

# minister's message

*"...But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream."  
Amos 5:24*

The past year has been a revealing year of injustice in America. It has shown how important it is to *emphasize and speak out* against human injustice. We are from one God who has made all of us one race, the human race in which we all equally belong.

*Justice* is an attribute of God that speaks to His Holiness. Holiness is the essence of God's nature sacred and pure, uncontaminated by evil and separated from all that is corrupt in the world. In this sense God is the Righteous Judge of all the earth, being the spirit of all that is just, good and fair for everyone. *Justice is a regard for the rights of other human beings with the purpose to preserve them.*

Looking forward what kind of voice should Christians have to speak for racial, social-economic righteousness and justice anywhere in the world? What will we do to educate, inform and motivate people to engage in "good and necessary trouble" to bring evil men to repentance? *Yes, to repentance because no sinful man can honestly be just. To get there does require active engagement.*

Amos called for justice because God, who is Just, sent him to indict any people who mistreat even their enemy devoid of human dignity. God addresses injustice everywhere and He simply judges it as sin. Amos called out human injustices perpetrated not only by the Jewish people but by the other surrounding nations. This tells us that God is *universal in his judgment of man's sins* against man. He calls out: moral, social and political corruption in Amos' prophecy for divine justice.

*Syria for inhumane treatment; beating war captives with iron spiked timbers*

(Amos 1:3).

*Philistia for slave trafficking (1:6); and Phoenicia for slave trading with Edom (Amos 1:9).*

*Edom, descendants of Esau, Jacobs brother, for perpetual enmity and hatred for Israel (Amos 1:11).*

*The Ammonites in that they ripped up pregnant women as they invaded another country, as a way to enlarge their borders (Amos 1:13).*

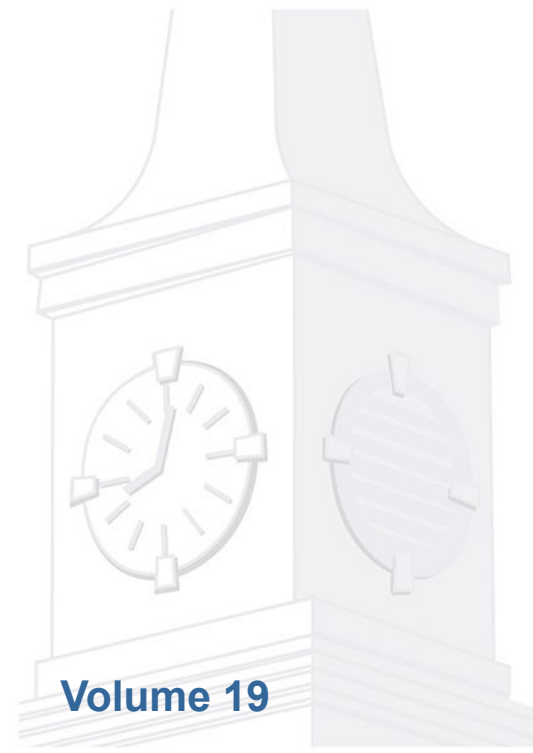
*Moab demonstrated inhumane cruelty by burning the bones of the dead and making them into lime (Amos 2:1).*

*Judah's sin was religious apostasy — "they rejected the law of the Lord and turned to lies.*

The sins of *Israel* against God included *oppression of the poor*, taking bribes, *dishonesty in business dealings, material excessiveness, moral bankruptcy*, even a false religious confidence in their self-elevated righteousness. This was the result of their turning away from God and turning to idolatry. It was their departure from God that led them to injustice, hardness of heart and immorality with no regard for the poor or moral conduct. "because they sell the righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of shoes" (Amos 2:6-7).

America prides herself on being a great nation a beacon of light for the world to imitate. Yet I have heard the question, *is this America?* more in recent days than any time I can remember. The answer is yes this is America. And yes, America stands judged just like any other nation who treats people inhumanely and turns away as if there is nothing to see.

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



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## ministers

- leonard bradley
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- herb draper
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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.

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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**

02-28-2021: **\$3,730.00**



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, March 7—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 Leviticus.

**Wed, March 10—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — ZOOM meeting.** ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Studying the book of Romans.

**Thurs, March 11—Thursday at 1:00 p.m.-PRAYER MEETING—on ZOOM.** Meeting ID: 445 831 9854 and PW: 9771. (If there is a change, you will be notified, please check your e-mail.)

