

minister's message

Hope for the Future

"A Building of God, Not Made with Hands"

*"For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."
2 Corinthians 5:1*

One of Paul's talents is that he was a tentmaker by trade. A tent is built as a temporary shelter held together by ropes, poles and cloth, for a temporary purpose. (Acts 18:1-3). Tents have been the housing for the patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. As they wandered the promised land, the Israelites lived in tents. The tabernacle where they worshipped God, before erecting Solomon's Temple, was called the "Tent of Meeting". (Exodus 29:32; 40). Paul used the word, to refer to our bodies as "earthly tents" (2 Corinthians 5:1).

In 2 0Corinthians a "tent" is spoken of in contrast to "the building from God." The tent represents what is earthly. It is the nature of man in general, called from the dust of the earth. All human life, like a tent is temporary, as opposed to what is unseen and eternal

(2 Corinthians 4:18). Eventually everyone's earthly tent, life in the flesh will end as we know it, dismantled in death.

The word for "building" describes a fortified structure, from God. It's a replacement dwelling for believers who die in the Lord. It's a superior dwelling place that believers will not access before death. What we have now is a down payment. It is payment guaranteed by the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, whom we received when we were baptized in water for the remission of sins, and thereby gifted with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-4). Just as *we moved into* the spiritual body of Christ, the church, at baptism—a *symbolized death and resurrection*—we will occupy a new dwelling place when we keep our appointment with death.

A guaranteed payment by the Holy Spirit means that even if our temporary tent, earth dwelling be dismantled by death, God himself has building eternal in the heavens not made with human hands. God has a new house waiting for every believer who dies in the Lord. It's a house built in God's neighborhood, where God Himself lives, in a city called Heaven.

His servant and yours, Leonard C. Bradley, Jr.



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worship times

sunday morning 10:00 a.m.

sunday evening 5:00 p.m.

bible class (weekly classes see inside)

sunday morning 11:50 a.m.

cypresscoc.com (website)

our affirmation of faith: "JESUS IS LORD"

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the church of Christ at cypress is committed to Jesus Christ through love, obedience, worship and service. We preach and teach the word of God which leads to spiritual maturity in Christ.

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classes

Sunday 11:50 a.m.
wednesday 7:00 p.m.

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget: **\$3,575.00**

12/27/2020: **\$8,570.00**



All visitors are our honored guests. If you did not complete a visitors card upon your arrival, please do so prior to visit rewarding and spiritually uplifting. Please visit us again at your earliest opportunity.

CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information for Live Streaming and call in to listen to worship remains the same. Live Streaming & call in: 10:00 am, www.cypresscoc.com, click Live Stream button. You may also go to: www.youtube.com/user/cypresscoclive. Call in on phone:

1-470-655-0191, Pin #347402036#.

SUNDAY, Jan 3—11:15 a.m.—Ladies Bible Class will meet virtually every Sunday on ZOOM. Meeting ID: **445 831 9854** and PW: **9771**. Old Testament Review. Currently in Exodus.

Wed, Jan 6—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — ZOOM meeting ID: **445 831 9854, PW: 9771**—Studying the book of Romans.

Thurs, Jan. 7— Thursday at 1:00 p.m.-PRAYER MEETING—on ZOOM. Meeting ID: 445 831 9854 and PW: 9771. (If there is a change, you will be notified, please check your e-mail.)



Wendy Bradley's first cousin, **Anthony Williams**, passed recently from COVID. Please be in prayer for Wendy and the family. See address: →

January Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Leonard Bradley, III	9th	Illena Dunn	19th
Brenda Carter	15th	Rochelle Hamilton	21st
Erma Lepe	15th	Anita Meacham Williams	26th
Jerron McSwain	17th	Eddie Morris	26th



No January Anniversaries



Our dear **sister, Janett Lewis**, passed from COVID on December 25, 2020. Janett was a friendly, faithful, hardworking Christian woman, with a beautiful smile and will be missed by all of us. Please pray for her family. No details regarding a service at this time. Condolences may be sent to:

Flossie Whitmore
5115 Park Glen Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90043



Bro. Bradley's brother, **Leonard Wooten**, passed from COVID on Saturday, December 26, 2020. Please be in prayer for Wendy and Leonard Bradley, their family and for Leonard's brother's wife, Lorraine, and their children. Condolences may be sent to:

Leonard & Wendy Bradley
5460 Lindsey Lane
Cypress, CA 90630.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BIBLE READING

PRAYER

SONGS

SCRIPTURE/PRAYER

SONGS

COMMUNION/COLLECTION

MESSAGE

RESPONSES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

WORSHIP IS FOLLOWED BY BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Traveling --Pray for safe traveling grace:

Sick & Shut-in:

Dorothy Webb
Long Beach Healthcare Center
3401 Cedar Avenue, Bed
Long Beach, CA 90807
(562) 426-4461
Continue to keep her in prayer.

Lucille Rinehart:

L G Guest Home
6700 Lassen Drive
Buena Park, CA 90620
Phone: (714) 759-9287
Please keep her in prayer.

NOTE: Please let the church office know when the condition of your loved one/friend is improved and can be removed from the prayer list.

Prayer Requests from last Sunday & During the Week:

REMINDER—PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT.

Clarence Stampley, former Cypress member, passed from COVID on Wednesday evening. Please be in prayer for his wife Rose, and brother, Adrian. Condolences may be sent to:
Rose Stampley
3326 S. Lowell St.
Santa Ana, CA 90305

Mary Quick, passed from COVID on Saturday. She was a long time, member of the Normandie Church of Christ and was in charge of the pre-school for Normandie Christian School. Please be in prayer for the Quick family. Condolences may be sent to:

Charles Quick & Family
9720—5th Avenue
Inglewood, CA 90305

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Dianne Thomas—Requested prayers for her brother, **Wilbert Guise**, who is battling COVID. **Shawn Swanier**—Requested prayers for 1) her husband, **Virgil**, and son, **Adam**, who will be driving to Mississippi this week. 2) Virgil has lots of family members with COVID. Please be in prayer for them.

