

South Canadian Valley Church of Christ
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Verse: Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Thought:

I love the coast of Maine. The craggy shorelines, the crashing surf, and the light-houses perched at strategic and well-fortified points along the coastline. I cannot help but think of our heavenly Father when I watch the gloom gather as an impending storm noisily makes its way onshore. There, in the storm — with lightning ripping through the sky, winds howling, and the surf crashing — stands the light that guides the way, strong against the elements and a

beacon of direction and hope. Yes, the LORD, Yahweh the God of Israel, the Almighty Creator of all things, is my light and my salvation. My life, the eternal part of me, is entrusted with him. I choose not to fear. I place my trust in him.

Prayer:

Father in heaven, I praise you for your faithfulness through the ages. I thank you for your steadfast love that has blessed each generation, giving hope in times of darkness, salvation in times of wantonness, and strength in times of weakness. Now I ask that you be with several people I love, who need your palpable presence as they fight their battles. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen. Phil Ware



SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 Glen Taylor Bruce Kessler Mark Woody
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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



**Christmas Party
Sunday, December 12**
Our Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 12. We will have a potluck lunch with a soups/sandwiches theme that day, followed by a \$5 gift swap/exchange and our customary talent show. Make your plans to be a part of this fellowship opportunity.

Save the Date – Marriage Workshop, March 4-5
All of our married couples – young and old alike – are highly encouraged to join this workshop the first weekend in March that will focus on enriching our marriages and growing together. Please add Friday evening and all day Saturday, March 4 and 5, to your calendars. Full details to follow in the coming weeks.

You Are Invited!
Roeann Gibson is inviting everyone to her Christmas party at 6:30 on Saturday, December 11th at her home (604 Riverwalk Dr, Norman) Bring finger foods.

Pizza & Singing this coming Wednesday evening, 6:30 p.m.

Increased Monthly Support for Evangelism
Because God has blessed our church family so much, and you all give generously to the work of the church, we recently have been able to increase our monthly support for evangelistic works. Prior to this increase, we had \$2,500 per month committed in support. Now we are sending out \$4,000 per month in support of evangelism – praise God! We send monthly support to 7 evangelists and to 3 evangelistic works overseas. A full list of those works we support are in the glass case in the foyer. Thank you for your generous giving that helps carry out the mission of the church both in the US and abroad.

The Zoom I.D. and password has changed for Sundays only. Wednesdays will remain the same. Below is the log-in info for Sundays & Wednesday:
Zoom Info: Sundays: Meeting ID is **89133127900** Passcode is **601451**
Wednesdays: Meeting ID is **83454385641** - Passcode is **048802**

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mindset: lay aside yourself for the good of others. And followed that up with His promise, "You will be blessed."
by Kathy Pollard

November Greeters Roeann and Dorothy

November Sunday 2021 Schedule				
	7	14	21	28
AM Speaker	Bruce Kessler	Chris Taylor	Travis Ashley	Dustin Gaskins
Communion Lead	Chris Taylor	Dustin Gaskins	Jordan Danser	Travis Ashley
Usher	Chase Barrett	Dustin Claunch	Corbin Hall	Mark Barrett
Usher	Chaney Jones	Paul Woody	Amon Rowe	Cuinn Hayes
Reading	Corbin Hall	Chase Barrett	Cuinn Hayes	Cale Hayes
Prayer	Brantly Hightower	Joe Addison	Jay Wagner	Rick Boaz
AM Songs	Jordan Winslow	Corbin Hall	Cale Hayes	Leslie Jones
AM/PM O/C	Craig Hayes	Mark Woody	Leslie Jones	Bruce Kessler

December Wednesday 2021 Schedule					
	1	8	15	22	29
Speaker	Pizza & Singing	Cale Hayes	Mark Barrett and Papa	Dale Danser	Corbin Hall
Text					
Subject			Romans 6:1-4		

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doing are two different things. How easy it is to get caught up in our rights and our feelings, to swallow Satan's lie that our own happiness reigns supreme! But when we do, we make ourselves miserable. Jesus knows what's best for His body, including each individual part, including me. Focusing on self doesn't lead to happiness. The blessed life comes from caring more about others. It causes growth, stretching, learning, and experiencing in ways that we can't when we're wrapped up in ourselves.

Grace. I learned about the folks who don't like hand-holding in a social media thread. Someone posted a question about it and I was amazed at all the comments. My eyes landed on one comment about a woman's complete discomfort with having her hand held and I thought, "Oh no...I know for a fact that I've grabbed her hand during a prayer!"

It took me a while to realize that people have been extending grace to me for a long time. I was in my 40s before I learned that some people don't like hugs or hand-holding. Why is that? Because no one ever rejected a hug from me or pushed me away or embarrassed me by saying, "I'd rather you not do that." Even though they didn't really care for it, they cared for me. That's just the way I am and so they put up with it, at their own expense. I'm humbled by the realization.

Jesus poured water in the basin and went from one set of dirty feet to another. I put myself in His place as He came upon the feet of Judas. I imagine I would whisper, "Nope," and move on to the next disciple. But the next disciple is Peter. It blows my mind that Jesus knew they would soon betray Him and deny Him but He knelt down before them anyway. He offered grace in advance.

