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SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 Glen Taylor Bruce Kessler Mark Woody
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 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

Verse: Romans 8:18

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Thought:

Is it worth it? Oh yes! It's more than worth it. We can't begin to imagine the glory God has in store for us. No matter how hard, bad, or painful our trip through this world may be, our future with God holds something incomparably better. Does that mean my difficulties are meaningless or insignificant? Absolutely not! But our future glory with

God does mean that it is more than worth it to hang in, to be faithful, and to receive his glorious reward!

Prayer:

Father, I confess that I don't like suffering, pain, disappointment, persecution, or sorrow. I do, however, believe that your promises are true. I hold on to the promise that the glory you have in store for me is far greater than the difficulties I face. Strengthen me for the days ahead and use me to bring you glory no matter what my current situation may be. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

by Phil Ware



Updated Church Directory Information

We are updating directory information for our members. If you have the new Church Center app for SCV, go to the app and update your profile directly there. You also should have received an emailed invitation from the church to join the Online Directory in the app. Please consider downloading the app and updating your information here; it is the fastest and easiest method for all involved.

If you do not have the app – and prefer not to have it, or cannot obtain it – an online form has been emailed out as an option, and a small number of paper forms are available in the foyer for those who need them. Should you have questions, contact Craig Hayes.

Zoom Info: Sundays: Meeting ID is 83803023985 - The passcode is 737693
 Wednesdays: Meeting ID is 83454385641 - The Passcode is 048802

Building Use Update

The elders are open to requests for use of the building by small groups of 25 or fewer, with appropriate mask-wearing and social distancing. However, at this time there still should be no food/meals shared at the building. If a request is approved, please ensure Larry Minson is notified so he can get the activity added to the church/building calendar.

Latest COVID Update

There are several encouraging signs regarding the virus but nothing has changed in the city's COVID ordinances yet. Unless you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing one, masks should be worn by all over the age of six while inside the building. We are relaxing some restrictions on building use (noted separately in this newsletter) and we will continue to monitor the situation closely. Thank you for your continued grace and cooperation.

Online Giving: Online giving is now available, through our church website form or through the new Church Center smartphone app. You can download the app for free for your iPhone or Android device.

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treatment was no better: Thy follower I now will be; To do thy will I'm debtor."

The eternal flames of faith still burn brightly.

Bruce Kessler

~~March Communion Preparation~~
~~March Birthday Cake~~ -- 4th Sunday --
 March Greeters Rick & Tammy Boaz

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

March Wednesday 2021 Schedule					
	3	10	17	24	31
Speaker	Singing	Jordan Danser	Dustin Gaskins	Tibor Siklosi	Jordan Winslow
Text		Isaiah Study	Isaiah Study	Isaiah Study	Isaiah Study
Subject		Introduction	Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3

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O God! my tears in anguish flow—Shall I no more receive them? My God conduct me to a place, Though in some distant nation, Where I may have thy glorious word, And learn thy great salvation. And though in this dark vale of tears, I yet awhile must tarry, I know that thou to heaven, at length, My ransomed soul will carry!"

After researching the above history of my ancestors, the Salz-burgers, I am reminded of a people willing to face exile, moved by the eternal flames of faith. In fact 50/60 years later Leopold Anton Eleutherius Freiherr von Firmian signs the Edict of Expulsion giving protestants a choice to recant their faith or be exiled. Close to 30,000 were uprooted from their homeland.

They were unwilling to compromise.

We live in a world today that is hostile in many ways to Jesus and his followers. China, Iran, North Korea and in other areas of the world faith in Jesus Christ invites hatred, persecution and injustices. Threads of this hostility are felt even here in America. Will I cave? Will I compromise. What will I, what will you do to keep your family intact? Will you do anything to keep from being scorned or branded a heretic or worse?

So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life." Mark 10:29-30

My ancestors left a message in time captured in the beginning of the Hymn of Comfort for an Exile: "All a wretched exile here—Thus mast my name be given— From native land and all's that dear, For God's word, I am driven. Full well I know, Lord Jesus Christ, Thy

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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 let us know. 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.

Tanya's Speight's niece, Sara Fleming has been having lots of stomach problems for several months and doctors have so far not been able to diagnose. She's lost lots of weight due to this. Please pray for Sara and her doctors.

Travis Ashley has a co-worker whose dad, Patrick Haggard, is suffering with cancer. His cancer came back and doctors have said they have done all they can.

Jean Taylor's friend, Myra James has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and will be starting treatment this week.

