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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)



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

Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:11

Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

Thought:

As we examine our blessings and give thanks to God for his wonderful grace, let's ask why God has blessed us so much. Let's also remember the primary spiritual principle that God made clear in today's Scripture and also in his call to Abraham in Genesis 12:2: God's people are blessed to be a blessing. Let's make sure we are not

just recipients of God's blessings. Let's commit to be conduits of those blessings to others.

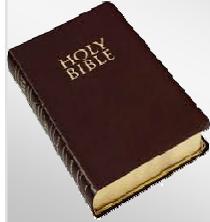
Prayer:

Thank you, generous Father, for giving your many lavish gifts to me. Open my eyes to see how I can pass on those blessings to those around me who need them. As I share the blessings you have so richly given me, may others find their greatest blessing of all — your loving grace — and give thanks to you! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

By Phil Ware



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The next Woody home Bible study is tomorrow evening. Dec 2nd, 7:00 p.m. 3030 Santa Rosa Ct

Today
Nursing home singing at "Gardens at Rivermont."

This Wednesday Evening:
Pizza in the fellowship room at 6:15 and singing beginning at 7:00

You're Invited!
Roanne 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.

Things & Thanksgiving

Each of our children have daily responsibilities. We refer to them as their "things". Morning dialogue may sound like "Don't forget to do your things" or "Are your things done yet?" It includes stuff like making the bed, personal laundry, sweeping the floor, unloading and loading the dish

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

Winslows
Jean Taylor
Hayes

December Sunday 2019 Schedule

	1	8	15	22	29
AM Speaker	Bruce Kessler	Chris Taylor	Glen Taylor	Mark Woody	Mike Hall
PM Speaker		No Service		Topher Taylor	
Communion Lead	Dustin Gaskins	Topher Taylor	Chris Taylor	Jordan Winslow	Jordan Danser
Usher	Cuinn Hayes	Jake Rudd	Tibor Siklosi	Charles Vallee	Cuinn Hayes
Usher	Corbin Hall	Leslie Jones	Jordan Winslow	Chase Barrett	Corbin Hall
Usher	Charles Vallee	Cale Hayes	Brantly Hightower	Amon Rowe	Charles Vallee
Usher	John Robinson	Chaney Jones	Dustin Gaskins	Joe Addison	John Robinson
Reading	Amon Rowe	Cuinn Hayes	Corbin Hall	Brantly Hightower	Cale Hayes
Prayer	Dustin Claunch	Joe Addison	Cale Hayes	Tibor Siklosi	Dustin Claunch
AM Songs	Jordan Winslow	Corbin Hall	Craig Hayes	Jordan Danser	Leslie Jones
PM Songs		Amon Rowe		Paul Woody	
AM/PM O/C	Larry Minson	Craig Hayes	Leslie Jones	Travis Ashley	Mark Woody

December Wednesday Schedule

	4	11	18	25
Speaker	Pizza & Singing	Dustin Gaskins	Jordan Danser	Jordan Winslow
Text		1 Thess 4:13-18	1 Thess 5:1-11	1 Thess 5:12-28
Subject		When Christ Comes	When Will Christ Come?	Blameless

No Shortcuts

One day, when we stand with our Heavenly Father, we will see the awesome purpose in the path we have traveled. If we continue to trust and follow His leading, we will see how each twist and turn in His path was designed to navigate us through the jungle and keep us moving toward a closer relationship: "As for God, His way is perfect; the Word of the Lord is flawless" (Psalm 18:30). His way is perfect and without flaw; but, by God's sovereign will, we are given the freedom to choose whether to follow.

Many times we see what appears to be a shorter route, and we leave His path. These perceived shortcuts are filled with weeds that entangle us and slow our walk with Christ to a pathetic crawl; "But the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful" (Matthew 13:22). All our time spent away from God's path clearly hinders our relationship and diminishes our ability to produce anything of lasting value for the Lord.

Psalm 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His Law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither."

To remain on God's path and continue to bear good and lasting fruit, we must be wise regarding the counsel we seek. Many people willingly give advice on following a "successful" path and yet ridicule any path directed by God. This counsel must be avoided since the very definition of success is in error! A truly successful path IS the path directed by God!!

Staying free of the weeds requires an active pursuit of God; "on His Law he meditates day and night." If we do not consume ourselves with the ways of God, we will, by default, become consumed by the ways of the world. Jesus made a similar statement to His disciples: "I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit" (John 15:5). Remaining in the vine is a process of clinging to Christ and loving Him with ALL our heart. Our life then becomes defined and consumed by the life of the vine.

