

# minister's message

## Declaring the "Excellences" Of God 1 Peter 2:9-10

Worship is how we declare what God has done. One purpose for calling the church to redemption is for it to declare God's work of the salvation in Christ.

Peter says that the blessing of salvation is that Christians have been called to serve God. These are the "chosen" ones. Like Israel was once the chosen people, who had all of God's blessings to be the light of the world, the privilege now belongs to Christians. God has chosen a new race of people who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who has paid the ransom for our redemptions.

Peter says Christians are a "royal priesthood, a holy nation." Christians are "a people for God's possession." The

thought is from Isaiah 43:21, "the people, who I formed for myself that they might declare my praise or "wonderful deeds."(RSV) The context is God bringing His people out of captivity. It's like Christians being delivered from sin's captivity. He brought them out, not for their sake but for His sake. In other words, our forgiveness is not because of us but in spite of us, and purely because of Him. If we belong to Him, our forgiveness of one another is not because of us, it's because of Him. God forgives because He is a forgiving God. His forgiveness for us is "that His glory might be proclaimed". His actions towards us are reason for our praise of Him!

God's purpose is for the church is to praise Him for His work of our salvation! In our praise we are to *declare*, what Peter calls, the "excellences" of God for which He alone is worthy to be praised!

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

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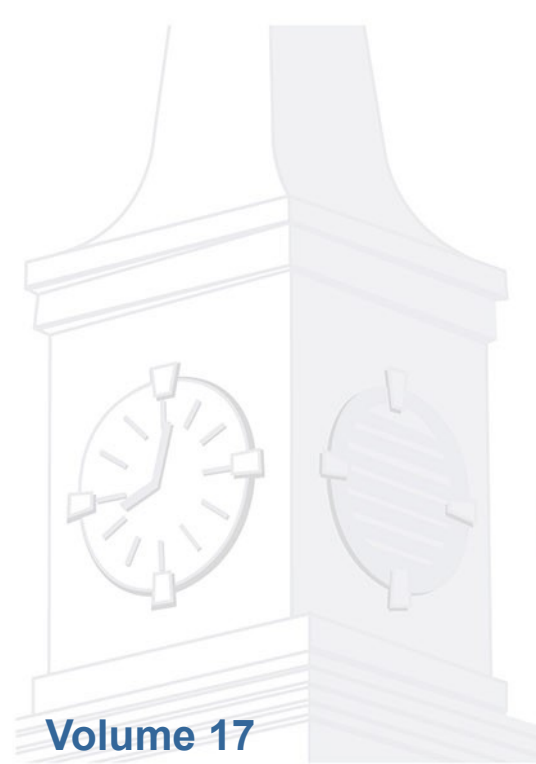
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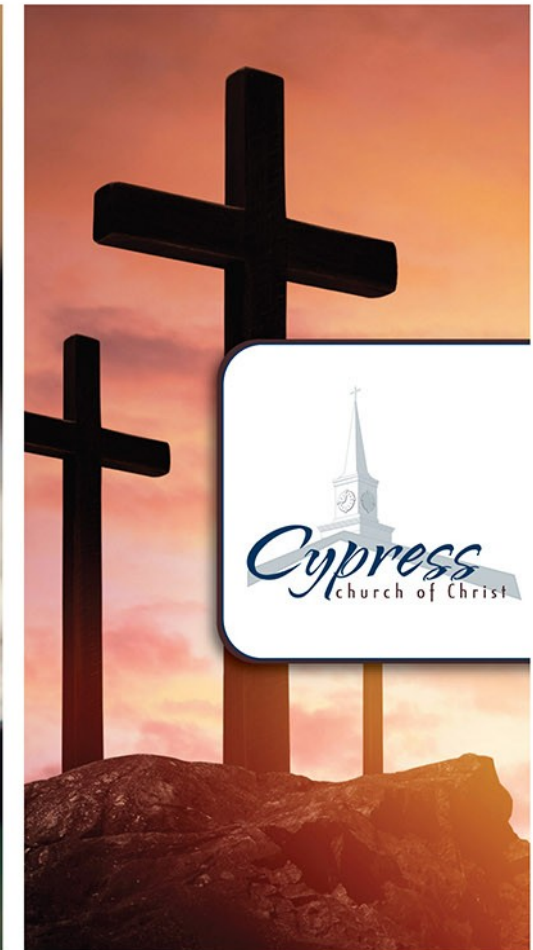
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## worship times

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](http://cypresscoc.com) (website)

our affirmation of faith: "JESUS IS LORD"

# mission

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

9/15/2019: \$2,041.50



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

**TODAY—Education Meeting** after the Bible Class hour.

There will not be a Friends & Family Day Planning Mtg. today.



