

minister's message

Freedom to Love and Serve

Galatians 5:1-6

Love is the willingness to give oneself for the sake of another's joy, well being, or growth. It is easy to see how this definition fits the way God has loved us. It is more of a challenge for us to understand how it speaks to our obligation to love one another. What can help us is to know that love is less of feelings, than it is a way of thinking and acting. It certainly is easier and more pleasant to think and act positively towards people for whom we may feel affection. But the strength to love as a Christian is the ability to act in the absence of affection. As the apostle Paul describes in **1Corinthian 13**, *love is as love does*.

Paul taught in **Galatians 5:1-6** that faith is "made effective" through love. The principle on which our faith

hinges is love and not law. Circumcision binds those who would be slaves of the law. Only in the Spirit does God give us the love we need to obey Him and care for others. If we trust God our love will continue in the Spirit of Christ! We will worship him as Lord and praise His name above all others. For no other name is given under heaven whereby we must be saved (**Acts 4:12**). In love we honor the principles by which the Lord has called us to serve. Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul and mind and thy neighbor as thyself.

In Christ we are free to love freely and completely in the Spirit of God. If we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, then our love towards one another will be modeled after God's love for us. And we can love even our enemies as Jesus described in **Luke 6:27-42**. Christ called us to freedom to use Christian freedom as opportunity to serve and love one another.

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

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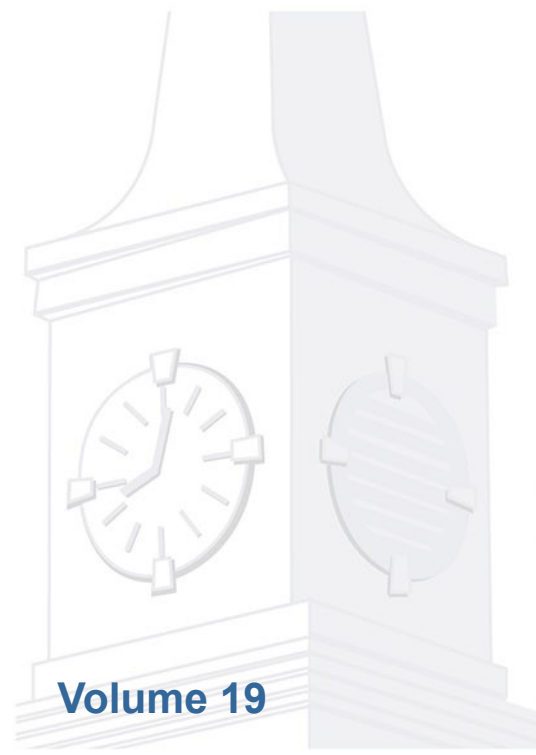
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Issue 2



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

01/03/2021: \$3,940.00



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 10—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 13—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — ZOOM meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Studying the book of Romans.

Thurs, Jan. 14— 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-



Joyce Davis has lost 5 family members within two weeks and, she still has one relative in ICU. She is requesting prayers for Bro. L.B. Lindsey for healing and, for strength for her family. Condolences may be sent to:

Joyce Davis
13940 Hoover St., Apt. E111
Westminster, CA 92683

2020 THEME: "GIVING OURSELVES TO CHRIST, AS CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF FOR US"
2 CORINTHIANS 8:5, GALATIANS 2:20

January Birthdays



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



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| Leonard Bradley, III | 9th | Illena Dunn | 19th |
| Brenda Carter | 15th | Rochelle Hamilton | 21st |
| Erma Lepe | 15th | Anita MeachamWilliams | 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. **A funeral is being planned for Friday, January 15, at 11:00 a.m. We are not**

certain yet of location or if there will be a virtual service. Condolences may be sent to:

Flossie Whitmore
5115 Park Glen Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90043



Ms. Bessie Zeigler, the mother of **John Zeigler**, passed recently in North Carolina. Please be in prayer for John Zeigler as he travels to North Carolina this week. And, please

pray for all his family as they mourn the loss of his mother. Condolences may be sent to:

Mr. & Mrs. John Zeigler
3733 Berkshire Road
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

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WORSHIP IS FOLLOWED BY
BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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 recently. 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 recently. She was a long time, member of the Normandie Church of Christ. Please be in prayer for the Quick family. Condolences may be sent to: Charles Quick & Family, 9720—5th Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90305

Continued prayers for **Leonard & Wendy Bradley** on the passing of Leonard's brother, and Wendy's cousin.

Patti Williamson—Had requested prayers for her neighbor's 4 year old daughter, **Ellissley**, who was very ill and as of last week was in ICU. Praise God, she is now home! However, she still has a ways to go and is on a lot of meds. Please continue to keep her in prayer. Thank you.
Gail Irby—Requested prayer for her cousin, **Shelby Williams**, who is experiencing some mental health

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issues.

Frances Draper—Requested prayers for her sister, **Linda Dunn**, who was exposed to COVID-19 and tested positive. Please pray for her recovery.

Monique Thomas—Requested continued prayer for her family on the recent passing of her cousin, **Alma Swinton**—Requested prayers for her grandson, **Ashton**, who is doing through some things. 2) Requested prayers for her granddaughter, **Brandy** who has a continuous cough. 3) Her daughter **Shalma** and her fiancé have both recovered from COVID and are back to work. Thank you for your prayers.

Shawn Swanier—1) Gave praise report that she is 2 years cancer free. Praise God! 2) She also requested prayers for several families (**Wilson's, Moncrief's and Swanier's on the Gulf Coast**) who have COVID. 3) Her son, **Adam**, returned safely back to Mississippi to school. Thanks for your prayers.

Hermeria Rodgers—1) Requested prayers for a sister friend, **Tessie Smith**, in Arkansas who had a very serious surgery on the 6th. Surgery went well. Please pray for her complete recovery. 2) She also requested prayers for **Harold Terrell** who is hospitalized with an infection.

Shirley Green—Please pray for her safety as she goes to her dialysis appointments very early in the morning.

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for **DeAndre Brown's son and his son's mother** who both have COVID. 2) Requested prayers for the lack of concern on her job for people coming to work with COVID.

Dianne Thomas—Requested prayers for her brother, **Wilbert Guise**, who is battling COVID.

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, **Annorver 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—Continued prayers for her father, **who has COVID and her brother, who has cancer.**

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

Tisa Hunter—Continued prayer for health issues.

Linda Christy—Requested prayers regarding her eye health and knee pain. 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.

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 his cousin, **Essie Counts**, who is in her 90's, and has a number of health issues. Please keep her 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.

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. And for her friend, **Gloria Lewis**, who continues to suffer from Vertigo and other health issues.

Ronald Anthony—Prayers for his family members in Michigan.

Morris Jordan—Prayers for strength/back pain.

Ryan Anthony—Health issues.

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