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SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Church of Christ

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 Glen Taylor Bruce Kessler Mark Woody
 Craig Hayes

Deacons
 Travis Ashley Larry Minson
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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

Verse: Psalm 97:12

Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Thought:

Joy! Rejoicing! When we think about the glory of God and the grace that he has shared with us to make us righteous, how can we not rejoice? God is gloriously holy and majestic. He is eternal and just. We, on the other hand, are flawed, mortal, limited, and sinful. Yet in his rich mercy, he has made us righteous by the sacrifice of Jesus so that we could share

an eternal home with him. Our response must be praise!

Prayer:

Holy and righteous Father, I praise your name and give thanks for your grace. You are indeed more marvelous than my mind can comprehend and more generous than I can understand. So I offer you my praise, hoping that my life reflects my deep appreciation for all that you are and all that you have done for me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Phil Ware



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Bible study normally scheduled for tomorrow evening at the Woody's home will be Christmas carol singing in their neighborhood at 7:00 p.m.

Next Wednesday:

Prayer service from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the fellowship room. Church services following at 7:00.

Today:

No activities or afternoon services following morning services, but there will be a clothing giveaway debriefing immediately following morning services. Please stay for that if you can.

Next Sunday

Pot luck lunch and afternoon services at 1:00

Learn How to Fall

When my daughter was beginning to ride her bike she discovered an all-important truth. After a particularly difficult afternoon she came inside and said; "Daddy, you know the hardest part about riding a bike? It's learning how to fall!" At five years of age she had discovered that falling was an inevitable part of the riding experience; but to have a "successful" experience, she needed to learn how to fall without causing damage to her body.

When we follow the call of God and step into the great unknown, we are ALWAYS successful. We are successful because success is defined as being obedient to His call, regardless of the physical results or accomplishments. We must never evaluate our walk with the Lord based on a worldly criteria. Rather, we

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

Topher & Cathy
Glen Taylor
April & Dorothy

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

The Yard Light

I love light!

I mean, if we had no light, we couldn't see things.

We couldn't see each other. We couldn't see where we are going and would step on really sharp toys that weren't put away! We would not know how to stay on the highway at night. We would struggle to get a tan. We would be colder. We wouldn't wear matching clothes.

To walk around in the dark all the time? Awful.

We would miss so much beauty. There is actually a form of depression some people suffer from when they are living long periods of life without sunlight. The list is infinite about how hard life would be without light.

You get the picture. Light is pretty important.

As we enter into this [Christmas season], I want to spend time looking at the message, power of, need, and reason for light. Specifically the Light of World that comes to us in Jesus Christ.

I remember on the farm we had a single yard light that was right in the center of our homestead. It was probably a 75 watt light bulb at the top of a telephone pole that was turned on and off in the house. It was there for the purpose of helping you see where you were going from building to building at night.

Walking from the steel shed or the barn or chicken coop on a dark Minnesota night back to the house could be nerve-racking for a seven-year-old who thought Scooby Doo haunted mysteries could be real.

The yard light, though, was a lifesaver. If I needed to flee from any monsters lurking in the nearby woods, I could run freely without worrying about tripping over a bike, running into a clothes line, or falling in a trap set by an enemy trying to take over the world (starting at my farm! - Yes, I had an imagination...).

As long as that yard light was on, no worries.

But I'd lose confidence when I was closing up the barn door for the night, and my older brother - let's call him Tom - was watching out the window to turn off the yard light. He'd force me to walk in the night without a light.

It changed how I walked, hoping I wouldn't bang my shin on something. The wind, the creaking of branches, gates swinging, and squirrels running were all way more evil than ever before.

My breathing would speed up, my senses on alert, and I'd move towards the house in total fear but with one single goal: don't die before giving paybacks to the brother we're calling Tom.

We need light. Not just physically, but spiritually. God the Father knew it. It was why He sent His Son to a darkening world. We are meant to live this life in the light not in the dark.

Do you feel any of those emotions in your day-to-day life that I was feeling when my brother turned off the yard light? ...

Wouldn't it be great if this Christmas you discovered the light of Jesus in a new way so you don't ever have to fear the dark?

The best part about the light of Jesus? There is no one who can ever turn it off with a switch. It is always on.

Let's get ready to run in the light this Christmas, my friends, because darkness cannot overcome the Light!

By Peder Eide

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.

Mary Evelyn is recovering from surgery and bone graft in her jaw.

Bonnie had more surgery last Monday to repair more fractures in her spine. She's doing much better following this surgery.

Roeanne had successful MOHS surgery on Wednesday to remove a skin cancer. It went well.

Pat Uhter's young grandson in Florida, Noah Uhter, is having seizures and will be on medication to control them.

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
Nathaniel Wilkins	2nd
David Robinson	4th
Tiffany Cude	4th
Kelly Woody	4th
Ellen Wuthrich	5th
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

December Anniversaries

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

Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday Services

Sun. Morn. Attendance	98
Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	58
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$3,062

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

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

"By the light of nature, we see God as a God above us...But by the light of the gospel, we see him as Immanuel, God with us, in our own nature, and (which is more) in our interest." - *Matthew Henry*

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are to walk by a faith which is lived out each day through trust and obedience.

When John the Baptist was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" (Matthew 11:3). This question indicates some great turmoil. John preached a message of repentance to "Prepare the way of the Lord" (Luke 3:4), and he described Jesus as, "one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie" (Luke 3:16). And when John baptized Jesus, he heard a voice from Heaven say, "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). But while in jail, John needed to ask, "Are You really the One?"

Matthew 11:4-6 "Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear... Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of Me.'"

The first part of this reply is what we expect. Jesus is saying, "Of course I'm the One! Don't you see the evidence?" But then Jesus answers John's real question with "Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of Me." John was doubting because he had been sent to jail for following Christ. He had taken a discouraging fall and was questioning his chosen path. Was it possible that he should experience such hardship if Jesus was really the Christ?

Our walk with Jesus is never promised to be easy - it is promised to be eternal! We are never promised success in the eyes of the world; we are promised the true success which only His peace can give...and also an eternal glory in the presence of God! His plans and purposes are perfect and will most surely include aspects we cannot understand, include times when we become discouraged and appear to fall. These are times we must fall without falling away! In falling we must fall closer to Jesus and learn to trust Him even more. We can have a successful journey even through apparent failure; we can always be successful if we continue to follow where He leads and learn how to fall.

By Steve Troxel,