As we allow God's Word to flow through our life - as we become planted by the stream of His water - we develop deep roots. These roots become a solid anchor which will not be pulled up during the storm nor dragged along by the swift currents of temptation.

God's path is perfect and His burden is light; but remaining on His path and staying free of weeds requires commitment, perseverance, discipline...and a strong reminder that there are NO shortcuts!

By Steve Troxel

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.

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.

Bonnie Osborne is having an out-patient procedure done on Monday to treat her back.

Leslie Jones is having MOHS surgery on December 4th for Basil Cell Carcinoma.

Mary Evelyn is on her back from a week in Mississippi. Please pray for her safe return.

Leslie 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.

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.



Happy Birthday!
IN DECEMBER

Wanda Hames	2nd
David Robinson	4th
Tiffany Cude	4th
Kelly Woody	4th
Aaron Cude	6th
Hannah Bailey	10th
Chris Taylor	11th
Topher Taylor	11th
Dustin Claunch	13th
Kittie Addison	14th
Travis Ashley	14th
Janie Caballero	17th
Amon Rowe	18th
Kylie Hale	20th
John Robinson	22nd
Mary Barrett	30th
Malenna Johnson	31st

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

December Anniversaries

Ray & Tanya Speights 10th
Glen & Mary Taylor 29th

Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday Services

Sun. Morn. Attendance	84
Afternoon Attendance	45
Wed. Attendance	56
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$2,685

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

"Obedience is one of the most important areas of our Christian lives. Keeping His commandments proves that we know God." - Millie Stamm

CALENDAR

1st Sunday	1st	12:00	Nursing Home Singing-Gardens at Rivermont
1st Wed.	4th	6:15	Pizza and Singing Night
1st Monday	2nd	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody home
2nd Saturday	14th	10:00-11:30 am	Food Pantry Opened
2nd Sunday	8th	Noon	Pot luck lunch & 1:00 services
3rd Monday	16th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody Home
3rd Wed	18th	6:15-7:45	Prayer Service
4th Saturday	28th	9:00-11:00 am	Men's Teacher Training
4th Sunday	22nd	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 Services
4th Monday	23rd	7:00 p.m.	Youth Study at the Hayes home

"We don't always need to know where we are going as long as we know whom we are following. God is in control. Even when we wind up in strange places or unusual circumstances, the Father is not caught by surprise." *Mike Clay*

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washer, cleaning the table after a meal, etc.

In the concept of Taste Worship, we talk about the flavor of worship called Service. It is not just service to other countries, cities or regions, but service to your own family in your home. So, one morning I told my son Ethan that I would love to do his "things" for him. I wanted to serve him where he would feel it the most. He looked at me with wide eyes and said "Really?" I told him that I had it covered so he could get right on to school and playtime. He didn't believe me at first, but I assured him it was all good.

He first runs to his brother and sisters and tells them with a new enthusiasm that dad was going to do his "things" for him. They of course responded with the phrases of "You lucky duck", "Will he do mine too?" and so on. But it was just Ethan this time. I finished the things and the day continued on as usual.

It was in the afternoon when Ethan came into my office and asked if he could talk to me. "Absolutely!" I said, as Ethan walked closer. "Dad, I just wanted to say thanks for doing my things. That was really cool." "You're welcome Ethan. It was my pleasure" I assured him. Now of course I was skeptical and thought that he had been given some prompting to show his gratitude.

I walked to the kitchen and asked Sherri if she encouraged Ethan to say thank you to me. My wife looked at me with a little confusion. He had come to me all with his own heart on his own accord. I was so blessed. His thank you spoke volumes. To hear those words from my own child with such a genuine heart...there is nothing like it.

As much as we ask God for so many things, the Psalms are loaded with the words "Give thanks to the Lord our God." I believe our Abba Father God loves to hear our words of thanks for the things He gives us, does for us and because of who He is. It's amazing how when we offer our thanks to Jesus it even blesses our own hearts.

Make a list with your family of all the things you are thankful for this Thanksgiving. Then, as a family, thank God for each item. It blesses the Name of the Lord and you will see how much you really do have. Your Abba Father loves to hear it. I know I do.

Happy Thanksgiving my friends!
(By Peder Eide, www.pedereide.com)