

minister's message

A Pilgrim's Prayer, Trust in the Lord

Psalm 84:9-12

(Acts 7:47-50). He never did. Even now He dwells in the hearts of those who believe—Jeremiah 31:31.

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord"—God is gracious and merciful. He will not withhold any good thing from His own—**Romans 8:32**. However, sin will *alienate* those good things, because the precondition is for one to walk uprightly. His message to us is live in faith and put our complete trust in God. This is the greatest blessing that God wants in our daily life. The Psalmist's prayer is to have more of an opportunity for His life to have a part in the worship and service of God. He wants God's favor in his life. He wants God's kindness and blessings. For him, nothing is more satisfying than being in the presence and service of God.

The good news is that our fellowship with God is in Christ. The truth is God does not dwell in man-made things

What is more acceptable to the Lord, than a heart devoted to serve the Lord with a spiritual "appetite" and yearns for fellowship with God (**Psalm 42:1-4; Matt 5:6**). This psalmist wants to serve God with his whole being. God has no interest in man made things of worship. He wants our hearts. The greatest offering we can make to the Lord is to give Him our whole heart. Your heart is with what you treasure most. If God is your treasure, then your heart is with Him.

Be careful not to take for granted the privilege of worshipping "the living God" (see Psalm 115:1-8). It is a privilege that requires offering our whole heart with every opportunity.

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

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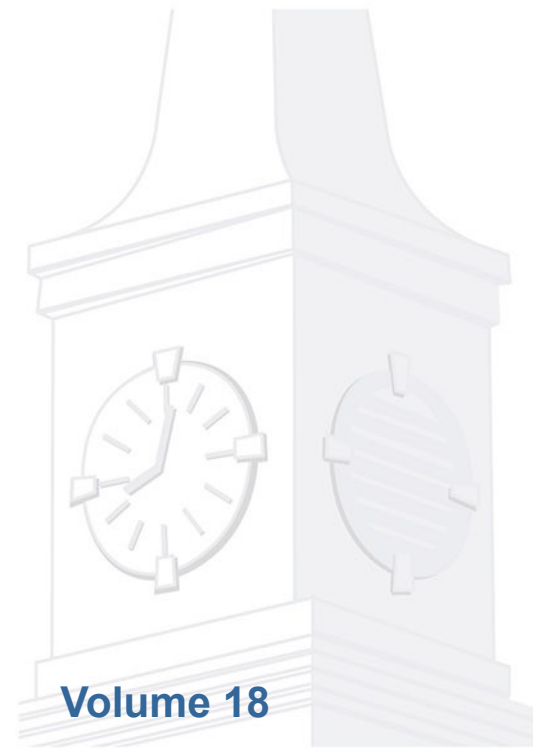
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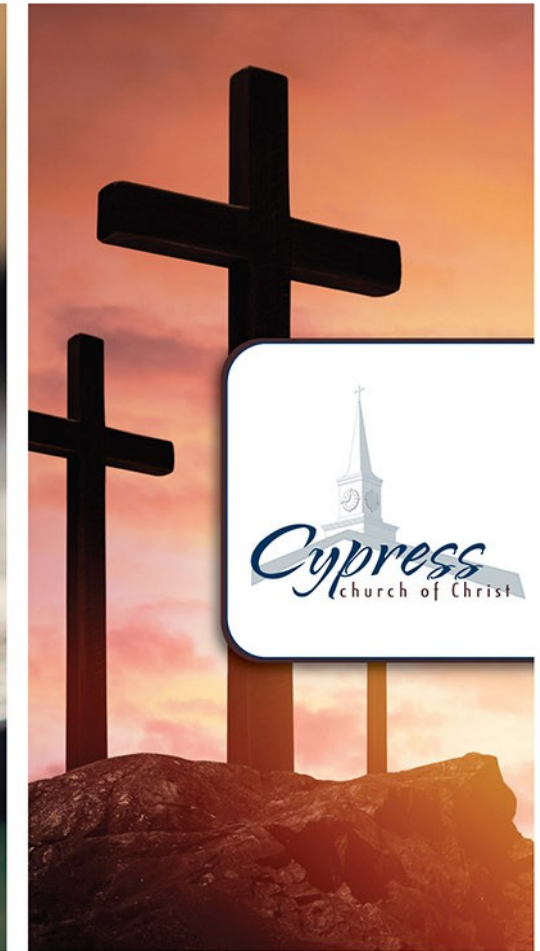
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worship times

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"

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**

08-02-2020: **\$2,805.00**



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, Aug 9—11:15 a.m.—Ladies Bible Class will meet virtually every Sunday on ZOOM. Meeting ID: 443 191 6264 PW: 19219.

Aug 12—Mid Week Inspirational Message by Leonard Bradley—Will be emailed to you on Wednesday.

Aug 12—Wed—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — ZOOM meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Beginning a study in the book of Romans.

Aug 13—Prayer Meeting —**Thursday at 1:00 p.m.**-on ZOOM. Mtg. ID: 760-5565-6662, PW: 977130.

