

# minister's message

## “NOT BY ANYTHING BUT PRAYER”

MARK 9:14-29

In Mark chapter nine Jesus, Peter, James and John descended the mountain of transfiguration, they saw a crowd gathered around his disciples and scribes arguing with them. Jesus asked, “What is the discussion?” And, the father responded that his son had a dumb spirit that causes seizures. And he brought him to Jesus’ disciples and asked them to cast it out, but they could not heal him. Jesus immediately responded, “O faithless generation. Bring him to Me. How long has he had this?” The father said from childhood. “It casts him in fire and water to destroy him. If you can, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said, “All things are possible to him who believes.” The father said, “I believe, help my unbelief.” (Mark 9:14-24).

Why did the disciples fail to heal the son? They were given authority to cast out unclean spirits and sent by Jesus (Mark 6:7). It was

part of their mission. But they failed. They could not cast out the sickness. *Jesus lamented it was a lack of faith.* When the disciples later asked Him why they could not cast it out, Jesus said, “*this kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.*” Since this is true, this means we have the same authority today. We can exercise the same power of prayer!

The disciples had the authority, but *they lacked faith.* Did they pray for the sickness to leave the boy? Apparently, they did not. They looked to “*their authority*” and *not the Source of their authority*, who was Jesus. Jesus said, “*Not by anything but prayer.*” Jesus made prayer the center of the disciples’ power to heal the boy. It was God, and the disciples’ communication with God that would bring healing to others on their behalf. This lets me know that the power of faith is prayer, because prayer takes us to the throne of God who willingly responds when we ask anything according to His will. “*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*” (Hebrews 4:16).

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

## ministers

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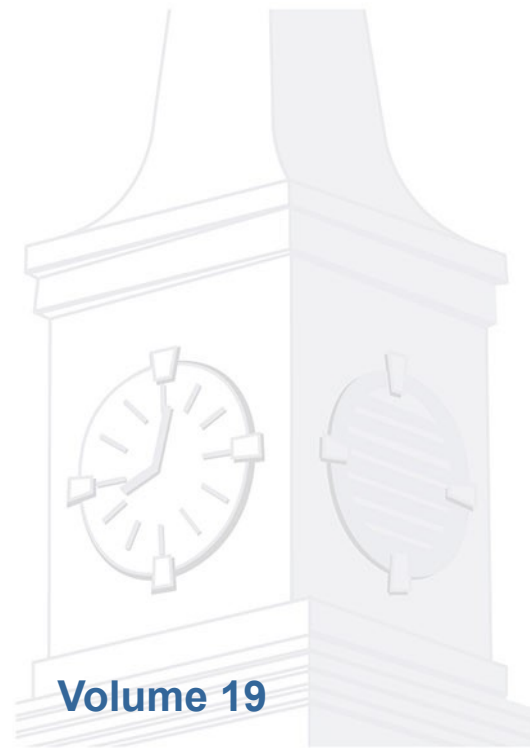
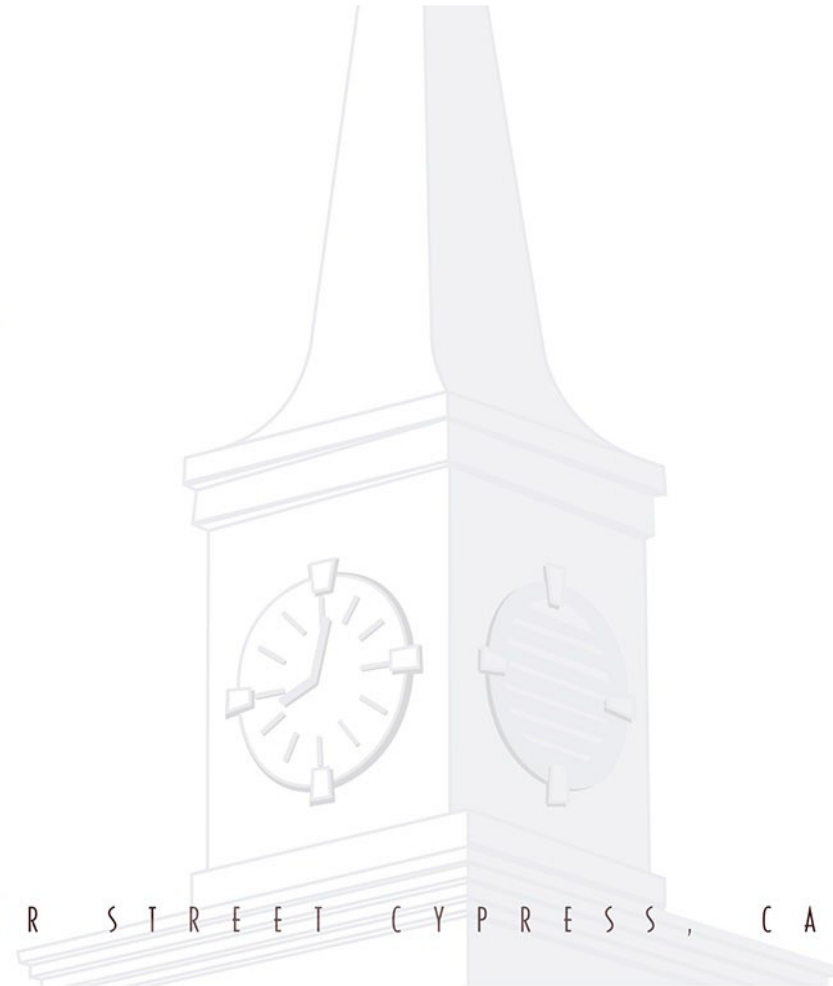
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## worship times

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”

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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**  
**10-03-2021: \$1,985.00**  
**Special Collection—**  
**Southside COC:**  
**10-03-2021: \$1,581.00**



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](http://www.cypresscoc.com), click Live Stream button. You may also go to: [www.youtube.com/user/cypresscoclive](https://www.youtube.com/user/cypresscoclive). Call in on phone: 1-470-655-0191, Pin #347402036#.

