

# minister's message

## God's Protection

Psalm 91:14-16

The context of this Psalm is timeless and appropriate for God's people in any trying situation. Four divine names are used to describe the God in whom he places his trust for protection from his enemies. He is the "Most High", suggesting God's supremacy, Creator and Sustainer – *Genesis 14:17-24*; "Almighty" – the power of God (Cf. *Ex. 6:3*); "The Lord" – speaking of the covenant relationship name which the Lord revealed himself to His people (*Ex. 3:14, 12*); and "My God" – a personal claim on his relationship, "in whom I trust." The names invoked for help show how willing God is to bring the full capacity of His Person to deliver His people. It speaks of God's promise, providence and pledge to protect the people who love Him against any opposing adversary.

God's Promise is of *protection from every enemy...and His care for his servants...*, (Psalm 91:1-6).

God's Providence is *intervention, to deliver those who trust and abide in Him; they are protected from evil men* (v. 7-13).

God's Pledge of love and commitment 91:14-16 – is an 8-fold

response and blessing for those who make God their refuge: Trust in the Lord, is compared to taking shelter and shadow v.1, under the cover of his wing, a refuge and habitation—see v.2, v.9., "*in whom I will trust*"—is addressed by the Lord:

"*Because he cleaves to me in love...*" means that his heart is set on the Lord as it would be in loving the Lord with all his heart. His commitment is to the Lord. Cf. God's commitment came first— (*Deut. 7:7-9; 10:15*) v. 14; I will deliver.

"*Because he knows my name...*" a relationship that rests on *revelation*— (Cf. Psalm 76:1; *Ex. 34:5-7*), "I will protect him... is His "covenant-loyalty".

"*When he (my servant) calls to me*" ... I will answer; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue; I will satisfy—with long life... *and I will show him my salvation*—protection and deliverance. (Psalm 91:15).

Romans 8:28, "*Everything works together for good, with those who love the Lord and are called according to his purpose.*" Nothing can touch God's servant but by His absence, and when is He ever absent except when we turn away from Him.

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

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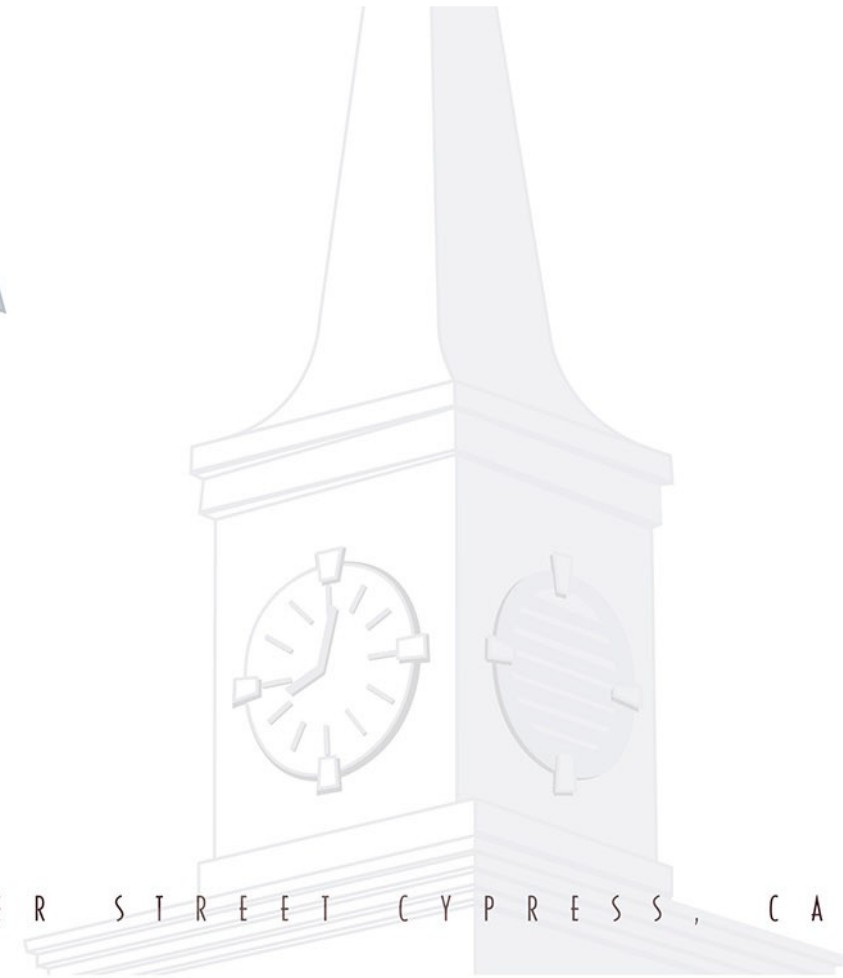
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## worship times

sunday morning 10:00 a.m.

sunday evening 5:00 p.m.

bible class (weekly classes see inside)

sunday morning 11:50 a.m.

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our affirmation of faith: "JESUS IS LORD"

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

03-01-2020: \$2,698.50



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—2:00 p.m.—Cypress** will host the Orange County Second Sunday Singing. Please stay and support this event. Light refreshments will be provided following the singing.

**April 10-13**—Youth Conference will take place at Mt. Herman. See Chris Hamilton for information.

**2019 Offering Statements**—Many of you have **not** picked up your offering statements. If you are interested in having a copy, please see Ken Rodgers after morning worship.

**Pew Packers—Every Sunday morning**—Stay a few minutes after worship for Pew Packers to say their memory verse. Thank you.

