

minister's message

Focus on Eternal Dwellings

Luke 12:28-31

In Luke 12:13, Jesus warned His disciples to be on guard against the dangers within our own hearts. God's will is that we be wise stewards which makes us rich toward God. The rich man's problem was not too much wealth but his inability to understand how to manage it to the glory of God. What does it mean to be rich toward God? It means to acknowledge that everything we have comes from God, and every effort is made to use what He gives us for the good of others and to the glory of God.

In the view of this spiritual principle, Jesus warned us about worry. The rich farmer in Jesus' parable worried because he had the problem of plenty. God had blessed him, but he could not determine how to be a blessing for God. The flip side is to worry because we think that we don't have enough. Jesus warned, "do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, or about your body, what you shall put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing...and which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? ...do not be of anxious mind. For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need

them." **Luke 12:22-23.** This can be a hard truth to embrace when circumstances become so very real for us to meet in life.

How do we guard against worry? In a word, trust God. First, realize and believe that God knows what we need and trust him to provide it. Second, be wise about how we use what God gives us so we can be a blessing to others who need God's care. God uses his people to do His will for others to receive His blessings. True Kingdom life is to understand our dependence on God but it is also our understanding of interdependence with others (Acts 4:32 ff.).

The unjust steward in Luke 16 teaches us that lesson. When his master had given him plenty, he mismanaged it as he was self-focused. In the end, though he was still self-focused, he saw that the benefit to him was to relieve the hardship of others as much as was in his ability to do it. The end for which we live, eternal life in the kingdom of God, must be met by the means of trust in the Lord to supply for all of our needs.

Jesus said, "it is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (v. 32). We gain the kingdom by serving the will of God at the expense of ourselves. Everything hinges on where your heart is. If you trust God to provide your needs, then you can focus on eternal dwellings.

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

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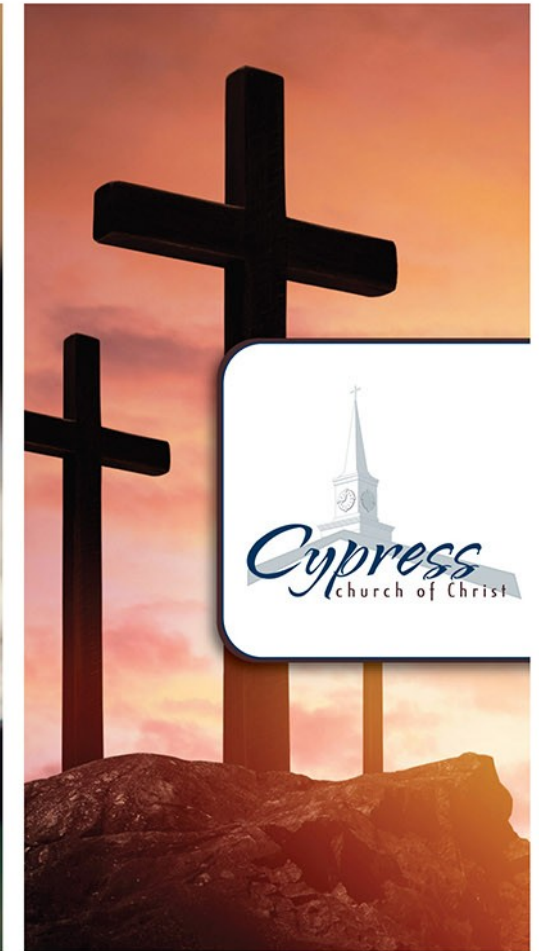
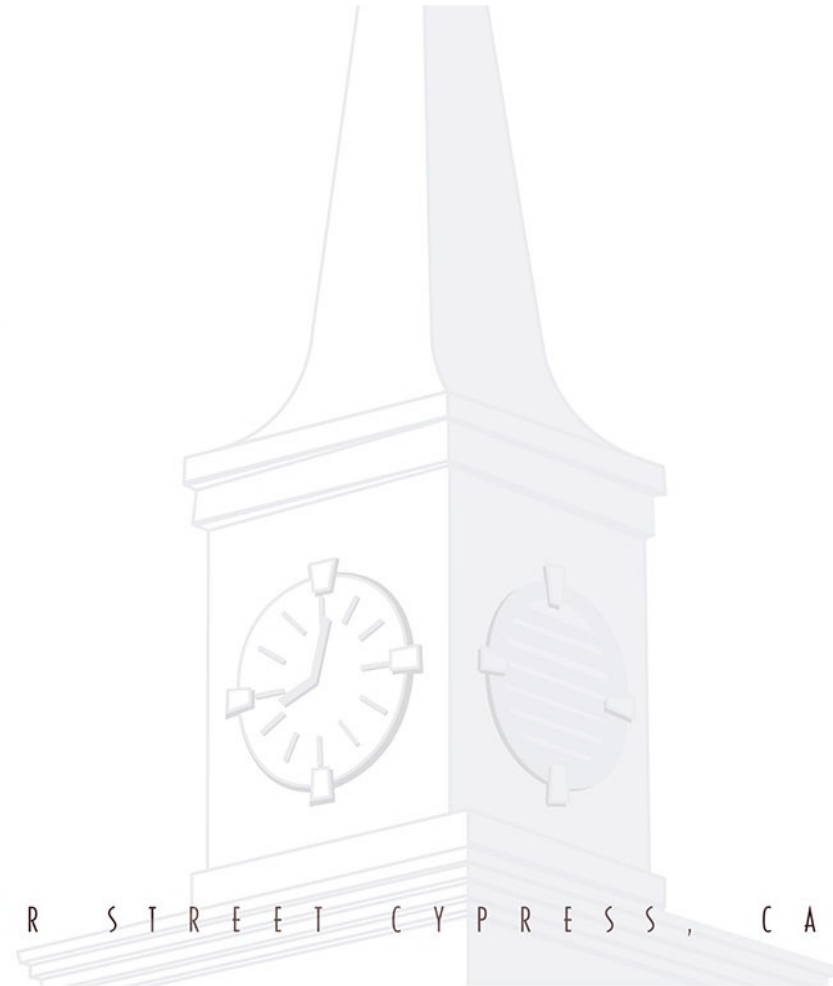
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worship times

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

09-13-2020: \$1,827.00



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, Sept 20—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.

