

minister's message

The Benefits of Faith

Philemon 4-7; 8-20

There are many expressions of faith in the Bible. Often there are people we find in the Old Testament who show little if any faith at all. One example is Gideon and his expressions of doubt when the Lord asked him to go, "If the Lord is with us, then why is this happening to us, what has He done for us..., how can I deliver Israel..., before I go, I need you to show me a sign, (Judges 6:13). When God called Moses to go for Him, Moses said, "Who am I? What am I going to say? What am I going to tell the people?" I don't think Moses lacked faith in God; after all he is the man who walked away from the Palaces of Egypt to follow God and his people. It seems more of a lack of faith in his ability to go in God's name.

What I love about Paul is that his faith is balanced in every situation. Hearing him speak of commitment to Christ he said, "I've learned in whatsoever state I'm in to be content" a solid, expression of an

unmoved state of being. Again, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded He is able to keep what I have committed to Him against that Day." Some people equate faith with an emotional hope. When trouble, tribulation or their midnight comes, they get pushed around. But faith in God, knowing who he is and what he has done is where the focus needs to be.

Faith is a basic principle, "Without faith it's impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and rewards those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrew 11:6). Faith is about our actions. Show me a man who has faith and I'll show you his works (James 2:14). The prayer is "Increase our faith and help our unbelief."

Faith gives us the opportunity to live in the eternal life to come. It allows us to see beyond our present situations. It comes from God and the promises he made in His word through Christ. What more do we need to keep faith and hope alive? Preach the gospel, keep the faith and stand on the promises of God.

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

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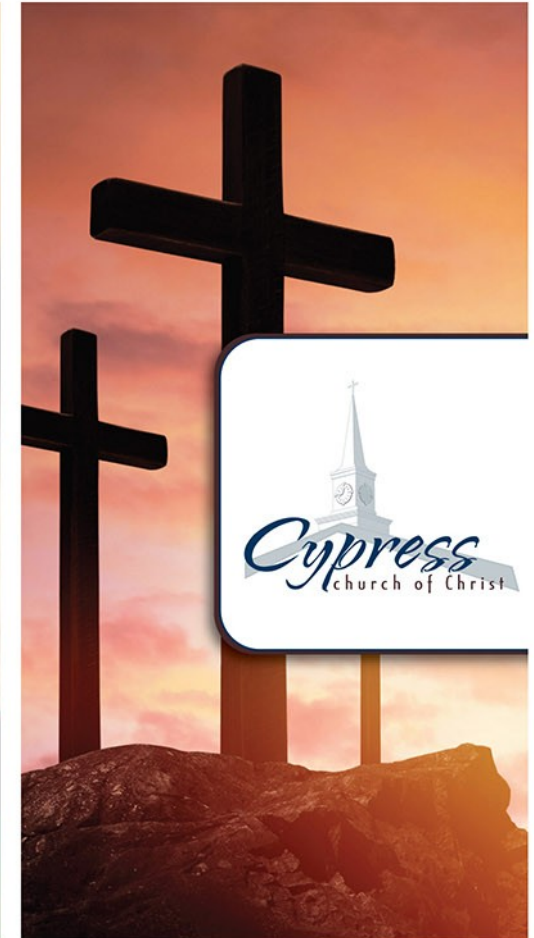
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worship times

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"

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

Offering 1-29-2023:
\$2,804.00
(Includes Zelle)



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 In person worship. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. **REMINDER: PLEASE CONTINUE TO TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS BY CONTINUING TO WEAR A MASK. IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID, PLEASE STAY HOME AND WORSHIP VIRTUALLY. THANK YOU.**

SUNDAY—IN PERSON MEN'S BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER MORNING WORSHIP.

SUNDAY—Ladies Class—In person Ladies class is meeting immediately following morning worship in the auditorium. Studying the book of Isaiah.


Wed, 7:00 p.m.—In person and on Zoom Bible Class — Meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Studying 1 Corinthians.

Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.—PRAYER MEETING—on ZOOM. Using the church Zoom info.

Every Thursday Evening—7:00 p.m.—Ladies Class on the church ZOOM. The study is the book of Deuteronomy.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING—7:00 P.M.—LEADER'S & MEN'S MEETING—ZOOM ID: 609 755 6429, PASSCODE; 1234.

2023 THEME: "EACH ONE, REACH ONE, TO SHARE HIM WITH THEM":
Luke 24:45-47



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Frances Draper	4th	Ellen Dunn	23rd
Linda Dunn	20th	DeAndre Brown	24th
Ruby Coleman	22nd	David Glen Rinehart	24th

Happy Anniversary

Roger & Tisa Hunter—18th

Normandie Christian School

CARROLL AWARDS

Bold & Gold Fashions for the
NCS Golden Anniversary honoring
Joyce Smith & Gregory Garrett

February 18, 2023 | 12 PM | \$80
Proud Bird Events Center
11022 Aviation Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Donations are also accepted via cash, check, or zelle: donate@normandiechristian.org

For ticket information, please contact
Diana Darty (213-305-8872),
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

BIBLE READING
PRAYER
SONGS
SCRIPTURE/PRAYER
SONGS
COMMUNION/COLLECTION
MESSAGE
RESPONSES
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BENEDICTION

WORSHIP IS FOLLOWED BY
BIBLE CLASSES

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 (IN HOSPICE)
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:



Our sympathy is extended to Herb & Frances Draper and their family on the passing of Herb's brother, Jack, who passed on Tuesday morning at Palmdale Regional Hospital. Please be in prayer for the Draper family. Thank you.