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



Taeja Hamilton	1st	Fred Meurkson	13th
Karen Lindsey	1st	Leonard Bradley, Jr.	15th
Tisa Hunter	9th	Randy McSwain	15th
Todd Williamson	11th	Dianne Thomas	26th



August Anniversaries

Terrell & Laverne Boykin — 29th

CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.



William Milligan, Minister of the Lincoln Ave. congregation in Riverside passed on last Sunday. Please be in prayer for his wife, Shirley, the family and the congregation. No final arrangements have been shared at this time. If you wish to send condolences, please send to: **Mrs. Shirley Milligan & Family** 26571 Bay Avenue Moreno Valley, CA 92555

Something to think about...

Live by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. Gal. 5:16 NET

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BIBLE READING

PRAYER

SONGS

SCRIPTURE/PRAYER

SONGS

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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:

Linda Christy—Requested prayers for her sister, **Shirley Green**, who is hospitalized with a lot of pain and bile blockage. Will have surgery soon. Please keep her in prayer.

Hermenia Rodgers—Thanked everyone for praying for her grandson, **Cory Rodgers** who is on the frontlines as an EMT. **UPDATE:** He was blessed to be home for this past week. He worked a shift at the hospital Friday night and will be **heading back to Texas Sunday night and then back to Florida.** Please continue to keep him and his team in prayer that they will NOT contract the virus. **Pray for all frontline workers.** Thank you. Prayers were requested for the kids in the state of Georgia who will have to physically return to school in the midst of the virus. **Pray for teachers and administrators also.**

Prayers were also requested for everyone to stay encouraged. **Belinda Rodgers & Alma Swinton**—Requested prayers for watch their words when speaking to others.

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Karen Lindsey—Requested prayers for her friend, **Barbara Acosta**, who has cancer and is not doing well. She has elected not have further treatment. **Shawn Swanier**—1) Continued prayers for her job search. 2) Prayers for her friends who have lost family members. 3) Prayers for a friend, **Eddie**, who has had several TIA's and is in Cedar Sinai hospital. **Donna Penson**—Requested prayers for co-worker, **Ross**, who is suffering from depression. **Bill Carter**—1) Requested continued prayers for his brother, **Bruce**, who is suffering from PTSD. 2) Prayers for **Marvelle Lee** for the virus and loss of his brother. Please keep **Chuck Hays** in prayer as he grieves the loss of his wife, Linda Garner-Hays.

Continued Prayers

Regenia Anthony—Requested prayers for her nephew, **Dreon Brown, Sr.** who has contracted COVID-19. **UPDATE:** Dreon is much better and is out of the hospital, but still quarantined.

Laverne Boykin—1) Requested prayers for her friend **Barbara Russell** whose cancer has grown and the doctors can't treat it. 2) Laverne also requested prayers for her sister-in-law, **Mary Boykin** who is very ill.

Kay Smith (Dianne Thomas's sister)—Requested prayers for their cousin who will be having emergency surgery for appendicitis.

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for her co-worker's (Jim Miorca) uncle is terminal due to Corona.

Donna Penson—1) Requested prayers for **Elisha Baker**. She lost five family members from the Corona virus. 2) Donna has several friends who have tested positive for the virus.

Linda Christy—Requested prayers for **Aaron Woodard's father** who is now in hospice. Prayers were requested for all frontline workers.

Taeja Hamilton—Requested continued prayers for baby **Creed (her cousin)** who was born premature and is not doing well. She is having breathing problems. Please keep her in prayer.

Hermenia Rodgers—Requested continued prayers for her niece, **Annover Johnson**, who is undergoing Chemo—Pray that she can beat this cancer.

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

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for a co-worker, **Zamora**, who has the virus.

Hermenia Rodgers—Requested continued prayers for the **Jackson's from the Jackson St. Church of Christ in Nashville, TN** who were in a serious car accident. **UPDATE**—They are much better and are home from the hospital. Thank you for your prayers.

Hermenia Rodgers—Continued prayers for **Gloria Lewis's grandson, Khole, he's 10 years old**, who fell off an escalator at the mall. He has a fractured back and a broken ankle. Please pray for him.

Taeja Hamilton—Requested prayers for a former classmate, **Marshall Webb**, who has COVID-19.

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 sur-

gery on neck/shoulder. **Linda Christy**—Requested prayers for **Aaron Woodward**—Diagnosed with COVID-19. **Peggy Barnes**—Requested prayers for her daughter, **Schlyer Barnes**, who had a brain aneurysm. She was in ICU for 10 days. She is now home. Please pray for her complete recovery.

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.

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.

Hermenia Rodgers—Continued prayers for the grandson of her friend, **Gloria Lewis, Kory**, who was born premature. **UPDATE: Kory Lewis** is doing so much better and is now weighing 6 lbs. now, but there is still a problem with his breathing. Needs to breathe on his own and be able to take a bottle and breast feed before going home. It seems it will be September before he will be able to go home. Please keep him in prayer.

Laverne Boykin—**UPDATE: Terrell Boykin** is improving.

Shawn Swanier—Prayers for her husband, **Virgil, health issues.**

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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 Sodoman—Pray for improved health.

Ryan Anthony—Health issues.

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