

**South Canadian Valley Church of Christ**  
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**Verse:** Romans 15:4

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

**Thought:**

If the Bible is a love story, then its theme is hope. No matter how dire the circumstances, no matter how big the enemy, no matter how deep the sin, no matter how lost the people, no matter how empty the cupboard, no matter how wide the river, no matter ... God repeatedly gives his people reason to hope in a brighter tomorrow. Then God brought the assurance of that tomorrow in Jesus!

**Prayer:**

*Eternal God, please give me patience and endurance as I search your Scriptures to know and understand your truth. I am amazed at the incredible things you did to redeem and bless your people in the Old Testament. I am absolutely astonished at what you were able to do with Jesus' rag-tag bunch of disciples. Please, O God, inspire my hope so that I will expect something great from your hand and then live to see you accomplish it in my day. May this, as well as all other things in my life, be to your honor and glory. In Jesus' mighty name I pray. Amen.*

By Phil Ware



**SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Elders**  
 Glen Taylor Bruce Kessler Mark Woody  
 Craig Hayes

**Deacons**  
 Travis Ashley Larry Minson  
 Leslie Jones

**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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



 For The next Woody home Bible study, on Dec 16th, 7:00 p.m., they are going to be doing caroling in their neighborhood.



**You're Invited!**  
 Roeanne Gibson is hosting a get-together at her home on 604 Riverwalk in Norman this Friday, December 13th at 6:30. Bring your favorite finger foods.

**Food Pantry Is Open**  
 next Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

**Christmas caroling** next Saturday (Dec 14th) at 3:00 pm. See Craig or Emily Hayes for details.

**Christmas Party Today**  
 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.



**Next Sunday**  
 No activities or afternoon services following morning services.

December Communion Preparation  
 December Birthday Cake - 4th Sunday  
 December Greeters  
 Tophor & Cathy  
 Glen Taylor

December Sunday 2019 Schedule					
	1	8	15	22	29
<b>AM Speaker</b>	Bruce Kessler	<b>Chris Taylor</b>	Glen Taylor	Mark Woody	Mike Hall
<b>PM Speaker</b>		<b>No Service</b>		Tophor Taylor	
<b>Communion Lead</b>	Dustin Gaskins	<b>Tophor Taylor</b>	Chris Taylor	Jordan Winslow	Jordan Danser
<b>Usher</b>	Cuinn Hayes	<b>Jake Rudd</b>	Tibor Siklosi	Charles Vallee	Cuinn Hayes
<b>Usher</b>	Corbin Hall	<b>Leslie Jones</b>	Jordan Winslow	Chase Barrett	Corbin Hall
<b>Usher</b>	Charles Vallee	<b>Cale Hayes</b>	Brantly Hightower	Amon Rowe	Charles Vallee
<b>Usher</b>	John Robinson	<b>Chaney Jones</b>	Dustin Gaskins	Joe Addison	John Robinson
<b>Reading</b>	Amon Rowe	<b>Cuinn Hayes</b>	Corbin Hall	Brantly Hightower	Cale Hayes
<b>Prayer</b>	Dustin Claunch	<b>Joe Addison</b>	Cale Hayes	Tibor Siklosi	Dustin Claunch
<b>AM Songs</b>	Jordan Winslow	<b>Corbin Hall</b>	Craig Hayes	Jordan Danser	Leslie Jones
<b>PM Songs</b>		<b>Amon Rowe</b>		Paul Woody	
<b>AM/PM O/C</b>	Larry Minson	<b>Craig Hayes</b>	Leslie Jones	Travis Ashley	Mark Woody

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

## No Unbelievers in Hell

In Luke chapter 16, Jesus tells a very sobering story,

"The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom... Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'" (Luke 16:22b-23, 27-28 NKJV)

Everyone in hell believes in evangelism. They are crying out lest their loved ones end up with them.

Two thousand years have passed and this rich man has had no relief. A billion years from now he will just be getting started in his torment and pain. Listen to his cry, "My brothers! Send someone to my family!"

Hell is for unbelievers but there are no unbelievers in hell!

Several years ago a man came weeping to the altar of our church. A message had been preached that night from these very Scriptures. After giving his heart to Christ (and after a long time of almost uncontrollable weeping), he told us this story:

He said, "I died twice on the operating table during heart surgery. Each time I died, I left my body and went to hell. It was so horrifying that I tried to put it out of my mind. As the message was preached tonight, all the details of my experience came flooding back into my mind."

He did not need to be convinced that hell was real. That night he accepted Christ and was liberated from the fear of returning to that place of torment.

Jesus alone can rescue us from the terrors of hell and bring us safely to heaven. Shouldn't we be telling people there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun? Shouldn't we be warning them and encouraging them to accept Christ - while there is still time?!

*(By Bayless Conley)*

## 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](mailto:Lminson@cox.net) and we'll get you on the prayer list.

Doctors found two additional fractures in Bonnie Osborne's lower spine. They are scheduled to be corrected tomorrow afternoon (Dec. 9th) at 12:30 p.m.

Roeanne will have MOHS surgery on Wednesday to remove a skin cancer.

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

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

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
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	78
Afternoon Attendance	singing
Wed. Attendance	63
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$3,741

Go to [mixlr.com/bkess](http://mixlr.com/bkess) & listen to Bruce Kessler's on-line radio show, "Passion for Christ"

**CALENDAR**

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

**The world doesn't need a definition of Christianity as much as it needs a demonstration.**

## The Image of the Cross

Nestled deep in the Rocky Mountains of North America stands a rugged peak. For nine months each year it lies robed in snow, indistinguishable from a dozen others surrounding it.

But as summer arrives and the air warms, the mountain slowly sheds its blanket of white, revealing a massive emblem. High above the neighboring valleys, an 1100 foot vertical gouge bisects a 400 foot horizontal groove, forming an almost perfect image of the cross of Christ. This sight is so impressive that famous American artist Thomas Moran visited the mountain to paint it in 1875. The peak is aptly named "The Mountain of the Holy Cross."

In winter, only an expert could single out this particular peak from those around it. But in summer, any child could look at these mountains and easily choose "the one with the cross on it." The only real difference in this mountain and the all the others is the enormous image etched into its face.

We spend much of our lives creating a thick layer of "achievements." We climb the career ladder, push our kids to excel, move to a better neighborhood, pursue another degree, all in the hope that we will somehow become more popular, wealthy, powerful, or influential. Like a thick blanket of snow our conquests and achievements cover us, deposited one tiny flake at a time until we are totally obscured. For many of us, self-esteem and self-worth come from what we have accomplished or how much we can buy or who we know.

Yet one day we will awaken to a new reality, an endless day in which all our values will be turned upside down. All that we have done, said, created, bought, and built will be brushed away, melted like snow under the gaze of our eternal Father. Deep within each one of us He will seek the one thing, the only thing He truly cares about more than anything else: the imprint of the cross, the mark of His Son.

And on that Day, nothing else will matter to you.

Do you possess the one thing that really matters?

(Author Unknown)