

minister's message

"In These Things I Delight"

Jeremiah 9:24

"But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, says the Lord."

If I my life's desire is to know the Lord, then I must learn to practice steadfast love, justice and righteousness with all men.

The Hebrew word for justice can refer to a justice of punishment which means, if I steal something, I must pay the consequences exacted by a standard, or law and receive what I deserve. But most often in the Bible, the word justice is the idea of "restorative justice". Restorative justice goes beyond punishment and seeks to mend relationships broken by the harm done to another. It supports the notion of speaking for the vulnerable who are disadvantaged or mistreated and looking for way to repair the harm done to them by another in (Proverbs 31:8-9). Another name for this is simply, love—*seeking the highest good of another at the expense of one's self.*

This is what Jesus did for us, He loved us and died for us. He put our interest and well-being before His own. This is why God sees us as righteous due to faith in Christ who was punished for you and me. So we can live a righteous life, **free to serve God** and fellowman aligned with the principle, *love my neighbor as myself* or love others as Christ has loved us, *at the expense of one's self.*

My neighbor is essentially any human being made in God's image. It may be the neighbor next door, the stranger I pass on the street or a family member I have known all my life. **Hebrews 13:1** says, *"Let brotherly love continue, do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them."* This is a call to compassion and empathy for strangers, it could be someone you are at odds with, not your best friend. How would we emulate God's justice, righteousness and steadfast love to His delight? By showing empathy, *as if I am in their skin with them*, to feel what they feel. Hopefully this would lead us to give them what they need to the delight of the Lord.

Another way to delight the Lord is written in **Galatians (6:10)**, *"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially those who are of the household of faith."*

His Servant and yours, Leonard C. Bradley, Jr., Minister

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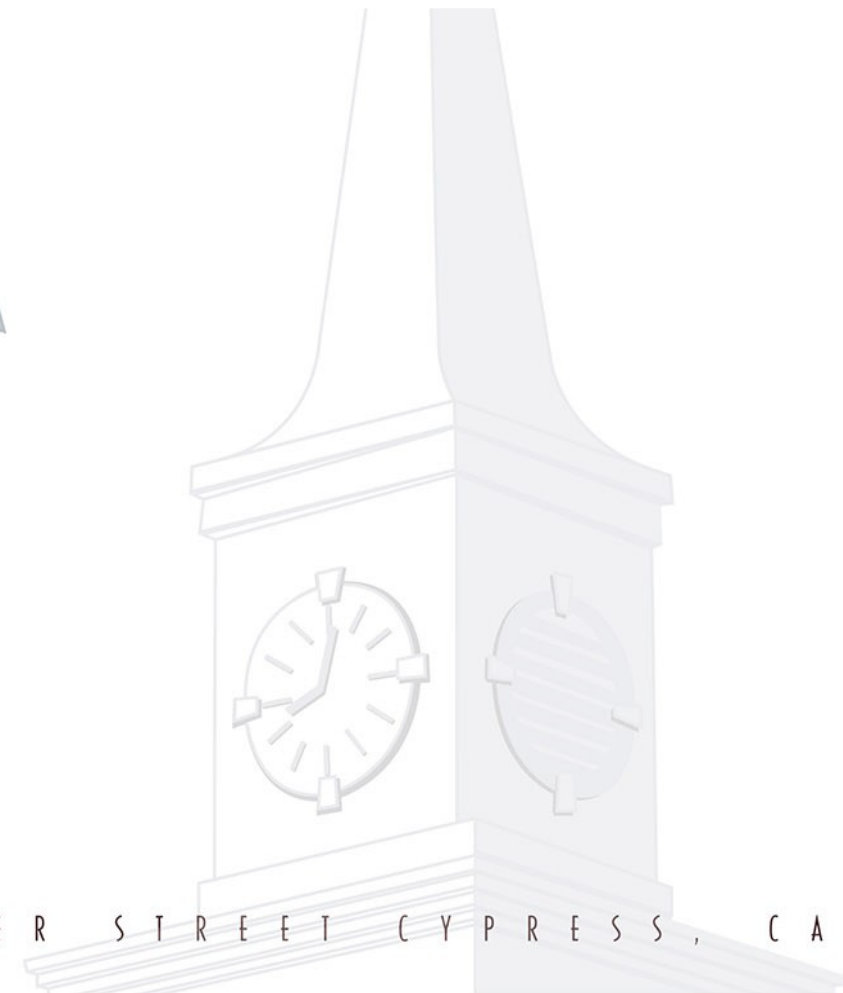
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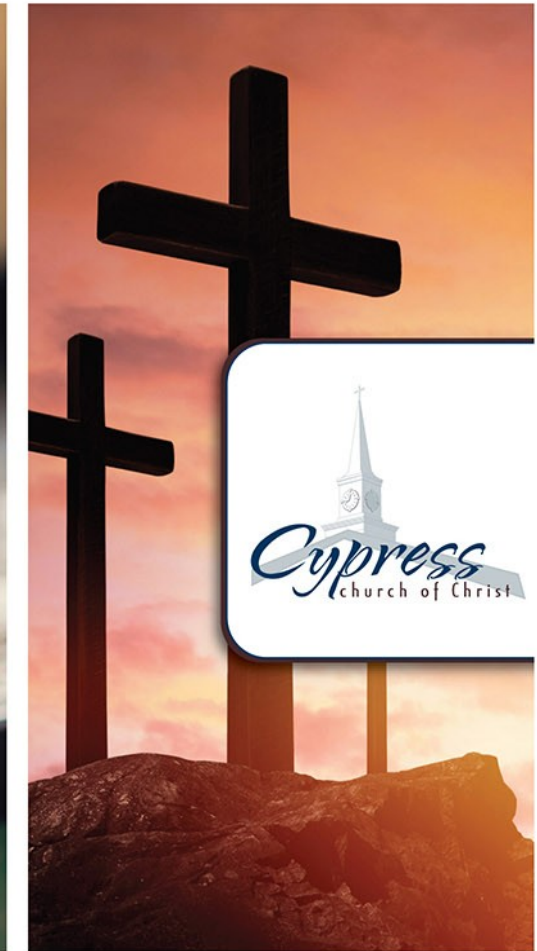
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worship times

