign tumor.  
Bonnie Osborne is experiencing severe pain in her lower back. She is asking for your prayers.

Mark Woody's mother, Linda Woody is home from rehab now and doing much better following a slight stroke. Her family is requesting your prayers for healing and stamina.  
Sergio would appreciate your prayers for his financial situation.

### Suffering with cancer:

Cathy Taylor's grandmother Louise has been diagnosed with breast cancer.  
Chris Taylor is asking for your prayers for a coworker, Reva Sweetin, undergoing cancer treatment.

Joe Addison is asking for prayers for Martha Morris, the wife of a co-worker, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Mary Taylor is asking for your prayers for David Bradley. David is the son of Bob Bradley, a good friend of Glen & Mary Taylor & is suffering with stage 4 cancer. Glen & Mary Taylor's cousin Retha Jantz's daughter, Denise Jennings has multiple cancers.

### Always keep in our prayers:

Cristie Barris's father, Doyle Blue who suffers with Parkinsons \* Rachel Vallee suffering with Fibromyalgia \* Catherine Vise, mother of Cathy Jones \* Emily Hayes' grandfather Kenneth Jarrell \* Loraine Ashley with a severe auto immune disorder \* Leslie Jones' father and mother \* Dean Howard.

Mary Taylor is having lots of pain in her back all the way to her knees. Please pray for her.

Leslie and Cathy's sister-in-law, Debby Jones will have to continue receiving treatments from now on for a health condition she suffers with. Please pray for Debby, husband Tim and the children.

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

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: Lminson@cox.net and we'll get you on the prayer list.



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## NOVEMBER

Mark Barrett  
Cuinn Hayes  
Alene Coker  
Kelsey Hayes  
Austin Seibert  
Denise Koch  
Jaxon Rudd  
Fernanda Ceron  
Kristin Rudd  
Ray Speights

1st  
4th  
6th  
9th  
15th  
17th  
20th  
23rd  
26th  
26th

Let Larry or April know if your name was left off this list.

## November Anniversaries

David &amp; Susan Robinson 2nd

## Statistics For Last Sunday &amp; Wednesday Services

Sun. Morn. Attendance	108
Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	50
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$2,758

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	Nursing Home Singing-Gardens at Rivermont
<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	Pot luck lunch & 1:00 services
<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
<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

## One Permanent in a World of Temporary

I thought I was going to gag on the smell. When I was a little guy, my mother used to drag me with her to the beauty parlor where she got her hair done. I'm not sure what chemicals they used back then, but I obviously must have done something horrendous for my mother to subject her precious little boy to this nasal torture. And I wasn't sure what was going on when they put this hood-

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like machine on my mother's head. For all I knew, it was some kind of mechanical brain-sucker. I mean, I didn't know what was going on. Anyway, Mom used to come away with what they called a "permanent." Now, today, the chemicals don't reek like they did back then, and they've abbreviated the name of all that curly hair to "perm" - short for permanent, which they're not. They weren't when it stunk getting it done; they're not today when the process is much nicer. Let's get real here, perms should be called temps. They don't last.

I'm Ron Hutchcraft and I want to have A Word With You today about "One Permanent in a World of Temporary."

Actually, it's pretty hard to think of anything in our world that's truly permanent. Our wedding vows promise we'll be together "til death do us part." But for more and more couples, that marriage doesn't last anywhere near that long. And if it does, it still isn't permanent. Because death "do us part." Death took my Mom, my Dad, my brother, many friends, coworkers, young people we've worked with, contemporaries of mine - they were "temps," not "perms."

We've all lived long enough to know that there are so many ways we can lose a love that we were counting on, through death or divorce, a breakup or a conflict. Either we change or they change. We leave or they leave. And once again, another life-anchor is gone.

But there's something deep inside us that tells us that we're made for something more than this - for a relationship, and a love that we cannot lose. Many of us have lost a lot trying to find that love; we've given things we can't get back, we've made mistakes that have left scars, all for love.

That voice inside you - that need inside you - that longs for one relationship you cannot lose doesn't have to keep looking, doesn't have to keep losing. There is a love you were made for. There's a Person who can fill the hole in your heart. He's the one the Bible says "you were made by and made for." (Colossians 1:16) It's Jesus, God's one and only Son. Here's what the Bible says about the love that He offers you: "Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39). Now, there it is. That's love you can't lose; love that will never lose you.

And it's in "Christ Jesus our Lord" the Bible says. So it's Jesus. He is the love you've been looking for.

(Excerpt by Ron Hutchcraft)