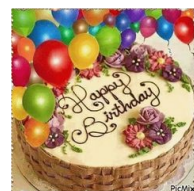
Sept 23—Wed—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — ZOOM meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Studying the book of Romans.

Sept 24—Prayer Meeting —Thursday at 1:00 p.m.-on ZOOM. Meeting ID: 445 831 9854 and PW: 9771. (If there is a change, you will be notified, please check your e-mail.)

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



Happy BIRTHDAY



September Birthdays

Marsha Jacoway	11th	Shawn Swanier	15th
Janett Lewis	13th	Porsha Draper	17th
Linda Christy	14th	Virgil Swanier	24th
Terrell Boykin	15th	Grace Williamson	30th

September Anniversaries

Pearson & Linda Christy—14th
Neal & Anita Williams—21st*
(*date correction)
Ronald & Regenia Anthony—26th



CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)



Our sympathy is extended to Linda Dunn, her grandchildren (Kimberly's children) and her entire family on the passing of her daughter, Kimberly McSwain..

Condolences may be sent to:
Linda Dunn
155 N. Citrus Ranch Rd. #101
Anaheim, CA 92805

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.

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:

Chuck Hays—Idaho.
Chris & Taeja Hamilton—Henderson, NV.
All of these individuals have returned safely from travel. Thank you for your prayers.

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 SHOTS.

Laverne Boykin—1) Requested prayers for her husband, Terrell Boykin, who is hospitalized with blood clots and other health issues. Please keep him in prayer. 2) She also requested prayers for **Rufus Marshall & Family** who lost their father. 3) Please also pray for the family of **Joy Mc Allen**. Joy passed away last week.
Donna Hubbard—Requested prayers for her son, Chris, and her daughter, DaShauna.
Hermenia Rodgers—Requested prayers on behalf of **Bernice Pitts** for her grandson, **Jarai Brown**, who has COVID. It is not a real bad case, but he is quarantined. Please pray for his recovery.

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Be joyful always. Pray continually. Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Dianne Thomas—Requested prayers for **JoAnn Jasmine**, a senior in Carson, who has health issues and lives on her own. Dianne is trying to get some assistance for her. Pray to that end and for her health.

Taeja Hamilton—Continued prayers for her cousin, **Baby Creed**, who was born premature some months ago and is still hospitalized. They thought she would be able to come home recently, but she was not well enough. **Please pray for her health and for, her mother, Dior, and her grandmother, Sharon, for strength.**
Mark Crockett—Continued prayers for him to come to himself and be able to get some help. Pray also for his family, as they are concerned about him and his whereabouts.

Shawn Swanier—1) Continued prayers for her job search. She has had several interviews and things are looking promising. 2) She also requested prayers for her cousin who has COVID.

Shirley Green—Requested prayers for her son, **Steven** and her daughter-in-law, **Vanessa**, for health issues.

Dianne Thomas—General prayer for all those affected by COVID and who are ill and/or have lost loved ones. .

Continued Prayers & Updates:

Frances Draper—Requested continued prayers for her niece, **Kimara, Linda Dunn's other daughter**, who had surgery recently. Please keep her in prayer for full recovery.

Tisa Hunter—Continued prayers for the **Langley daughters, Hannah and Emilee** who lost both of their parents within a week due to a car accident.

Donna Penson—Prayers were requested for **Brian, the son of her co-worker, Jim**. His father found him unresponsive and was able to give CPR and call paramedics. He was able to recover.

Hermenia Rodgers—Requesting continued prayers for the husband of my friend, **Barbara Boyd**. Her husband, **Sam Boyd**, had emergency brain surgery on Friday, 8/28. **UPDATE:** Sam is doing much better. He has opened his eyes, he can hear, and his medication has been reduced. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to keep him in prayer for a full recovery.

Dianne Thomas—General prayer for all those affected by COVID and who are ill and/or have lost loved ones. .

James Webb—Requested prayers for his niece and her husband who are suffering with health issues.

Tisa Hunter—Requested prayers for her cousin, **Valerie**, who blacked out, fell and fractured her back.

Frances Draper—1) Requested prayers for her daughter, **Porsha**—stress at work. 2) Her sister, **Shirley** who is in isolation due to COVID.

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

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her sister

-in-law, **Mary Boykin**, who is quite ill. Please be in prayer for her and her family.

Karen Lindsey—Requested prayers for her friend, **Barbara Acosta**, who has cancer and is not doing well. She has elected not have further treatment.

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.

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

Hermenia Rodgers—Requested continued prayers for her niece, **Annorver 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.

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.

Kay Smith (Dianne Thomas' sister)—Requested prayers for herself as she prepares for testing for job certification.

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.

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.

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.
Ryan Anthony—Health issues.
Keenan Modica—Military. (Belinda's nephew).