# minister's message

### **Hope for the Future**

"A Building of God, Not Made with Hands"

"For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Corinthians 5:1

One of Paul's talents is that he was a tentmaker by trade. A tent is built as a temporary shelter held together by ropes, poles and cloth, for a temporary purpose. (Acts 18:1-3). Tents have been the housing for the patriarchs-Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. As they wandered the promised land, the Israelites lived in tents. The tabernacle where they worshipped God, before erecting Solomon's Temple, was called the "Tent of Meeting". (Exodus 29:32; 40). Paul used the word, to refer to our bodies as "earthly tents" (2 Corinthians 5:1).

In 2 0Corinthians a "tent" is spoken of in contrast to "the building from God." The tent represents what is earthly. It is the nature of man in general, called from the dust of the earth. All human life, like a tent is temporary, as opposed to what is unseen and eternal

(2 Corinthians 4:18). Eventually everyone's earthly tent, life in the flesh will end as we know it, dismantled in death.

The word for "building" describes a fortified structure, from God. It's a replacement dwelling for believers who die in the Lord. It's a superior dwelling place that believers will not access before death. What we have now is a down payment. It is payment guaranteed by the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, whom we received when we were baptized in water for the remission of sins, and thereby gifted with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-4). Just as we moved into the spiritual body of Christ, the church, at baptism-a symbolized death and resurrection-we will occupy a new dwelling place when we keep our appointment with death.

A guaranteed payment by the Holy Spirit means that even if our temporary tent, earth dwelling be dismantled by death, God himself has building eternal in the heavens not made with human hands. God has a new house waiting for every believer who dies in the Lord. It's a house built in God's neighborhood, where God Himself lives, in a city called Heaven.

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

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**January 3, 2021** 





sunday morning 10:00 a.m. sunday evening 5:00 p.m. bible class (weekly classes see inside) sunday morning 11:50 a.m. CVPresscoc.com (website) our affirmation of faith: "JESUS IS LORD"

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## ∟ 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.

## contact

church of Christ cypress 9771 walker street cypress ca 90630 phone (714) 828-4800 fax (714) 828-6987 www.cypresscoc.com

CONTRIBUTION Weekly Budget: \$3,575.00

12/27/2020: \$8.570.00

## classes Sunday 11:50 a.m.

wednesday 7:00 p.m.



All visitors are our honored quests. 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#.

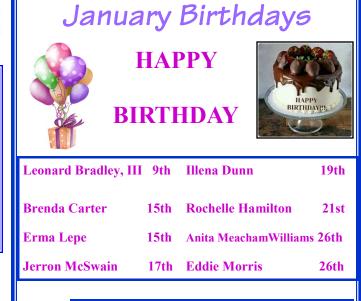
SUNDAY, Jan 3-11:15 a.m.-Ladies Bible Class will meet virtually every Sunday on ZOOM. Meeting ID: 445 831 9854 and PW: 9771. Old Testament Review. Currently in Exodus.

Wed, Jan 6-7:00 p.m.-Bible Class - ZOOM meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Studying the book of Romans.

Thurs, Jan. 7— Thursday at 1:00 p.m.-PRAYER MEET-ING-on ZOOM. Meeting ID: 445 831 9854 and PW: 9771. (If there is a change, you will be notified, please check your email.)



Wendy Bradley's first cousin. Anthony Williams, passed recently from COVID. Please be in prayer for Wendy and the familv. See address: ----



## No January Anniversaries

Our dear sister. Janett Lewis. passed from COVID on December 25, 2020. Janett was a friendly, faithful, hardworking Christian woman, with a beautiful smile and will be missed by all of us. Please pray for her family. No details regarding a

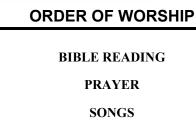
service at this time. Condolences may be sent to:

Flossie Whitmore 5115 Park Glen Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90043



Bro. Bradley's brother, Leonard Wooten, passed from COVID on Saturday, December 26, 2020. Please be in prayer for Wendy and Leonard Bradley, their family and for Leonard's brother's wife. Lorraine, and their children. Condolences may be sent to:

Leonard & Wendy Bradley 5460 Lindsey Lane Cypress, CA 90630.



**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:

Dorthy 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 SHOT.