I rarely reach for a hand during prayer unless it's immediate family, and I'm a lot less likely to hug someone when I see them. But you'll be relieved to know that my soul didn't shrivel up after all. I've learned that people express warmth and affection in lots of different ways, and they're good ways! I could've saved myself some heartache if I had been more like Jesus with grace in advance. Intentional grace. Others will not always understand me and I will not always understand them. But I can determine ahead of time how I will respond when this happens. With love and grace, we can grow through this.

"My happiness or yours" sounds like something that could foster a begrudging mindset. "One of us must lose and so I guess as a Christian I should let you win and have your way." Satan would love that. There's no love there or compassion or grace or unity. Just keeping track and keeping score. Jesus taught a different

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

Travis is asking for prayers in behalf of his cousin, Wanda Brock, who will be having heart surgery December 3rd. Also, Travis & Loraine would appreciate your prayers for their granddaughter, Mattie.

Tammy Boaz remains in the NW Healthplex in Norman suffering with Covid. The news is getting a little more positive. Her stats are looking better than anytime in the ICU and doctors are trying to take some steps that may get her closer to normal regarding her breathing & other functions. Between now and Tuesday, they are weaning her off her medications in preparation to awaken her. Thank you so much for your prayers and please continue them.

Aubrey Danser's grandmother, Larue Willingham is in the hospital in McKinney, TX. She is stable but they hope to get her off the ventilator and determine what happened.

Bonnie Osborne fell and broke some small bones in her foot a few weeks ago. She is still recuperating after reinjuring it a couple of weeks later.

Continue to keep Mary Taylor in your prayers that she may get relief from her pain.

Felice Fagan's husband, Dewayne, is suffering tremendous pain right now and Felice continues to ask for prayers. Dwayne suffers with Parkinsons and Cancer.

Chaney Jones is asking for prayers for a co-worker, Jeanna, whose husband, William Speedy is having serious health issues.

Please continue to pray for Jacob McCorkle's continued healing.

Suffering with cancer:

Jean Taylor's friend, Myra James has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Always keep in our prayers:

Leslie Jones' mother has COPD * Mary Taylor suffers constant back pain * Amon's aunt Tamatha Simmons suffering with neurological problems. * Bruce Kessler's mother, * Wanda Hames * Joe Addison's mother, Ruthie is struggling with pain and mobility * April Minson's father, Harold Bruehl with Alzheimer's * Christie Barris's father, Doyle Blue who with Parkinsons * Loraine Ashley with a severe auto immune disorder * Dean Howard

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

Happy Birthday!

IN NOVEMBER

Mark Barrett	1st
Cuinn Hayes	4th
Alene Coker	6th
Kelsey Hayes	9th
Clyde Woody	12th
Jaxson Rudd	20th
Kristin Rudd	26th
Ray Speights	26th

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

November Anniversaries

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

Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday this week

Sun. Morn. Attendance	78
Wed. Attendance	55
Sunday Contribution:	\$1,805

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November Calendar

1st Wednesday	3rd	6:30 p.m.	Pizza & Singing Food Pantry Opened Men's Teacher Training
2nd Saturday	13th	10:00-11:30 a.m.	
4th Saturday	27th	9:00-11:00 a.m.	

My Happiness or Yours?

I have always been a hugger. Even as a child, I hugged everyone in church. I enjoyed it and naturally assumed that everyone else did, too. A few years ago I learned that some people aren't crazy about it. In addition to hugging, I have always been a hand-holder during prayers. Whether in worship, fellowship, our home table, or at a restaurant, it was a very natural thing for me to grab the hands of the people next to me. It never dawned on me that some people don't care for that. I now know that there are many who are so uncomfortable if someone grabs their hand that they can hardly focus on the prayer itself.

I'm ashamed to admit that my initial reaction to these discoveries wasn't great. My first thought was, "What is wrong with them?" I could hardly fathom the idea of someone not liking a hug because to me, hugs equaled warmth and affection. My second reaction was selfish and resentful. "What about my wants and needs? Surely my soul will shrivel up in such a sterile, non-hugging environment!" And then my pride reared its ugly head. "Fine. See if I ever offer warmth and affection ever again." After all, I felt a bit foolish. How many people had I hugged through the years without realizing my actions made them uncomfortable? Yes, I let Satan have a heyday with my heart.

How many lessons have I heard (and taught!) about the "others above self" mentality of Philippians 2? Or the kind of love that leads to unity from Romans 12? Or the "love for one another" that Jesus said identifies us as His followers in John 13? Yet there I was wrestling with it all when surprised by another point of view. Apparently it's all well and good for us to have differences until it affects me personally or calls for me to make a change. I wish I could say that I recognized my self-problem as quickly as it took me to acknowledge it in these couple of paragraphs. But I am grateful for a couple of things I did finally see through the process.

Growth. Learning that there are some who don't like hugs forced me to step out of my comfort zone. I'm an introvert and find it way easier to express love, joy, concern, or sympathy through hugs than through words. It also gave me an opportunity to see my unintentional self-centeredness. I realized I have to actually learn about others in order to know how they need to receive love. I need to pay attention to them instead of assuming they think, feel, and act like I do. Imagine that!

Jesus said, "Love one another even as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He had just demonstrated that love through the humble service of foot washing. He said, "I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you" (v. 15). He also said, "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them" (v. 17). Knowing and