Shirley Green—Requested prayers for herself. Her pressure has been dropping when on dialysis. **Donna Penson**—1) Requested prayer for her friend, **Carmen Winston**, who is battling cancer and COVID. Also, pray for Carmen as she lost her significant other to COVID. 2) She also requested prayers for an exercise class attendee, **Marty**, who has COVID 3) also please pray for a co-worker, **Julio Guatamuse** who tested positive for COVID. **Tisa Hunter**—Requested prayers for her daughter, **Raven**, who has a 6 week Occupational Therapy assignment in Novato, CA. Please pray that all will go well and that she will be safe.

Linda Christy—Requested prayers for herself for peace with all that is going on.

Hermeria Rodgers—Wishes to thank everyone who prayed for her niece, **Annover Johnson**. She has completed her chemo treatments. Her tests came back and her cancer numbers are good. However, she will have to be checked every 3 months to be sure cancer stays at bay.

Margaret Simpson—Requested prayers for her brother, **Maurice Boykin** and his wife **Melonie** for health issues.

Continued Prayers

Laverne Boykin—Her husband, **Terrell**, is now at home. He still has a number of health issues and really needs 24 hour care. Please keep him in prayer for improved health. Please pray for Laverne as she cares for him.

Gail Irby—Requested prayers for **Jeffrey Broadway**, son of **Dorothy Broadway**, Duarte Church of Christ. **Jeffrey** was shot six times while watering is lawn this past week. He is currently hospitalized.

Joyce Davis—UPDATE on her family: Her father who had COVID is better, but still has a ways to go. Her brother, **Jimmy, Jr.** (COVID) is good and back to work. Her brother, **James** (Cancer) is still undergoing tests. Please pray for James for good test results and decreased pain.

Mark Crockett—UPDATE/Good news— Mark is now getting some help for his **psychological and neurological conditions**. Please continue to keep him in prayer..

Alma Swinton—Requested prayers for her daughter, **Shalma** who has COVID. Thank you.

Alma Swinton—Requested prayers for her friend, **Betty Morris** who was hit by a car and seriously injured. Please pray for her full recovery. Thank you.

Dianne Thomas—Requested prayers for a friend who will having a biopsy. Pray that the results will be good.

Ruby Coleman—Requested prayers for her brother, **Levi's**, children and for herself.

Tisa Hunter—Continued prayer for health issues.

Linda Christy—Requested prayers regarding her eye health. Please pray for her.

Chris Hamilton—Continued prayers for **Baby Creed** (Taeja's cousin) who was born premature and has been in the hospital since last year. Please continue to keep her in prayer that she will recover.

Please also pray for her family. **Linda Christy**—She is having a lot of pain in her other knee. Needs surgery. Needs to wait because of COVID. Keep her in prayer.

Hermeria Rodgers—Continued prayers for her family, especially her son, **Tony**, (health) and her grandson, **Cory** (frontline worker).

Chris Hamilton—Requested prayers for his family.

Hermeria Rodgers—Continued prayers for **Sam Boyd** who had brain surgery the end of August. UPDATE: **Sam** is now in a rehab facility. He still has a long way to go, but he is better. Please continue to keep him in prayer, as well as his wife, **Barbara**. Thank you.

Bill Carter—Requested prayers for 2 of his cousins: **George Counts** who lost his wife and his cousin, **Essie Counts**, who is in her 90's, and has a number of health issues. Please keep them in prayer.

Shawn Swanier—Continued prayers for her job search.

James Webb—Requested prayers for his niece and her husband who are suffering with health issues.

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her sister-in-law, **Mary Boykin**, who is quite ill. Please be in prayer for her and her family.

Karen Lindsey—Requested prayers for her friend, **Barbara Acosta**, who has cancer and is not doing well. She has elected not have further treatment.

Bill Carter—1) Requested continued prayers for his brother, **Bruce**, who is suffering from PTSD.

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her friend **Barbara Russell** whose cancer has grown and the doctors can't treat it.

Chris Hamilton—Requested prayers for himself—To get his health/weight under control.

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her sister, **Aliene Gray**—Fainting spells. Had to have her car keys taken away. 2) Pray also for her brother-in-law, **Carl Hunter**—Health issues—Needs surgery on neck/shoulder.

Taeja Hamilton—Continued prayers for her uncle **Shelton** and a co-worker, **Thelma** who has cancer.

Bill Carter—Requested prayers for his friend, **Bob Banks**, who has a heart condition that is the result of Agent Orange exposure. Those diagnosed with this condition are given 1-2 years to live.

LaDonnia Swinton—Requested prayers for her friend, **Deanna Murray**, who has cancer.

AC Hamilton—Requested prayers for his manager, at work, who has lung cancer.

Marsha Jacoway's sister, Melody, who had a fall a while back and had surgery. Pray for continued healing.

Hermeria Rodgers—Continued prayers for her sister, **Gail Irby**, for the feeling to return to her extremities.

Ronald Anthony—Prayers for his family members in Michigan.

Hermeria Rodgers—Requesting prayers for her friend, **Gloria Lewis**, suffering with Vertigo and other health issues.

Morris Jordan—Prayers for strength and back pain.

Ryan Anthony—Health issues.

Keenan Modica—Military. (Belinda's nephew).