Clarence Stampley, former Cypress member, passed from COVID on Wednesday evening. Please be in prayer for his wife Rose, and brother. Adrian. Condolences may be sent to: Rose Stampley 3326 S. Lowell St. Santa Ana, CA 90305

Mary Quick, passed from COVID on Saturday. She was a long time, member of the Normandie Church of Christ and was in charge of the preschool for Normandie Christian School. Please be in prayer for the Quick family. Condolences may be sent to:

> Charles Quick & Family 9720—5th Avenue Inglewood, CA 90305

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Dianne Thomas-Requested prayers for her brother, Wilbert Guise, who is battling COVID. Shawn Swanier—Requested prayers for 1) her husband, Virgil, and son, Adam, who will be driving to Mississippi this week. 2) Virgil has lots of family members with COVID. Please be in prayer for them

Shirley Green-Requested prayers for herself. Chris Hamilton-Requested prayers for his fam-Her pressure has been dropping when on dialysis. Hermenia Rodgers-Continued prayers for Sam Donna Penson—1) Requested prayer for her friend. Carmen Winston, who is battling cancer Bovd who had brain surgery the end of August. and COVID. Also, pray for Carmen as she lost her UPDATE: Sam is now in a rehab facility. He still significant other to COVID. 2) She also requested has a long way to go, but he is better. Please continue to keep him in prayer, as well as his prayers for an exercise class attendee, Marty, who has COVID 3) also please pray for a co-worker, wife, Barbara. Thank you. Julio Guatamuse who tested positive for COVID. Bill Carter-Requested prayers for 2 of his cous-Tisa Hunter-Requested prayers for her daughter, ins: George Counts who lost his wife and his **Raven**, who has a 6 week Occupational Therapy cousin, Essie Counts, who is in her 90's, and has assignment in Novato, CA. Please pray that all will a number of health issues. Please keep them in go well and that she will be safe. praver Linda Christy—Requested prayers for herself for Shawn Swanier-Continued prayers for her job peace with all that is going on. search Hermenia Rodgers—Wishes to thank everyone James Webb- Requested prayers for his niece who prayed for her niece, Annorver Johnson. and her husband who are suffering with health She has completed her chemo treatments. Her issues Laverne Boykin-Requested prayers for her sistests came back and her cancer numbers are good. However, she will have to be checked every 3 ter-in-law, Mary Boykin, who is guite ill. Please be in prayer for her and her family. months to be sure cancer stays at bay. Margaret Simpson—Requested prayers for her Karen Lindsey-Requested prayers for her brother, Maurice Boykin and his wife Melonie for friend, Barbara Acosta, who has cancer and is not doing well. She has elected not have further health issues treatment

#### **Continued Prayers**

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Dianne Thomas—Requested pravers for a friend who will having a biopsy. Pray that the results will be good

Ruby Coleman—Requested prayers for her brother, Levi's, children and for herself. Tisa Hunter-Continued prayer for health issues. Linda Christy-Requested prayers regarding her eye health. Please pray for her. Chris Hamilton-Continued prayers for Baby Creed (Taeja's cousin) who was born premature and has been in the hospital since last year. Please continue to keep her in prayer that she will recover.

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

Laverne Boykin-Her husband, Terrell, is now at home. He still has a number of health issues and really needs 24 hour care. Please keep him in prayer for improved health. Please pray for

Gail Irby-Requested prayers for Jeffrey Broadway, son of Dorothy Broadway, Duarte Church of Christ. Jeffrey was shot six times while watering is lawn this past week. He is currently hospitalized.

Joyce Davis—UPDATE on her family: Her father who had COVID is better, but still has a ways to go. Her brother, Jimmy, Jr. (COVID) is good and back to work. Her brother, James (Cancer) is still undergoing tests. Please pray for James for good test

Mark Crockett-UPDATE/Good news- Mark is now getting some help for his psychological and neurological conditions. Please continue to keep

Alma Swinton-Requested prayers for her daughter, Shalma who has COVID. Thank you.

Alma Swinton-Requested prayers for her friend, Betty Morris who was hit by a car and seriously injured. Please pray for her full recovery. Thank

Please also pray for her family.

Linda Christy-She is having a lot of pain in her other knee. Needs surgery. Needs to wait because of COVID. Keep her in prayer.

Hermenia Rodgers-Continued prayers for her family, especially her son, Tony, (health) and her grandson. Corv (frontline worker).

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.

Chris Hamilton-Requested prayers for himself-To get his health/weight under control.

Laverne Bovkin-Requested pravers 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.

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 man-

ager, 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 pravers for her friend, Gloria Lewis, suffering with Vertigo and other health issues.

Morris Jordan -- Prayers for strength and back

Ryan Anthony--Health issues.

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