**SUNDAY** In person worship. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. **REMINDER: PLEASE CONTINUE TO TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS BY CONTINUING TO WEAR A MASK. IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID, PLEASE STAY HOME AND WORSHIP VIRTUALLY. THANK YOU.**

**SUNDAY—IN PERSON MEN'S BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER MORNING WORSHIP.**

**SUNDAY—Ladies Class—In person Ladies class has started and is meeting immediately following morning worship in the auditorium, Topic for study is the book of Ezra.**

**Wed, 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. Using the church Zoom info.**

**2020 THEME: "GIVING OURSELVES TO CHRIST, AS CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF FOR US" 2 CORINTHIANS 8:5, GALATIANS 2:20**

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## 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**

### 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 (IN HOSPICE)  
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:

**Hermenia Rodgers**—1) Requested prayers for the **Malone family—Her cousin, Mildred Malone**, passed this week. 2) Her friend, **Barbara Megs**, also passed away this week. Please be in prayer for the **Megs family** as well. Thank you.  
**Anita MeachamWilliams**—Requested prayers for her husband, **Neal**, for health issues.  
**Jordan Swanier**—Requested prayers for her co-worker, **Sarah Dorsey**, who had emergency surgery this week.  
**Frances Draper**—Requested prayers for leg and back pain she is experiencing.

### Continued prayers/Updates:

**Clint Williams (Normandie-Deacon) Cancer—Update**—He's doing better. Tumor is shrinking and he is tolerating the Chemo well. Please continue to keep him in prayer. Please also keep his wife, **Marilyn** in prayer as she cares for him. Thank you.  
**Glen Rinehart**—Had surgical procedure to clear blockage in his throat, as he was having trouble swallowing. Have not been able to reach him for update on his procedure. Keep him in prayer.  
**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requested prayers for her cousin, **Everil Bell & Family**. Everil's older son,



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## October Birthdays

**Loryn Carter 11th**

**Alisa Baber 22nd**

**Camille Williamson 24th**

## Happy Anniversary



### October Anniversaries

**Chris & Taeja Hamilton—14th**  
**Jun & Sylvia Lim—24th**

## CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS Cont'd

**Every Thursday Evening—7:00 p.m.—Ladies Class has started on the church ZOOM. The study is the book of Numbers.**

**EVERY THURSDAY EVENING—7:00 P.M.—LEADER'S & MEN'S MEETING—ZOOM ID: 609 755 6429, PASSCODE; 1234.**

**Every Friday Night—7:00 p.m.—The Verses Show on [www.TheVersesShow.com](http://www.TheVersesShow.com), or on Facebook.** Chris Hamilton hosts this show with different Ministers each week, discussing various scriptures. You are able to call in and ask questions. Check it out! (THIS SHOW IS CURRENTLY ON HIATUS).

### OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER MONTH:

For those who would like to show your support, memory of someone, etc. please wear pink or a pink ribbon each Sunday for the remainder of October. Thank you.



**Gordon**, passed away. Also, please keep **Everil** in prayer for the healing of her back. She has a compressed fractured vertebrae. Thank you.  
**Laverne Boykin**—Continued prayers for her sister, **Alene Gray** — Health issues.  
**Terrell Boykin**—Health issues. Continued prayers for him and for Laverne as she cares for him.  
**Wendy Bradley**— Continued prayers for her mother, **Mattie Reid**.

**Gail Irby**—Prayers for **Jeffrey Broadway**— Recovery from being shot.  
**Margaret Simpson**—Requested prayers for her brother, **Maurice Boykin and his wife Melonie** for health issues.

**Tisa Hunter**—Continued prayer for health issues.  
**Linda Christy**—Requested prayers regarding her eye health and knee pain. Please pray for her.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Continued prayers for **Sam Boyd** who had brain surgery the end of August. Sam is now in a rehab facility. He still has a long way to go, but he is better. Please continue to keep him in prayer, as well as his wife, **Barbara**. Thank you.

**Bill Carter**—Requested prayers for his cousin, **Essie Counts**, who is in her 90's, and has a number of health issues. Please keep her in prayer.  
**James Webb**— Requested prayers for his niece and her husband who are suffering with health issues.

**Bill Carter**—1) Requested continued prayers for his brother, **Bruce**, who is suffering from PTSD.  
**Laverne Boykin**—Requested prayers for her friend **Barbara Russell** whose cancer has grown and the doctors can't treat it.

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

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Continued prayers for her sister, **Gail Irby**, for the feeling to return to her extremities. And for her friend, **Gloria Lewis**, who continues to suffer from Vertigo and other health issues.

**Ronald Anthony**—Prayers for his family members in Michigan.  
**Morris Jordan**—Prayers for strength/back pain.  
**Ryan Anthony**—Health issues.  
**Keenan Modica**—Military. (Belinda's nephew).

**Shawn Swanier**—Requests continued prayer for