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"

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classes

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

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget: \$3,575.00

06-28-2020: \$3,240.00



All visitors are our honored guests. If you did not complete a visitors card upon your arrival, please do so prior to departing. Thank you for taking the time to visit with us. We hope you found your 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#.

July 8—Wed—Mid Week Inspirational Message from Leonard Bradley. Information will be emailed.

July 8—Wed—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — Zoom meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771

July 6—(Thursday) 1:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting hosted by Leonard Bradley on Zoom. ID:760-5565-6662, PW: 977130.

Chris & Taeja Hamilton are taking a break. Bible Jeopardy is on break until further notice.

While we are unable to meet for worship, Pew Packers are encouraged to memorize the bonus scripture: I Cor. 13:1-13. Donna Penson.

Dianne Thomas has challenged the adults to memorize this chapter, as well.

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



July Birthdays

Jonathan Baber	1st	Alma Swinton	15th
Jun Lim	1st	Erika Johnson	20th
Chuck Hays	6th	John Zeigler	21st
Bill Carter	14th	Raven Hunter	31st



July Anniversaries
Ken & Belinda Rodgers—5th
Congratulations on 20 years!

CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

DRIVE-BY BIRTHDAY PARTY-CHUCK HAYS

TIME CHANGE:

Everyone, please arrive by 2:00 p.m. That way Chuck & Linda won't have to stay in the heat for 2 hours. Thank you.

Chuck Hays will be **80 years old** on Monday, July 6th. He has never had a Birthday Party. Linda Garner Hays has decided to have a **Drive-by Birthday Party for Chuck on SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the Cypress Church parking Lot.** No gifts. If you want to bring a Birthday Card and include your favorite scripture, that would be great! You can also bring balloons. We may be able to park and sing Happy Birthday. Hopefully, everyone can make it.

Parents, If you have someone in your family who is graduating this year, please inform Hermenia Rodgers, and if possible, please also provide a picture. Thank you.

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:

Kay Smith—Requested prayers for her daughter, **Kayshauna**—Health issues.
Hermenia Rodgers—Requested prayers for friends, **Frank Caldwell & family.** Frank's mother passed on Friday.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

Gail Irby—Requested prayers for her niece, **Andrea Irby**, who is experiencing severe anxiety concerning the corona virus and the way things are being handled on her job. Please pray for calmness.
Kay Smith (Dianne Thomas' sister)—Requested prayers for herself as she prepares for testing for job certification.
Frances Draper—Prayers to stay committed, faithful and strong during these trying times.
Hermenia Rodgers—Requested prayers for her niece, **Annover Johnson.** She went into the hospital with extreme stomach pain. They found a mass

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Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.