**REMINDER....NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021 SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD BEFORE RETIRING ON SATURDAY NIGHT!**



**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  
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:

**Donna Hubbard**—Requested prayers for her mother, **Norman Jean Hubbard**, who had a fall and had hip surgery. Please keep her in prayer for a full recovery.  
**Tisa Hunter**—Requested prayers for her husband **Roger's family** on the passing of his cousin, **Prentice Penny**, who passed a few days ago.  
**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requested prayers the family of a sister in Christ, **Marilyn Pauley**, who passed on Thursday morning.  
**Shirley Green**—Requested prayers for herself—Shoulder health issue—needs MRI.  
**Shawn Swanier**—Continued prayers for her job search. She has a good prospect. Pray that it works out.  
**Gail Irby**—Prayers for the daughter of **Gloria Lewis**—Health issues.  
**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requesting prayers for **Pam Parker**, for health issues—member Tonto Church of Christ, AZ.  
**Frances Draper**—1) Continued prayers for her sister, **Shirley** 2) and prayers for her niece, **Kamara**, who had surgery for a full recovery.  
**Shirley Green & Linda Christy**—Prayers for their brother, **Leon Brooks**—**UPDATE**—He is now home but needs 24/7 oxygen at home. Please continue to

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MOTHER OF STAN HARMON, MINISTER, HAWTHORNE CHURCH OF CHRIST:

The Harmon family is requesting support from any interested church members, friends, family members, strangers, etc. as they seek holistic medical care for their wife/mother **Darla Harmon** who has been diagnosed with ALS (aka Lou Gehrig's disease). She is the wife of **Stan Harmon, Sr.** (Minister in Apple Valley area) and mother of **Stan Harmon, Jr.** (Minister of Hawthorne congregation). If you are moved to assist the family during this very challenging time, please do so at the link below, or (if not), please share the following information:  
[https://www.gofundme.com/f/darlas-medical-expense-fund?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/darlas-medical-expense-fund?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

keep him in prayer, and for his family members who will be caring for him.

#### Continued prayers/Updates:

**Linda Christy**—Continued prayers for **Pearson Christy's family** on the passing of his sister, **Lillian Younger**, who was funeralized on Saturday.  
**Bill Carter**—Prayers for **Alonzo Powell**, who has cancer.  
**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requested prayers for **Alita Luckie** and her sisters on the passing of their mother, **Martha Luckie**.  
**Gail Irby**—Requested prayers for **Gloria Lewis**, who had a bad fall and is very bruised and in a lot of pain.

**Joyce Davis's daughter, Jineen**,— Sent a Praise Report—Her neighbor, **Mr. Prothe**, is improving. He's on oxygen and still critical, but he's talking. Please continue to keep him in prayer. Thank you.  
**Joyce Davis**—Prayers for her husband, **John**, who is having BP issues.

**Frances Draper**—Requested prayers for strength.  
**Tisa Hunter**—Former co-worker, **Liz**, health issues  
**Terrell Boykin**—Health issues. Continued prayers for him and for **Laverne** as she cares for him.  
**Bill Carter**—Requested prayers for **Ivory Verser** who has COVID and is not doing well  
**Wendy Bradley**—Continued prayers for her mother, **Mattie Reid**.

**Alma & LaDonnia Swinton**—Prayers for health issues.  
**Donna Penson**—Prayers for her mother, **Linda Christy**, for good test results.

**Gail Irby**—Prayers for **Jeffrey Broadway**—Recovery from being shot.

**Dianne Thomas**—Prayers for a friend who has cancer. Please pray that all goes well.

**Wendy Bradley**—Requested prayers for three relatives: her uncle **Wendell**, her cousin, **Henry**, in Ohio, and her cousin, **Theresa**, in MS.  
**Shawn Swanier**—1) Continued prayers for complete healing from her shoulder surgery. 2) Please pray for the mother of the **Kelly family**—Health issues.

**Frances Draper**—Continued prayers for her sister, **Shirley**, who is now on a walker and needs more care and needs to move to another facility.

**James Webb**—Requested prayers for his wife, **Dorothy**, who is not eating.

**Linda Christy**—Prayers for her friend, **Maria Collier**—health issues.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Prayers for her son, **Tony** and her daughter-in-law, **Andreka** for health issues, and for her grandson, **Cory** (frontline worker).

**Patti Williamson**—Continued prayers for her 4 year old neighbor, **Ellissley**.

**Joyce Davis**—Continued prayer for her brother, **James** who has cancer which has spread.

**Gail Irby**—Requested prayer for her cousin, **Shelby Williams**, who is experiencing some mental health issues.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—**UPDATE**—Harold Terrell is

now home. Thank you for your prayers.

**Donna Penson**—1) Requested prayer for her friend, **Carmen Winston**, who is battling cancer and COVID 2) also please pray for a co-worker, **Margaret Simpson**—Requested prayers for her brother, **Maurice Boykin and his wife Melonie** for health issues.

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

**Tisa Hunter**—Continued prayer for health issues.

**Linda Christy**—Requested prayers regarding her eye health and knee pain. Please pray for her.

**Chris Hamilton**—Requested prayers for his family.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Continued prayers for **Sam Boyd** who had brain surgery the end of August.

**UPDATE: 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.

**Laverne Boykin**—Requested prayers for her sister-in-law, **Mary Boykin**, who is quite ill. Please be in prayer for her and her family.

**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.

**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. 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).