

Verse: 2nd Thessalonians 1:3
We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.

### Thought

When was the last time you found a new brother or sister in Christ and told that precious person all the things they were doing right? Don't you think that's too long, and that you should let them know today? Let's be more com-

mitted to encouraging and affirming others who are in Christ as well as giving thanks to God for them.

#### Prayer:

Saving Shepherd of lost souls, thank you for the new Christians in our church and in my life. Bless them and protect them from the Evil One and use us, your children and their brothers and sisters, to be there to help and encourage them on their journey to perfection in Christ. In the holy name of Christ Jesus, my Lord. 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
Additional services at 1:00 on 2nd Sundays

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 & information)



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:

Bruce Kessler 405-820-8474 Travis Ashley 405-818-1144





### Becoming More Like Jesus Every Day

### Volunteer for 2024 Responsibilities

There are sign-up sheets on the foyer table for volunteers to prepare communion and to serve as greeters for the new year. Remember, if you sign up for a month but have one of the Sundays where you will not be there, you can find coverage. Don't let signing up for a full month seem overwhelming. Thank you for helping out!

### Add Yourself to the Online Church Directory – Church Center App

If you haven't added yourself to our online directory, use the Church Center App to do so. You can update your information there as well, if needed. Having your info listed is helpful especially to those who like to send cards for birthdays & general encouragement. Consult Craig if you have questions about the Church Center App or the online directory.

**Today - January 7th - Nursing Home Singing -** Beginning at 12:00, Gardens at Rivermont" Join us for singing at 12:00 the nursing home at located at 750 S Canadian Trails Dr in Norman.

Glen Taylor's Bible Study is This Thursday, Jan. 11th at 10:30 a.m. - Fellowship room

The Food Pantry will be open this Sat. morning at 10:00 - 11:30

### **Ladies Bible Study**

The next ladies Bible study will be held on January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church fellowship room. The topic will be "Prayer". We will kick-off the "Secrete Sisters" with a study on prayer and answer any questions.

### Mark Your Calendars – January Men's Breakfast/Business Meeting

There will be a men's breakfast and business meeting on Saturday morning, January 27th at 9:00. Please make your plans to join.

We have switched to "Facebook Live" from "Zoom". Access this at www.facebook.com/scvchurchofchrist

January Greeters
January Communion Prep
February Greeters
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Joann Thompson Winslow's Chris & Jean Joanna & Christie

January Sunday 2024 Schedule						
	7	14	21	28		
AM Speaker	Bruce Kessler	Chris Taylor	Dustin Gaskins	Mike Minson		
1 PM Speaker		Isaac May				
Communion Lead	Craig Hayes	Chris Hutcherson	Jordan Winslow	Travis Ashley		
Usher	Chaney Jones	Brandon McCorkle	Cuinn Hayes	Tanner May		
Usher	Mark Barrett	Jacob McCorkle	Tanner May	Joe Addison		
Usher	Tanner May	Larry Minson	Paul Woody	Mark Barrett		
Usher	Leslie Jones	Rick Boaz	Corbin Hall	Jordan Wins- low		
Reading	<b>Isaac May</b>	Mark Barrett	Jacob McCorkle	Chase Barrett		
Prayer	David Robinson	Joe Addison	Chris Hutcherson	Rick Boaz		
AM Songs	Corbin Hall	Leslie Jones	Craig Hayes	Brandon McCorkle		
AM O/C	Travis Ashley	Bruce Kessler	Leslie Jones	Craig Hayes		

January Wednesday 2024 Schedule							
	3	10	17	24	31		
Speaker	Singing & Pizza	Leslie Jones	Dale Danser	Brandon McCorkle	Clyde Woody		
Text							
Subject							

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the soft spot on my neck that he's addicted to. I capture the joy and tuck it deep into my pocket.

There are joys to discover everywhere, even in hard seasons, in winter months, in times of being far from loved ones.

It's these little moments where we gather joy, where our roots grow deep, where we cultivate a heart that can hear our Father whispering His promises.

It's the little moments! Written by Melissa Troyer

# Prayer For Guidance and Protection to Those I Love

O heavenly Father, our protector and guide, You are the greatest Friend and joy we have! To be able to come to You in prayer like this is the most beautiful part of our lives!

It is not for myself that I want to pray today, dear Father, but for those who are near and dear to me and about whom I worrying. You know what they are facing, dear Father. And You know most of all the deepest reasons why these things have come upon them!

And You know how I want to help. Truly I think it would be easier if I could only face what they are facing. But You know how helpless we are to help another even though we know what is just and right.

Only You are left, dear Father. Do be with them in all things at all times. Protect them from enemies and evil, my Father. Forgive them their sins and put love of others in their hearts.

O do make them happy in their lives at home, dear Father, and help them live as You wouldst have them live. Above all, put love in their hearts for You.

And thank You, my Father, for Your goodness to them and to me. Thank You for Your love and guidance and protection! May we honor you all the days of our lives. And be happy and uplifted even as I feel right now! Amen.