Make sure you test positive for Faith
Keep distance from Doubt, and isolate from Fear.
Trust God Through it all.

I will walk by faith even when I cannot see.
2 Corinthians 5:7

and she will have a biopsy next week to determine if it is ovarian cancer. Please pray tests will be negative. Thank you.

Taeja Hamilton—Continued prayers for her cousin, **Yvonne Dutches** who has thyroid cancer, stage 4. Pray for comfort and healing.

Shawn Swanier—2) She has some decisions to make. Pray for God's guidance as she makes those decisions. 2) Requested prayers for trust in God and stability for her family.

Linda Faye Hays—Requested prayers for herself, as her white blood cell count is low. Her cancer is stage one, but triple negative which means it is the fastest growing kind. It is aggressive so therefore more concerning. Please continue to keep her in prayer.

Hermenia Rodgers—Continued prayers for her family: **Tony, Andreka, & Cory.** Her sister, **Bernice Carter, and the grandson of her friend, Gloria Lewis, Kory, who was born premature. UPDATE: Kory Lewis** is doing so much better and is now weighing almost 4 lbs. His parents finally had a chance to hold him. Please continue to pray for his growth and development. Thank you.

Laverne Boykin—**UPDATE: Terrell Boykin** is improving and may not have to have the facial surgery. Continue to keep him in prayer for complete healing and pray for Laverne as she cares for him. Continued prayers for **Laverne's brother-in-law, Carl Hunter** for health issues.

Continued prayers for the families who have lost loved ones recently: **Baber, Hubbard, Hamilton, Meurkson and Selvick.**
Shawn Swanier—Prayers for her husband, **Virgil, health issues.**

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her niece, **Pat**, who will be having back surgery.

Alma Swinton—Requested prayers for her son that his situation will improve

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her friend, **Barbara Russell and for her sister, Aliene Gray**—Health issues.

Shirley Green—Her friend, **Tressie** had a stroke.

Alma Swinton—Requested prayers for her friend, **Susie Davis**, health issues.

Taeja Hamilton—Continued prayers for her uncles **Shelton and Nate for health issues.**

Taeja Hamilton—Continued prayers for **Baby Creed** who was born premature and is still hospitalized and also please pray for their family and a co-worker, **Thelma**, who has cancer.

James Webb—Requested continued prayer for his wife, **Dorothy**—Health issues.

Shirley Green—Requested prayers for herself as she has dialysis 3 times a week. Please pray for safety.

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.

Anita Meacham Williams—Continued prayers for **Neal's mother**, due to the loss of her husband, and for her brother, **Thomas McAllister** who had surgery for prostate cancer and will be going through radiation and chemo.

Anita Meacham Williams—Requested prayers for her nephew, **Damon McAllister**—Health issues.

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

Anita & Neal Williams—Continued prayer for Anita's brother, **Sam McAllister**, and two of Anita's cousins: **Calvin Boyce**—stroke, and **Niani Toban**—Lupus.

Lori White—1) Requested prayers for **Thelma Davis and Nicholas** for health issues.

pray that her lung issue will be resolved.

Ruby Coleman—Continued prayers for her family.

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

Shirley Green: Requested prayers for her friend, **Tressia Davis**, whose husband, **Jim**, has been admitted to the hospital. He has cancer and is in intensive care.

Janett Lewis: Requested prayers for her nephew, **Michael Whitmore**, diagnosed with schizophrenia but stopped taking his medications.

Chuck Hays—Requested prayers for his grandson, **Kenny**, who has liver failure and is seriously ill. He's only 29. Please pray for the Hays family.

Frances Draper—Continued prayers for her sister, **Shirley**, who has dementia, and for their family as they work with her.

Lori Carter—Requested prayers for her friend, **Cindy**, who has breast cancer.

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

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

Continued prayers for **Howard Croom.**

Ronald Anthony—Prayers for his family members in Michigan.

Hermenia Rodgers—Requesting prayers for her friend, **Gloria Lewis**, suffering with Vertigo.

Morris Jordan—Prayers for strength and back pain.

Lu'wana Sodomani—Pray for improved health.

Ryan Anthony—Health issues.

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