

**South Canadian Valley Church of Christ**  
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 1525 Oakhurst Ave.  
 Norman, Ok. 73071



**Verse:** Romans 6: 11-12

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

**Thought:**

If we have been cleansed from perversity, if we have died with Christ in baptism and have been cleansed thoroughly and completely by the Holy Spirit, then let's live for God! Let's resist sin, and our inclination to sin, with all our might, knowing that

as we do, the Holy Spirit will empower us to a much greater righteousness than we could ever live on our own. Let's begin each day with a conscious decision to be dead to our sinful past and alive to the goal of the holy character of God!

**Prayer:**

*Loving and Righteous Father, Almighty God, help my heart remain firmly committed to your will and more fully conformed to your holy character and grace. In the name of Jesus, my Savior and my Lord. Amen.*

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:

<b>Glen Taylor</b>	<b>360-2762</b>
<b>Bruce Kessler</b>	<b>820-8474</b>
<b>Larry Minson</b>	<b>820-9506</b>
<b>Travis Ashley</b>	<b>818-1144</b>



**A CPR/AED Class** has been scheduled for October 16th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the church fellowship room. The cost is \$55 per person. If you would like to join, call Larry or April. Your money needs to be in by October 3rd as the trainer needs to know how many so he can provide supplies for the class. You will receive a CPR certification for this class.

**Fellowship Opportunity at the Hayes's – Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Everyone is invited to Craig and Emily's house on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We'll start at 6:30 PM and enjoy snacks and games and just a good time being together. Bring finger foods and let us know if you have any questions. Our address is 617 Ridge Lake Blvd, Norman 73071.

**Decision on Clothing Giveaway** - After praying, discussing, and considering all factors, the elders have determined not to hold the Clothing Giveaway this fall. We will continue to consider hosting it again in the future, potentially in 2022. Thank you for all the work done to prepare in case we had moved forward with it, and we also are grateful for the thoughts and input we received.

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

**Latest Update From the Elders:**  
 As we begin to resume some traditions from before the pandemic, here is the latest:  
 · Cookouts are planned for the 2nd Sundays in August, September and October; bring a side or dessert. Additionally, potluck lunches are now planned for the months of November and December.  
 · Pizza before 1st Wednesday singings is planned beginning in August; we will eat at 6:30  
 · We will continue the method we currently are using to commune, as well as giving, through the end of 2021, and will reevaluate at that time  
 · Food may now again be served at the building by groups who reserve it  
 · The two water fountains in the foyer are back open for use.

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but over it we stamp another mark, the cross which symbolizes divine suffering." John R.W. Stott in "The Cross of Christ"

"For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted." Hebrews 2:18, NASB

*By Daryl E. Witmer*

**September Greeters**

September Sunday 2021 Schedule				
	5	12	19	26
<b>AM Speaker</b>	Jordan Danser	<b>Bruce Kessler</b>	Chris Taylor	David Richburg
<b>Communion Lead</b>	Youth	<b>Cale Hayes</b>	Rick Boaz	Leslie Jones
<b>Usher</b>	Youth	<b>Cuinn Hayes</b>	Tibor Siklosi	Cale Hayes
<b>Usher</b>	Youth	<b>Chaney Jones</b>	Paul Woody	Corbin Hall
<b>Reading</b>	Youth	<b>Amon Rowe</b>	Chase Barrett	Cuinn Hayes
<b>Prayer</b>	Youth	<b>Joe Addison</b>	Dustin Claunch	Rick Boaz
<b>AM Songs</b>	Youth	<b>Jordan Winslow</b>	Cale Hayes	Craig Hayes
<b>AM/PM O/C</b>	Mark Woody	<b>Craig Hayes</b>	Leslie Jones	Travis Ashley

Wednesday 2021 September Schedule					
	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Speaker</b>	Pizza & Singing	Travis Ashley	<b>Jordan Danser</b>	Dustin Gaskins	Jordan Winslow
<b>Text</b>		Isaiah Study	<b>Isaiah Study</b>	Isaiah Study	Isaiah Study
<b>Subject</b>		Chapter 20	<b>Chapter 21</b>	Chapter 22	Chapter 23

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dreary, I know my Savior cares. He cares."

Those simple lyrics responded to the very core of the issue with which I had been struggling for weeks, and the truth they conveyed was far more therapeutic than all the medicine in the place.

"But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings." Hebrews 2:9 & 10, NASB

"Frequently it is when we are crushed and devastated that the cross speaks most powerfully to us. The wounds of Christ then become Christ's credentials. The world mocks, but we are assured of God's love by Christ's wounds." - D. A. Carson in "How Long, O Lord?"