Author Unknown

# 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.

Linda Thompson

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.

John Robinson is recovering from foot and ankle surgery last Thursday. Please pray that he has relief from the pain.

Linda Thompson is suffering from back pain but she will not be having surgery in February as

previously thought. She has a nurse assisting her.

Please pray for Chris Taylor's niece, Casey who lost her baby . She is now home and appreciates our prayers .

Please continue to pray for comfort & support for Glen Taylor and rest of the family as they mourn the loss of Mary Taylor.

Joann Thompson's sister, Linda True, is now in rehab after hip surgery.

Joe Addison's sister-in-law, Rhonda Addison has been diagnosed with early stage cancer.

Tanya Speights had a heart Ablasion done a few weeks ago and is in stage 4 Kidney disease.

Wanda Hames is living in an assisted living center, "Harbor Chase", 10801 S. May in OK City. She is in room 130A. She would appreciate visits, cards and letters.

Please pray for Taylor Epperson, a 22 year old niece of a dear friend of the Addison's. They also would also appreciate your prayers for relief of his migraine headaches for Keith Schlitter. Keith is waiting to see the doctor.

### Suffering with cancer:

Susan Hutcherson with NET Cancer \* Jerry McCorkle \* Sheila Dorn's mother, Clara Kaniatobe has lung cancer \* Amon's aunt Tamantha Simmons with stage 1 cancer \* Sean Hanley's wife Laurie with Colon Cancer \* Joe Addison's sister-in-law Teresa Addison \* Brantley's mother, Melissa Hightower \* Arlinda Gleffe, a friend of Tanya Speights with breast cancer \* Nicole Robinson's brother, Chris has Leukemia \* Lakela Whinery's cousin, Hayden Reagan has Leukemia.

### Always keep in our prayers:

Bruce Kessler with Parkinson's Disease \* Cassia Woody suffers with POTS \* Linda Thompson's brother, Jerry McNichols suffers with extreme Arthritis \* Chris Hutcherson's father, Dan Hutcherson suffers with chronic pain.\* Jim & Bonnie Osborne with chronic pain \* Joe Addison's mother, Ruthie Addison \* Leslie Jones' mother with COPD \* Loraine Ashley with a severe auto immune disorder\* Dean Howard \* Wanda Hames

Please keep in your prayers those serving in the military & all first responders.

# January Anniversaries January

If you have an anniversary in January, let Larry or April know.

#### **Macy Barron** 9th Joanna Hall 9th 11th Tammy Boaz Makayla Kessler 15th 15th Alora Gaskins 21st Tedi Holland 24th Victor Moyer Susan Hutcherson 24th Leslea Hale 27th Jeff Uhter 28th 29th Rick Boaz Leslie Jones 30th

If your birthday or anniversary was left out, let Larry or April

know.

# Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday of this week

Last Sun. Morning Attendance	71
Last Sun. Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	59
Sunday Contribution:	\$4,774

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

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# **January Calendar**

1st Sunday	7th	12:00 noon	Nursing Home Singing
1st Wed	3rd	6:30 p.m.	Pizza & Singing
2nd Thursday	11th	10:30-12:00	Glen Taylor's Bible Study - fellowship room
2nd Saturday	13th	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Food Pantry Opened
2nd Sunday	14th	1:00 p.m.	2nd Service (following lunch)
3rd Sunday	21th		Plan Fellowship with Other Members
3rd Monday	15th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Mark & Kelly's Home
4th Thursday		10:30 a.m.	Glen Taylor's Bible Study-fellowship room
4th Saturday	27th	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Men's Teacher Training

Every 5th Sunday we will have a pot luck luncheon in the Church fellowship room.

# Oklahoma Gospel Meetings

Shawnee Church of Christ Shawnee Singing January 6 Saturday 7:00

Tulsa Church of Christ, Tulsa Meeting Brad Benoit April 24 - 28 Evenings 7:30 Sunday 10:30 & 2:00 Topic: The Case for Salvation Tulsa Church of Christ, Tulsa Meeting Ty Fleming June 23 - 30 Sundays 10:30 & 2:00 Evenings 7:30 Topic: Hermeneutics

Tulsa Church of Christ, Tulsa Meeting Mike Hall September 25 - 29 Evenings 7:30 Sunday 10:30 & 2:00 Topic: Grace and the Law

## "It's the Little Moments"

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is (Ephesians 5:15-16 NRSV). "It's in the little moments," Daniel whispered to me last week after playing an impromptu game of Kick the Can with the kids. I nodded, having seen him live this out a million times.

He grasps those little moments so well. Pulls the kids close, chooses to go play frisbee or a game of Uno, just because.

We have eight-and-a-half months left of school, and there IS light at the end of the tunnel

But part of me wants to hold my breath, hibernate the long months away, and get past this hard season.

But these little moments are for living... for making the most of, for gathering joy.

The four-year-old just sleepily joined me on the couch, wrapped in a soft cuddle blanket. He grabs a book with only a few pages of pictures, and he flips through it for a minute till he gets bored. His warm hand finds