**Saturday, September 28—5:00 p.m.—Married and Together Quarterly Fellowship.** Engaged couples are welcome. Hosted at the home of Terry and Erika Johnson: 3110 Cartagena Street, Lakewood, CA 90712. Enjoy catered food, a marital lesson and fun. The cost is \$25/per couple. Look for a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. You may also RSVP by text to (562) 760-1737.

**September 29—Combined Bible Class.**

**Friends & Family Day Planning Meetings & Canvassing schedule:**

**September 29—Planning Mtg.**

**October 6—Planning Mtg.**

**October 19—Saturday—Friends & Family Day Canvassing**

**October 27—Planning Mtg. & start bringing Thanksgiving basket items & toys for Toy Giveaway**

**November 3—Planning Mtg.**

**November 9—Saturday—Work Day**

**November 10—Friends & Family Day**

**November 24—Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway**

**October 6—3:00 p.m.—Monthly visit to Anaheim Crown Plaza, 641 S. Beach Blvd., Anaheim. Please meet at the facility.**

**2019 THEME: “GIVING OURSELVES TO CHRIST, AS CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF FOR US”  
2 CORINTHIANS 8:5, GALATIANS 2:20**



### September Birthdays

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



### September Anniversaries

**Pearson & Linda Christy—14th**  
**Ronald & Regenia Anthony—26th**

## BROTHERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**October 12—8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Hawthorne Church of Christ's Ladies Day, 4585 El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne 90250. Theme: “Shine Bright Like A Diamond”. Guest Speakers: Alika Harmon, Amy Johnson and Genny Moore.**

**December 6-7—61st & Division St. Church of Christ's 41st Annual Christian Women's Seminar—6070 Division Street, San Diego. Bridging The Gap—Mind, Body and Spirit — Faith. Keynote Speaker: Jarilyn Fox, Inspirational Speaker: Lori Harvin, PhD., Motivational Speaker: Koryn C. Dillard, PhD. See flyer on bulletin board. Registration: Adults: \$40, Ages 18-25: \$25, Ages 11-17: \$20, Ages 7-10: Free. See flyer on bulletin board.**

## 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:**

**Harold & Peggye Barnes**—Alaskan Cruise.  
**Barry Johnson**—Ohio and other places.  
**Joyce Davis**—Arkansas.

Thanksgiving for all who have returned safely from travel.

**Sick & Shut-in:**

**Dorothy Webb**  
Long Beach Healthcare Center  
3401 Cedar Avenue, Bed 14A (Rm # is a change)  
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 herself. She will be having double cataract surgery on Wednesday. Pray that it will go well.

**UPDATE:** Shirley's surgery went very well. Thank you for your prayers.

2) **Shirley** also requested prayers for her friend, **Freida George** who is dealing with some issues.

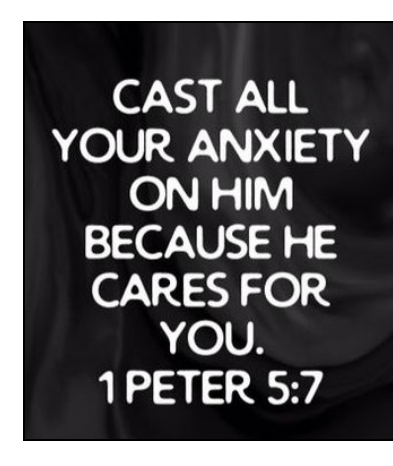
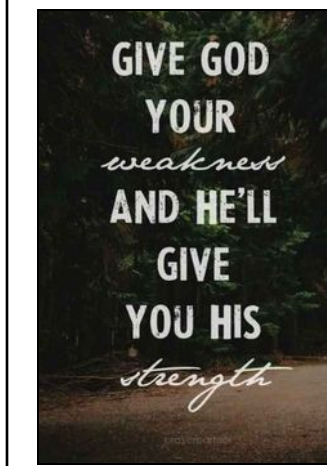
**Laverne Boykin**—Requested prayers for **Ryan Clark**, for safe traveling grace.

