

minister's message

A MESSAGE ON FAITH

What we learn about Paul's faith in all of his writings is that we never see him waver. His faith is always balanced as in Philippians 4:11— *"I've learned in whatsoever state I'm in to be content..."* a solid expression of his state of being. He also said "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep what I have committed unto him against that day..." (2 Timothy 1:12). Some people equate faith with an emotion of hope. You may have faith in faith, or faith in something else, but when trouble comes, when tribulation comes, that kind of faith tends to get pushed around.

Personal faith is a work in progress. Abraham proves this as his actions align completely with God's commands for his life. The reality is that faith gives us a way to get through life. Yes, FAITH is the VICTORY!!! That said, God does

everything possible to help us practice the balance of faith with our actions. That is the result of saving faith.

The disciples prayed "increase our faith." That can be our prayer as we hear, study and grow in God's word. We know that "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by God's Word (Romans 10:17). If your faith increases and increases and then somehow your faith is on the decline like the Stock Market, there's something wrong with where you're investing your faith. I would say it's not in God and His Word. God does not change. We change, to become more and more accepting of Him and the promises He has made.

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

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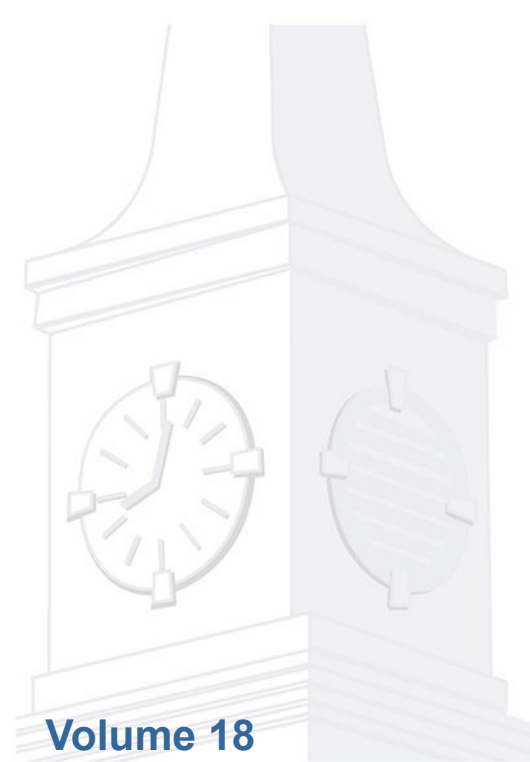
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worship times

sunday morning 10:00 a.m.

sunday evening 5:00 p.m.

bible class (weekly classes see inside)

sunday morning 11:50 a.m.

cypresscoc.com (website)

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**

03-08-2020: **\$2,381.50**



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

Saturday, April 4—10:00 a.m.—There will be a **Cypress Church of Christ Spring Cleaning Day**. Brothers and sisters are invited to participate. Please come out and participate in this effort.

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—Isa. 40:31
March 22—Psalm 1:2

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 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.

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:

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:

Hermenia Rodgers—1) Requested prayers for her daughter-in-law, **Andreka**, who will have hip replacement surgery on Wednesday. 2) She also requested prayers for a friend, **Shirley Miles**, who will have surgery on Thursday to remove an infection in her nose/face area. **UPDATE: Andreka's** surgery and **Shirley's** surgery went very well. Thank you for your prayers for please pray for their recovery. 3)**Tony Rodgers** had a surgical procedure on Friday. It went well also. Please pray for his healing.

Eddie Morris—Requested prayers for his sister, **Gail**, who continues to suffer from a bad cough. He also requested prayers for Cypress that with the installation of two new deacons, the congregation will move forward.

Anita Meacham Williams—Requested prayers for her husband, **Neal**, who is sick today. She also

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requested prayers for **Neal's mother**, due to the loss of her husband, and for **her brother, Thomas McAllister** who had surgery and will be going through radiation and chemo.

Herb Draper—Requested prayers for his wife, **Frances**, and his daughter, **Porsha**, who are both sick today. He also requested prayers that the Coronavirus, which is plaguing the world, to get better and for the church to grow stronger.

Janett Lewis—Requested prayers on behalf of **Joyce Davis** who recently lost two family members. Please pray for Joyce and her family.

Alma Swinton—Requested prayers to remain strong. She also requested prayers for her children and grandchildren, as she does not want them to fall away. She is concerned about this and it is affecting her health.. Please pray, especially for her grandchildren.

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for a co-worker, **Carlos Vargas**, who lost his 26 year old son in a terrible car accident.

Linda Christy—Requested prayers for **Alice Harding** (Normandie) who lost her sister.

Shirley Green—Requested prayers for her brother, **Leon**, who had a fall and broke his ribs. Please pray for his recovery.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

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.

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.

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.

Hermenia Rodgers—Continued prayers for her son, **Tony & 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.

Hermenia 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.

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

Morris Jordan—Prayers for strength and back pain.

Lu'wana Sodoman—Pray for improved health.

Ryan Anthony—Health issues.

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