

minister's message

Faith in Action: Taking Ministry Beyond the Walls

"Enlarge the place of your tent... do not hold back"
"Isaiah 54:2-4"

God has never intended His people to be confined by walls, limitations, or fear. Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord declares, *"Enlarge the place of your tent... do not hold back"* (Isaiah 54:2-4). This call was given to a people who had known loss and uncertainty, yet God urged them to prepare for growth before they could see it. Their hope was not rooted in present circumstances, but in the faithfulness of the Lord who promised restoration and expansion.

Isaiah's words reveal a foundational truth: *God's intention has always been outward-moving and hope-filled*. Faith is not pas-

sive; it prepares, reaches, and acts in confidence that God is at work. When the people of God trust Him, they are called to widen their reach, strengthen their commitments, and step forward in obedience.

For us today, *faith in action* means taking ministry beyond the walls of the building and into the lives of our neighbors. Every member has a role—through service, compassion, teaching, encouragement, and visible love for Christ. As we act in faith together, God uses His people to heal, restore, and bless the community around us.

The promise of Isaiah 54 is still true: *"Do not fear... you shall not be put to shame."* When we move forward trusting the Lord, He transforms our hope into impact and our obedience into a testimony of His grace.

Leonard C. Bradley, Jr., *minister of the Gospel of Christ*

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worship times
sunday morning 10:00 a.m.

bible class (weekly classes see inside)
sunday morning 11:50 a.m.
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.



All visitors are our honored guests. If you did not complete a visitors card, please do so prior to worship and place it in the offering plate. We hope your visit with us will be rewarding and spiritually uplifting.

CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information for Live Streaming and call in to listen to worship remains the same. Live streaming & call in: 10:00 a.m., www.cypresscoc.com, click Live Stream button. You may go to: www.youtube.com/user/cypresscoclive. Call in on phone: 1-470-455-0191. Pin: #347402036#.

Sunday—In person Co-ed Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall after morning worship.

Sunday—Ladies Bible Class—In person Ladies Bible class is meeting immediately following morning worship in the auditorium. Studying the book of Isaiah.

Tuesday Evening—SMALL GROUP CLASS ON ZOOM 7:00 p.m. Cypress Zoom ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.—In person and on Zoom Bible Class — Meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Studying 1 Corinthians.

Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.—PRAYER MEETING—on ZOOM: ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771

Every Thursday Evening—7:00 p.m.—Ladies Bible Class on the church ZOOM. The study is the book of 2 Samuel. ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING—7:00 P.M.—LEADER'S & MEN'S Mtg.

2026 THEME: "Led By The Spirit, Focused on Christ, Harvesting the Harvest"
Acts 1:8



Happy Birthday January Birthdays

Olga Maye
Brenda Carter
Erma Lepe

11th
15th
15th

Rochelle Hamilton
Jesus Vega
Eddie Morris

21st
25th
26th

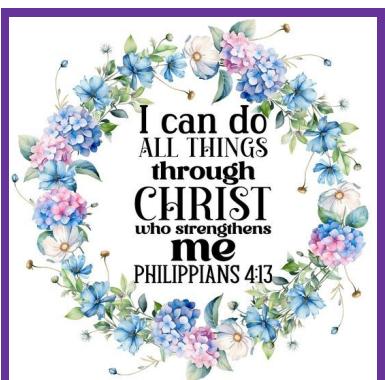
NO JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget: \$3,663.00
Offering week of 01-11-2026
\$3,077.00
(Includes Zelle)



[Dr. Sam Morris of the Bay](#)
[North Church of Christ](#)
[will be our guest speaker](#)
[on Sunday Morning,](#)
[January 18th.](#)



BIBLE READING
PRAYER
SONGS
SCRIPTURE/PRAYER
SONGS
COMMUNION/COLLECTION
MESSAGE
RESPONSES



61st Annual West Coast Preachers & Leaders Forum—Hosted by North Las Vegas Church of Christ—February 15-19, 2026

Sick & Shut-in:

Dorthy Webb
Long Beach Healthcare Center
3401 Cedar Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807
(562) 426-4461
Continue to keep her in prayer.

Prayer Requests from last Sunday and through the week:

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.

Prayers Requested for illness:

Roger Hunter—Requested prayers for his wife, Tisa, their family, her sister Torri Sharpe and all their family as they mourn the loss of their step father, Bro. Edward Harrell, who passed away last week. He was 100 years old.

Continued Prayers:

Prayers for Judy Cooper—Her thyroid surgery went well.—Please pray for her complete recovery. Eddie Morris requested prayers for his friend Miranda's grandmother's health.

Olga Maye—Health.

Torri Sharpe, Tisa Hunter's sister, had a stroke. Please keep her in prayer for complete healing.

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So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

Shawn Swanier—Requested prayers for Frances Hall and her sister, Beverly Ward for health issues and for them to get care they both need.

Loryn Carter—Requested prayers for job opportunity.

Tiffany Hines—Requested prayers for her mother, Geraldine, for health issues.

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for Mary Jane Montoya for health issues, and prayers for her Aunt, Shirley.

Vega's—Continued prayers for their children to come to the Lord.

Alma Swinton—Continued prayers for her grandson Ashton who has seizures/health issues.

Herb Draper—Requested continued prayers for Don & Cynthia Draper—Health issues.

Shawn Swanier—Her cancer tests are good. Pray they stay that way. Nothing to do at this time.

Donna Hubbard—Requested prayers for neighbor, Andrea, who had a stroke and needs brain surgery.

Patti Williamson—Requested prayers for Todd's sister, Janelle, who is having a number of health issues.

Hermenia Rodgers—Continued prayers for Sister/Friend, Rhonda Johnson—in hospice care.

Pearson Christy—Please keep him in prayer as he undergoes further testing.

Michael & Margaret Simpson, Prayers for their sister-in-law, Cheryl, who has cancer.

Lori White—Continued prayers for her health.

Williamson's Requested Prayer for their book-keeper, Cindy, who has cancer.

Dianne Thomas—Requested prayers for success in her efforts to lead her friend Gerald Amos to Christ.

Laverne Boykin—Prayers for a number of family members with health issues: her daughter, Lori Tarver, knee pain, and her brother, Al Gray-cancer.

Linda Christy—Continued prayers for Rhonda Bradley—heart health issues.

Wendy Bradley—Prayers for her mother, Mattie Reid, and family members: the Williams, Robinson and Butler families.

Laverne Boykin—Prayers for her friend, Barbara Russell—cancer.