**AC Hamilton**—Gave a Praise report — The test his wife, **Rochelle**, had on her throat showed benign results.

**Ken Rodgers**—Requested prayers on behalf of **Ryan Anthony** who is sick with Bronchitis.

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**Herb Draper**—Expressed gratitude that his daughter-in-law, **Hana**, and granddaughter, **Leila**, are back safe from Japan.

**Continued Prayers & Updates:**

**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.

**Fred Meurkson:** Prayers for his brother, **Joe**, who has cancer.

**Anita Meacham:** 1) Her brother **Samuel McCallister** has congestive heart failure. 2) Her niece, **Brandi Banks**, had a routine biopsy and later in the day experienced pain. She was taken to the hospital where it was found that she was bleeding internally. She is still hospitalized. 3) Another brother **Thomas Townsend** is struggling with some life changing events. 4) Prayers requested for her fiancé's brother who is sick. 5) Prayers for herself and **Neal** who will be married on September 21, 2019.

**Janett Lewis:** Requested prayers for her nephew, **Michael Whitmore**, diagnosed with schizophrenia but stopped taking his medications. Now he is making some bad and dangerous decisions.

**Shawn Swainer:** She also requested prayers for **Karen Lindsey's friend, LeRoy Irvin**, whose son was found dead. **Update:** LeRoy, Jr.'s services were held the weekend of 9/14.

**Tisa Hunter:** Thanked the congregation for traveling grace as she traveled to her aunt's funeral. Continued prayers for the **Glossen and Jones** family. Unfortunately, while they were at the repast they received a message that another family member, **Juanita Gregg**, passed away. Pray for the **Adams** family.

**Donna Penson**—Requested continued prayers for her sister, **Shonte Thomas**, who is having twin boys, that all will continue go well with her blood pressure. She requested Godly wisdom and patience for herself. She has been profiled and followed quite often.

**Donna Hubbard**—Requested prayers for herself, as she is going through some things.

**Williamson Family**—Continued prayers as they mourn the loss of **Johnny Akins**.

**Laverne Boykin**—Prayers for her friend, **Barbara Russell** who has Stage 4 cancer.

**Herb Draper**—Prayers for the **Evans** family whose son was shot.

**Donna Penson**—Prayers for her cousin,

**Yolanda**, who has colon cancer.

**Herb Draper**—Requested prayers for the **Jackson** family. The husband is ill.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Continued prayers for her son, **Tony** and his wife, **Andreka**, health issues.

**Anita Meacham**—Requested prayers for a good friend, **Adria Wilson**, who has been dealing with some health issues and as a result her home will be sold. Please pray that everything will work out well for her.

**AC Hamilton**—Requested prayers for himself. He is dealing with a lot of back pain.

**Laverne Boykin**—Please pray for her sister, **Ailene**, health issues.

**Shawn Swanier**—Her sister-in-law, **Wanda Swanier** has completed her chemo treatments, but she still needs surgery. Please keep her in prayer.

**Linda Garner's** friend's daughter, **Roberta**, 14 year old with bone cancer.

**Donna Penson**—Please pray for the wife of one of Donna's co-workers, **Lydia Ruiz**, whose cancer has returned.

**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.

**Anita Meacham**—Continued prayers for her sister-in-law, **Valerie McAllister** who has breast cancer and is going through Chemo.

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

**Anita Meacham**—Requested prayers for, **LaShara Johnson**, who has a brain aneurysm.

**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 for over 3 years. Continue to keep her in prayer.

**Morris Jordan**—Prayers for strength and back pain.

**Lu'wana Sodomam**—Pray for improved health.

**Ryan Anthony**—Health issues.

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