Joe Ray, a long time friend of Glen and Mary Taylor passed away after suffering Covid and recently a broken hip. His wife, Janette Ray fell week before last and has a brain bleed. Please pray for Janette and the rest of Joes family.

Cathy & Leslie are asking for your prayers for their nephew Darren Jones and his kids, Coltin & Caylin. He had to move from Idaho to find a job and the situation is not good.

Please pray for Amon's aunt Tamatha Simmons, suffering with neurological problems and doctors can't figure out a diagnosis. She is unable to work.

Suffering with cancer:

Emily Hayes' aunt Betty Wells,

Mike Hall's step-brother, Jeff Hale has advanced throat cancer.

Always keep in our prayers:

Bruce Kessler's mother is still not doing well and needs your prayers.

Please keep praying for Wanda Hames. Wanda is still experiencing weakness, and her hip and knees are not doing very well.

Joe Addison's mother, Ruthie is struggling with pain and mobility. Please pray she will cooperate with her physical therapist and gain strength & independence.

April Minson's father, Harold Bruehl is suffering with Alzheimer's and is now in the VA Center on East Robinson in Norman.

Christie Barris's father, Doyle Blue who suffers with Parkinsons * Rachel Vallee suffering with Fibromyalgia * Loraine Ashley with a severe auto immune disorder * Dean Howard.

Mary Taylor is experiencing lots of pain. Please pray for her.

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



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MARCH

Philip Moyer	15th
Karli Barrett	18th
Peter Moyer	22nd
Mary Taylor	25th
Jean Taylor	27th

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

March Anniversaries

Buddy & Rebecca Davis 13th
Tibor & Monica Siklosi 22nd
Larry & April Minson 29th

Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday this week

Sun. Morn. Attendance	70
Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	67
Sunday Contribution:	\$2,841

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



SCV Sermons – Podcast Available In addition to streaming online, our sermons are now available via podcast: "South Canadian Valley Church of Christ's Sermons." You can listen to it about anywhere you get your podcasts. iPhone users can find it on Apple Podcasts. Android users can find it on Google Podcasts. It's also available on other podcast players like Spotify and Stitcher. Search for "South Canadian Valley Church of Christ's Sermons."

March Calendar

1st Sunday	7th	12:00	Nursing Home Singing Gardens at Rivermont
1st Wed.	3rd	6:30	Singing Night
1st Monday	1st	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody home
2nd Saturday	13th	10:00-11:30 am	Food Pantry Opened
2nd Sunday	14th	Noon	Hamburger & Hot Dog Cookout
3rd Monday	15th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody Home
3rd Wed	17th	6:15-7:45	Prayer Service
4th Saturday	27th	9:00-11:00 am	Men's Teacher Training - (Zoom)
4th Sunday	27th	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 Services
4th Monday	22nd	7:00 p.m.	Youth Study at the Hayes home

Eternal Flames of Faith

In the darkest hour of the night Joseph Schaitberger wiped the tears from his eyes as memories flooded his soul. How heavy was his heart! He can still hear his wife's final plea from her deathbed whispering for him to rescue their two daughters. Exiled. Removed from their homeland of Salzburg in 1679 by the harsh edict signed by Archbishop Max Gandolph. All because they were protestants. A people yearning for the light of truth. Inspired by Martin Luther and his 95 Theses the fire was lit, igniting the eternal flames of faith. That Gospel torch now burned brightly in the hearts of so many families.

Yet, the Archbishop embarked on a campaign of religious "cleanliness" to rid the country of heretics. Those deemed leaders of the movement were promptly arrested and forced into hard labor for 45 days. Many were sent to be re-educated to Catholicism. Many were investigated by Jesuits. A thousand protestants would be exiled before this event was over. At this point Joseph recalled standing before the Archbishop who demanded he recant his faith or face exile. For added emphasis Joseph's two daughters were taken away under threats he would never see them again unless he recant.

Yet the answer was clear and sure.

No compromise. No recant. The decision was costly and bitter-sweet. Exiled. He never forgot his wife's deathbed plea. Three perilous attempts to rescue his daughters were foiled by the authorities. Faith demands a heavy price. Yet, God's word never comes back void.

With trembling hand Joseph pens the conclusion of his song "Hymn of Comfort for an Exile": "Though I go forth to poverty, For Christ's sake, I am going, And see in heaven, reserved for me, A crown with glory glowing. Forth from my home I now must go: My children! Must I leave them?"

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