Continued Prayers:

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her brother, Al Gray. He has a number of health issues—has a fractured femur, a mass on his spine which is cancerous. He will need chemo and radiation. They have also discovered blood clots. Please be in prayer for him.

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SMALL GROUP CLASS
ON ZOOM Tuesday
evenings: 7:00 p.m.
Cypress Zoom
ID: 445 831 9854
PW: 9771

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2022
CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS
FROM HERMENIA

Glen Rinehart—I was not able to reach Glen for an update. He is appreciative of all prayers. Please continue to pray for his full recovery.
Corey Maye's sister, Elizabeth, and mother, Tomasa —UPDATE: Elizabeth's surgery went well and she is home recovering. His mother's surgery was rescheduled to due blood pressure issues. Please keep them in prayer.
Linda Christy—Requested prayers for her friend, Rhonda Bradley who is hospitalized with heart health issues. Please pray for her.
Hermenia Rodgers—Requesting prayers for Gloria Lewis—Additional health issues. Please keep her in prayer.
Dianne Thomas—Returned safely from Florida, but with a cold. Keep her in prayer for recovery.

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Eddie Morris—Requested continued prayers for the healing of his sister, Gail, and for their father. Both have health issues.
Gloria Lewis—Requesting prayers for Gloria Zuniga—Serious state of depression.
Donna Penson—Requested prayers for her co-worker—Jim Maorca—Son is on drugs and another family member—domestic abuse.
Corey Maye—Requested prayers for Albert—Health issues.
Shawn Swanier—Requesting prayers for her mother, Juanita Polk, who has a serious heart condition. The procedure on her heart was cancelled due to the risk.
Donna Penson—Her co-worker, Dee Washington lost another cousin, Diane, this past weekend. Please continue to keep her and her family in prayer.
Eddie Morris—Requested prayers Jeanette Young that she will be able to get a car.
JoAnn Gross—Requested prayers for heart health issues. Keep her in prayer.
Wendy Bradley—UPDATE on her cousin, John Aden. He is out of the hospitalized and has been moved to a rehab facility. Continued prayers for strength and recovery.
Bro. Webb—Please continue to keep him in prayer. He is scheduled for some additional procedures.
Hermenia Rodgers—Requesting continued prayers for Kim Clark who was hit by a car and both legs broken. UPDATE: She is making great progress. God is good! Please continue to pray for her complete recovery.
Frances Draper—Requested prayers for her sister, Shirley Ligone for strength.
Lucille Rinehart—Suffered minor stroke recently—continued prayers.
Hermenia Rodgers—Requesting continued prayers for her grandson, Cory Rodgers, Nurse Practitioner, and all those who were affected by Hurricane Ian. Cory is still in Florida. He is treat-

ing patients, even performing some surgeries, but the conditions there are not good. They are now in a clinic with a leaking roof and limited, wet supplies. Please keep him, his co-workers and the patients they treat in prayer. Thank you.
Chris Hamilton—Requested prayers for his wife, Taeja, who is with child. Please pray for her health and the baby's health..
Hermenia Rodgers—Requesting continued prayers for Emily Lewis—Cervical cancer
Hermenia Rodgers—Continued prayers for her son, Tony, and his wife, Andreka—for health issues.
Natasha Williams—Requested prayer for the Williams, Robinson, Butler, Nobles, Hibbler, Marshall and Corte families.
Teresa Wilson—Requested prayers for Tim Grambling, Jordan Grambling and her Aunt Lilly—for health issues.
A.C. Hamilton—Heart health issues—Continued prayers.
Shirley Green—Health issues—continued prayers.
Wendy Bradley—Requested continued prayers for her family, the Williams, Robinson and Butler family. Thank you.
Continued prayers for Joyce and John Davis (Arkansas). John's recovery from stroke.
Natasha Williams—Requested prayers for Sam Harrell. Natasha & Wendy are first cousins. Sam Harrell is Wendy Bradley's brother-in-law. Sam is ill and needs our prayers. Thank you.
Hermenia Rodgers—1 Requesting continued prayers for sister friend Rhonda Johnson—health issues.
Kay Smith—Her client, Mary Tran, health issues — has Neuropathy. Continued prayers.
Laverne Boykin—Continued prayers for her sister, Alene Gray — Health issues.
Terrell Boykin—Health issues. Continued prayers for him and for Laverne as she cares for him.
Wendy Bradley— Continued prayers for her mother, Mattie Reid..
Gail Irby—Prayers for Jeffrey Broadway— Recovery from being shot.
Linda Christy—Requested prayers regarding her eye health and knee pain.
Hermenia Rodgers—Requesting prayers for her sister, Gail Irby—Healing for feeling to return to her hands and knee pain. And, for her sister/ friend, Gloria Lewis—health issues.
Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her friend Barbara Russell whose cancer has grown and the doctors can't treat it.
Morris Jordan—Prayers for strength/back pain.
Ryan Anthony—Health issues.
Keenan Modica—Military. (Belinda's nephew).