

South Canadian Valley Church of Christ
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Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

Thought:

While we joke about growing older, the challenges of aging are tough. We realize our mortality. Our bodies can betray us. We can't do what we once could do. As Christians, we know that our aging actually brings us closer to home and to the time when Jesus gives us immortal bodies not subject to decay. God can help us use these physical realities to be heavenly reminders of what

is important. With the help of his Spirit, we can be transformed to be more like our Savior and to be more ready for our heavenly home!

Prayer:

Almighty God, I confess that I like getting older less and less, the older I get. I am thankful, however, that each day older I get, the closer I am to coming home to you. Please help me not to become cynical, negative, or bitter as I grow older. Instead, please renew me and use me to bless others who need to find their way home to you. In Jesus' mighty 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 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



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.

Teaching Team Meeting Today
 There will be a teaching team meeting at the building today at 3:00 PM. All of our men are welcome and our teachers are expected.

Ladies' Study – Tuesday, December 3rd at 7 PM
 The ladies' study this month will be at the building Tuesday evening at 7:00

No Taylor Study/Woody Study in December
 Glen's study and Mark/Kelly's study will not be held for December.

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. She is registered at Walmart. Under "Mary & Chase's Baby Registry".

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/scvchurchofchrist.

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

My Thoughts On Genesis 27

Growing up there was one thing we all knew for sure: lying to our parents wouldn't end well. If we did something wrong, we were disciplined, but if we lied about the situation, the consequences would be twice as severe as simply coming clean. I never found out what that penalty would have been because I was too afraid to lie. Honesty was just one of the values my family held dear. At the heart of it all was integrity. Were we simply honest, or were we trustworthy? Were we willing to do the right thing when no one was watching?

The Bible says, "The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity." (Proverbs 11:3, NIV). Our commitment to truthfulness and moral behavior directs the decisions and actions we take. Like a compass, it leads us safely through life. Duplicity, on the other hand, leads to destruction, as we saw in our study this week.

Jacob's lack of integrity led to division and heartache within his family. His act of deception not only caused immediate conflict but also resulted in long-term estrangement between the two brothers. He had to flee from his home to escape Esau's wrath, while the trust within the family was shattered. Can you imagine the weight of the burden he carried? The anxiety of running away, the guilt of betrayal, and the fear of potential retribution? These are just some of the traces his sin left behind.

There's an encouraging notation in one of my journals, although I'm not sure who wrote it. It says, "You can never lose anything by placing it in the hands of God. If He takes it, He will give you something better. If He gives it back, it will be blessed." If only Jacob held to this belief at the start of his journey, he would have placed his concern in the hands of God and saved himself a lot of heartache.

God doesn't stress the importance of integrity just to add another thing to our list of to-dos. He gives us this light to guide us safely through life. He knows that integrity is good for the soul. It strengthens relationships and fosters mutual respect. It provides a clear conscience, which brings peace and reduces stress. It gives us a sense of stability and confidence, knowing that our actions align with our values. Additionally, integrity earns us a good reputation, making us reliable and honorable in the eyes of others. Ultimately, God knows that living a life of integrity leads to a more fulfilling, harmonious life.

Are you ready to walk in integrity? Here are five practical steps you can take:

1. Commit to Honesty: Make a conscious decision to speak the truth, even when it's difficult. This builds trust and demonstrates reliability.
2. Admit Mistakes: When you make a mistake, own up to it. Apologize if necessary and take steps to make things right. This shows accountability and humility.
3. Stay True to Your Word: Keep your promises and follow through on commitments. This shows others that you are dependable and faithful.
4. Reflect on Your Actions: Regularly examine your actions and decisions. Ask yourself if they align with your values and the teachings of the Bible.
5. Seek God's Help: Pray for strength and guidance to maintain integrity in all areas of your life. Trust that God will honor your efforts to live a life of integrity.

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.

Lisa Teel is improving following her surgery on the 18th and no longer using a walker.

Bonnie Osborne is doing well so far following her back procedure on Friday.

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

Cassia Claunch is still struggling, but a little better following surgery recently.

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

Michelle Barron has been diagnosed with Myelodysplasia MDS. She has been referred to MD Anderson for additional testing.

Linda Thompson's son, Warren Bengé 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.

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 Addison's * 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:

Dale Danser suffers from Arthritis * 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	72
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$4,911

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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 Meeting
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 By Kathy Pollard

#44- Our Destiny

Neal preached a lesson recently in which he mentioned that three times in Revelation Christ says "I will show you":

what's happening in Heaven (4:1) how He sees the dark forces of the world (17:1) the church's destiny (21:9) Imagine how comforting those pictures would've been for the persecuted Christians. As bad as things were, nothing could stand against the victorious Christ. As marginalized as they felt, they could look forward to a celebration as the honored bride of Christ.

While things aren't as horrible for us as they were for them, it's still encouraging to be reminded of the true picture: God reigns and we belong to Him!

Neal shared six things (alliterated, of course) from Revelation 21:1-9 that the church still has to look forward to:

relationship relief renewal refreshing residence refuge See if you can find them in the text below!

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb."

By Kathy Pollard