**TODAY**—Proverbs 3:5-6

**March 15**—Isa. 40:31

**Bonus Scripture:** I Cor. 13:1-13, you can still do Psalm 23 also.

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

## March Birthdays

Joyce Davis	3rd	Aaron Sharp	12th
Roger Hunter	7th	Patti Williamson	17th
Samayah Priestley	12th	Ronald (A.J. Anthony)	29th

**No March Anniversaries**

## BROTHERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**April 9-12—35th Annual Church of Christ Ladies Lectureship Retreat, Galt House Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky.** See the website: [Ladieslectureshipretreat.org](http://Ladieslectureshipretreat.org) for hotel information and to register.

**April 19—SAVE THE DATE— 51st National Dinner Day in support of Southwestern Christian College.** Tickets are \$75/per person. Location: Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles. See Leonard Bradley for tickets.

**May 2—7:30 am—12:30 pm—SAVE THE DATE— Ladies Day 2020 hosted by the 38th Street Church of Christ, 567 S. 38th Street, San Diego.**

**May 5-8—77th Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures.** Register online: [Pepperdine.edu/harbor](http://Pepperdine.edu/harbor).

**May 16—SAVE THE DATE—Myrtle Avenue Church of Christ Annual Ladies Day Program. Keynote Speaker: Kathleen Hawkins, Figueroa Church of Christ.**

**May 23-28—76th Annual National Lectureship of the Churches of Christ will be held in Orlando, FL.** See bulletin board for more details.

## 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:**

**James Webb**—Traveling—Texas for brother-in-laws funeral.

**Karen Lindsey**—Traveling.

Thanksgiving for all who have returned safely from travel.

**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:**

**Tisa Hunter**—Thanked everyone for the wonderful Deacon Installation Service last Sunday, as her husband Roger was one of the deacons installed. 1) Requested prayers for her friend whose 3 year old child was murdered. 2) **Raven** is home from New York. She did not come to church today, as she was not feeling well. Please pray for her. She will be talking her boards soon.

**Shirley Green**—Stated that she is thankful to God for his protection. She is a dialysis patient and is thankful that dialysis is available for her. She also requested prayers for her son and daughter-in-law to have a safe trip back to Las Vegas.

**James Webb**—His brother-in-law, who was in hospice passed away last Sunday. Please be in

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*May your cup overflow with God's peace, love and joy!*

prayer for his wife, **Alice**. Also, pray for **Bro. Webb** as he travels to/from Texas for the funeral service which will be next weekend

**Brenda Carter**—Requested prayers for good friends of hers, the **Richardson family**, whose only son, Tyrone Richardson, passed away suddenly from a heart attack.

**Donna Penson**—Requested prayers for a co-worker, **Charles Upshaw**, whose father, **Gerald Upshaw** is ill. Also, please pray for her mom and her family.

**Terry (visitor from Las Vegas)**—Requested prayers for her and her husband.

**AC Hamilton**—1) A co-worker committed suicide last week. His name was **Wally**. Please pray for his family. 2) Please also pray for him and his wife, **Rochelle**.

**Herb Draper**—Thanked everyone for all the love that was shown last Sunday for the Deacon Installation Service, as he was one of the deacons installed.

**Continued Prayers & Updates:**

**Anita Meacham Williams**—Requested prayers for her nephew, **Damon McAllister**—Health issues.

**Dwight Wilson**—Requested prayers for his great niece, **baby Creed** who was born premature.

**Donna Penson**—Having a problem at work. She has been unjustly accused of harassment. Help her to keep the right spirit, and for this issue to be resolved.

**Hermeria Rodgers**—Continued prayers for her friend, **Shirley Miles**, who has a major infection in her nose/face that has not been able to be corrected with high doses of antibiotics. She is now facing surgery. Surgery date pending. Please keep her in prayer.

**Fred Meurkson**—Requested prayers for his sister, **Gwen** and his brother, **Joseph** — Health issues.

**LaDonnia Swinton**—Requested prayers for her friend, **Deanna Murray**, who has cancer.

**Chuck Hays**—Continued prayers for grief—loss of his wife.

**James Webb**—Requested prayers for **Sis. Webb's** health.

**Karen Lindsey**—She is away traveling. She is requesting prayers for the relationship between herself and her daughter, **Olivia**, to be restored.

**Jeanette Young**—Requested prayers for her aunt who is hospitalized.

**Anita & Neal Williams**—Continued prayer for Anita's brother, **Sam McAllister**, and two of Anita's cousins: **Calvin Boyce**—stroke, and **Niani Toban**—Lupus.

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

**Lori White**—1) Requested prayers for **Thelma Davis** and **Nicholas** for health issues.

**Patti Williamson**—Requested prayers for her mother-in-law, **Terri Williamson**, who is recovering from back surgery.

**AC Hamilton**—Requested prayers for **Rochelle's** brother, **Anthony Hughes**, who is having problems with his foot.

**Ruby Coleman**—Continued prayers for her family,

and for her sister **Pearl**. Pearl is doing better.. **Alma Swinton**—Requested prayers for a close friend, **Nathaniel Blackmon**, who is undergoing chemo.

**AC Hamilton**—Requested prayers for his manager, at work, who has lung cancer, and prayers for his family.

**Laverne Boykin**—Requested prayers for **Carl Hunter** who is sick. He is having tests to determine the problem. Please keep him in prayer.

**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.

**Anita Meacham**: 1) Her niece, **Brandi Banks**, Health issues. 2) Another brother **Thomas Townsend** is struggling with some life changing events. 3) Prayers requested for her fiancé's brother who is ill.

**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.

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

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

**Donna Penson**—Prayers for her cousin, **Yolanda**, who has colon cancer.

**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.

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

**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.

**Hermeria 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.

**Hermeria Rodgers**—Requesting prayers for her friend, **Gloria Lewis**, suffering with Vertigo.

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

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

**Ryan Anthony**—Health issues.

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