

minister's message

Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him..."
Hebrews 11:6

Faith in Christ is the blessing that moves us beyond human limitations. God is not a stranger to our limitations but sometimes we act as if we don't know that we are limited in what we can do without God. It is our limitations that make us helpless but not hopeless. If we lack faith we limit *what God will do* for us, **not** what He can do. Faith is a blessing that takes us beyond our human limitations. Once we have explored all we can about biology, genetics and cloning we still grow old, we still get sick, we still turn gray, and we still die. We are limited, but we can limit our limitations to an abundant life by faith in Jesus.

The book of Joshua taught us how faith in the Lord will give us the victory! If we trust in the Lord and follow His ways in worship and servant hood, the possibilities are endless. No matter the circumstance or

the size of the enemy against us, God will prevail.

In Jesus' day, the woman with the issue of blood had it for twelve years and she went to Jesus in faith. She had been to doctors, spent all her money but instead of getting better she got worse. When she learned of Jesus, she went to Him in faith and by faith she received her blessing.

Jesus is God's grace come to earth. He came to bring people to faith and life. We are more than flesh and blood. We are made in God's image. Flesh and blood will get us through this life, but only faith in Christ will take us to glory. The Lord made Himself accessible to us by sacrifice. He came to us in humility. We put Him to death, but God did not limit the opportunities that came through Him. He gave us the hope of life. How wonderful is that! Do you know what is it like to come to death's door, walk through it and Jesus is waiting to welcome you to life again? That is a joy beyond words! Truly Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith!

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

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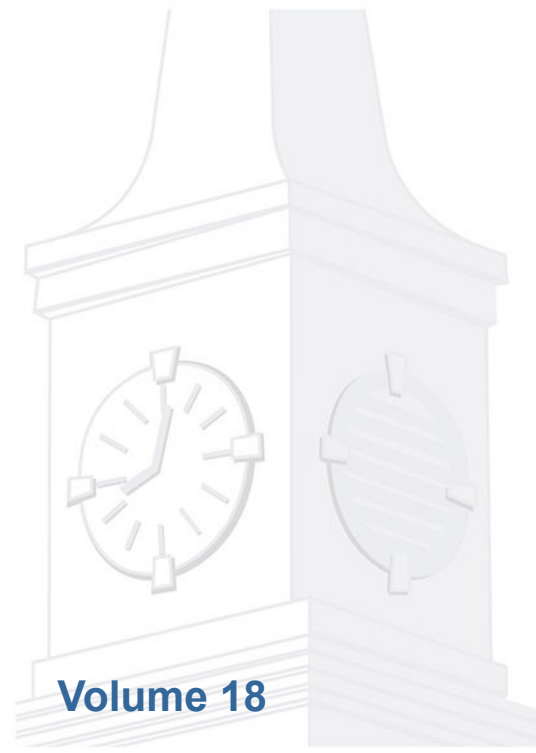
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worship times

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"

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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

08-16-2020: \$3,555.00



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 16—11:15 a.m.—Ladies Bible Class will meet virtually every Sunday on ZOOM. **Note: Changed Meeting ID: 445 831 9854 and PW: 9771.**

Aug 19—Mid Week Inspirational Message by Leonard Bradley—Will be emailed to you on Wednesday.

Aug 19—Wed—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — ZOOM meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Beginning a study in the book of Romans.

Aug 20—Prayer Meeting —Thursday at 1:00 p.m.—on ZOOM. **Note: Changed Meeting ID: 445 831 9854 and PW: 9771.**

While we are unable to meet for worship, Pew Packers are encouraged to memorize the bonus scripture: 1 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.



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:

Shirley Green—1) Requested prayers for **Freda George**. Her son, **Erick George**, who has cancer is now in hospice. Please pray for **Erick and Freda**.

Linda Christy— Thankful for everyone's prayers for her sister, **Shirley Green**. Please continue to pray for **Shirley's health**. 2) Prayers for **Shirley's friend, Tressia Davis whose husband, Jim**, has had both legs amputated. 3) **Donna Penson**—Prayers for the enrollment of her Aerobics business to pick up. **Shawn Swanier**—Requested prayers for the **Moncrief family**, whose son is in huge legal trouble. **Clyrenda Coleman** (Ruby Coleman's niece)—Hospitalized with problems from Lupus. Please keep her in prayer.

Dianne Thomas—Prayers for upcoming election in **Carson**—that the right people are elected.

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Continued Prayers & Updates:

Joyce Davis—Requested prayers for her daughter, **Jineen**. **UPDATE: Jineen** is home and doing much better. Joyce is appreciative for your prayers. **Mark Crockett**—Prayers are requested on behalf of **Mark Crockett**. He has experienced a life changing event that has left him disturbed, and in a wheelchair. We, as well as his sister, have done everything we can do for Mark, unless he is willing to give his consent for further help.

AC Hamilton—Receiving injections for pain. Please continue to keep him in prayer. **Laverne Boykin**—Requested prayers for her sister **-in-law, Mary Boykin**, who is quite ill. Please be in prayer for her and her family. **Shawn Swanier**—Requested prayers for a friend, **Roy**, who had a sudden attack of Vertigo. **Chris Hamilton**—Requested prayers for his sister, **Da'Shauna**, who has COVID as a result of working in a nursing home. She has been quarantining at home and is almost finished. Keep her in prayer.

Hermenia Rodgers—Requested prayers for **Wendell Phillips**, fellow Christian, who has COVID. **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.

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

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 who 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—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 surgery on neck/shoulder.

Linda Christy—Requested prayers for **Aaron Woodward**—Diagnosed with COVID-19.

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 almost 8 lbs. 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.

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.

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 Sodomani—Pray for improved health.

Ryan Anthony—Health issues.

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