"By itself suffering does no good. But when we see it as the thing between God and us, it has meaning. Wedged in the crux -- the cross -- suffering becomes a transaction. The cross is a place of transaction. It is the place where power happens between God and us." - Quadriplegic Joni Eareckson Tada in "When God Weeps: Why Our Sufferings Matter to the Almighty"

"No one has suffered more than our Father in heaven. No one has paid more dearly for the allowance of sin into the world. No one has so continuously grieved over the pain of a race gone bad. No one has suffered like the One who paid for our sin in the crucified body of His own Son. No one has suffered more than the One who, when He stretched out His arms and died, showed us how much He loved us. It is this God who, in drawing us to Himself, asks us to trust Him when we are suffering and when our own loved ones cry out in our presence" (I Peter 2:21; 3:18; 4:1). RBC's "Our Daily Bread"

"In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it? I have entered many Buddhist temples in different Asian countries and stood respectfully before the statue of the Buddha, his legs crossed, arms folded, eyes closed, the ghost of a smile playing round his mouth, a remote look on his face, detached from the agonies of the world. But each time, after a while I have had to look away. And in imagination I have turned instead to the lonely, twisted, tortured figure on the cross, nails through hands and feet, back lacerated, limbs wrenched, brow bleeding from thorn pricks, mouth dry and intolerably thirsty, plunged in God-forsaken darkness. That is the God for me! He laid aside His immunity to pain. He entered our world of flesh and blood, tears and death. He suffered for us. Our sufferings become more manageable in the light of His. There is still a question mark against human suffering,

## 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.

Tom Hicklin has malignancies on his liver and will have surgery on September 27th at

MD Anderson in Houston, TX.

Mike Hall's step-brother, Jeff Haire passed away this past week. Jeff suffered with cancer. Please pray for his parents as well, Bill and Annetta.

Bruce Kessler is having shoulder surgery on September 23rd.

Chris Taylor is suffering with the Shingles. Please keep he and Jean in your prayers.

Mary Taylor is receiving injections in her back for pain management. Pray this works for her.

Linda Woody is home now following a 3 week stay at the Ignite Skilled Nursing Center for therapy. Please keep Linda and Clyde in your prayers.

Felice Fagan has asked for prayers for her, and her husband Dewayne Fagan, who is suffering with Parkinsons and Cancer. They have experiencing great financial difficulties as medical bills are growing. Their address is: 20917 ECR 1576, Altus, OK 73521.

### Suffering with cancer:

Tom Hicklin has cancer in his liver.

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

### Always keep in our prayers:

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 suffers from Alzheimer's \* Christie Barris's father, Doyle Blue who suffers 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!**

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**SEPTEMBER**

Garrett Wagner	8th
April Minson	9th
Mary Evelyn Barnes	10th
Corbin Hall	11th
<b>Cale Hayes</b>	<b>13th</b>
<b>Abbey Orellama</b>	<b>18th</b>
Preslynn Claunch	21st
Rebekah Bardoel	25th
Bruce Kessler	26th
Della Combest	27th

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

**September Anniversaries**

**Chase & Mary Barrett 14th**  
**Joe & Kitty Addison 18th**  
 John & Nicole Robinson 22nd  
 Danny & Sheila Foy 28th

**Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday this week**

Sun. Morn. Attendance	104
Wed. Attendance	57
Sunday Contribution:	\$3,454

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**September Calendar**

<b>1st Wednesday</b>	1st 6:30 p.m.	Pizza & Singing Food Pantry Opened Lunch Cookout Men's Teacher Training
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	11th 10:00-11:30 a.m.	
<b>1st Sunday</b>	5th After Morning Services	
<b>4th Saturday</b>	25th 9:00-11:00 a.m.	

**AREA MEETINGS FOR 2021**

North Jardot Church of Christ, Stillwater  
 Gospel Meeting – James Luedecke  
 September 12-19  
 Weekday evenings at 7:30  
 Sunday, 10:30am & 3:00pm  
 Theme: Age Old Solutions To New Age Problems

Tulsa Church of Christ  
 Meeting – Marlon Cole  
 September 29-October 3  
 Evenings 7:30  
 Sunday 10:30 & 2:00  
 Theme: Premillennialism

Thompson Heights CoC - Shawnee, OK  
 Gospel Meeting - Rusty Springer  
 September 19-26  
 Sundays @ 10:00 & 2:00  
 Nightly @ 7:30  
 Theme: Iron Sharpens Iron

East Main Church of Christ, Stratford, OK  
 Meeting – Pat Mannon  
 Oct 10-13, 2021  
 10:30 am & 2:00 pm Sunday  
 7:30 pm Monday- Wednesday

**Does God Care?**

One Sunday morning during my eight-month hospitalization with Guillain-Barre syndrome in 1984-85 they offered to take me to the hospital chapel service. I was in ICU at the time, extensively paralyzed and unable to even breathe on my own. Somehow they got me into a high-backed wheelchair and disconnected from the mechanical respirator. Nurse Julie accompanied me, periodically pumping air into my lungs from an ambu bag as we slowly proceeded to the little chapel on Second Floor.

I don't remember what the sermon was about that morning. I don't recall the name of the chaplain. What I do clearly recollect is the long, loud, rhythmic, exhaling whine of the ambu bag every time that I was given a breath. I also remember feeling uncomfortable, anxious, and an increasing desire to get back to my bed. That's about all that I remember -- until the service reached its closing hymn. Then, suddenly, I recall being totally overwhelmed with emotion as the group began singing, "Does Jesus care when my heart is pained too deeply for mirth and song; As the burdens press, and the cares distress, and the way grows weary and long?"

As a minister, I had led my congregations in that song for years. But never did the words of Frank Graeff's hymn connect with me as they did that Sunday morning at Eastern Maine Medical Center. Hot tears coursed down my cheeks and onto my hospital johnny as I listened to them sing the refrain: "O yes, He cares -- I know He cares! His heart is touched with my grief; When the days are weary, the long nights

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