minister's message

Seeking the Lord in Prayer

James 5:16-18

James says Elijah was (a man) "like us" (James 5:17). He wasn't perfect as a man; he was righteous because he loved God. In modern terms, he would be a faithful Christian nothing more or less. He was true, genuine in his heart, trusting in the Lord to provide everything he would need.

The effect of Elijah's prayers was less a miracle than some may think. It was routine in the life of a praying man in communication with a God who continuously acts on our behalf. One reason for his prayer seeming miraculous is because it is rare to find men who spend their energy *doing the Lord's will through prayer*; and being heard by the one true and living God. God has always sent the rain regardless, whether people love Him or not (Matthew 5:45). James calls for Christians to trust in the Lord when we pray to have access to His endless spiritual blessings. God will effectively work on our behalf as

we give our energy and time in prayer to praise, petition and proclaim the name of the Lord.

James teaches us that when we are faced with trial, or challenges beyond our control, we should pray to the Lord in praise and thanksgiving. We are to ask and utilize the power of prayer in all things pertaining to life and godliness in Christ. Paul told the church to pray without ceasing and be anxious for nothing. If and when sickness comes, we should call the doctor but when we call a doctor to be sure to call on the Lord in prayer. Christians have the privilege to pray for one another and to boldly ask for God's grace. The Lord will provide.

Prayer in the name of the Lord can heal and save us all, if the Lord wills. If we **confess** our sins rather than conceal them, if we pray faithfully in service of the Lord we will find as a blessing from God the grace of healing and forgiveness. Our prayers like Elijah's are both, effective and powerful. This is the way of the church and the way of Lord by whom we are called to serve in worship and Christian life.

His servant and yours, Leonard C Bradley, Jr.

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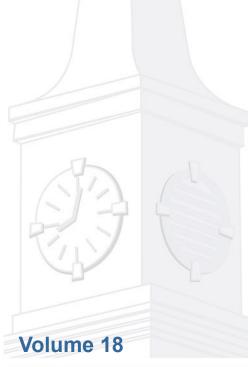
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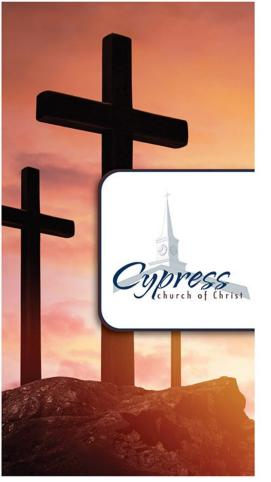
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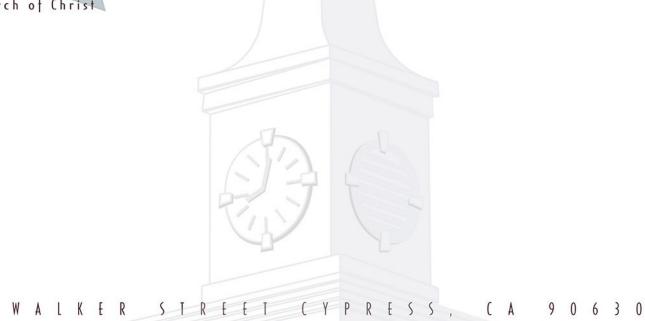




worship times sunday morning 10:00 a.m. sunday evening 5:00 p.m.

bible class (weekly classes see inside) sunday morning 11:50 a.m.

Cypresscoc.com (website) our affirmation of faith: "JESUS IS LORD"



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.

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget: \$3,575.00

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All visitors are our honored quests. 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.

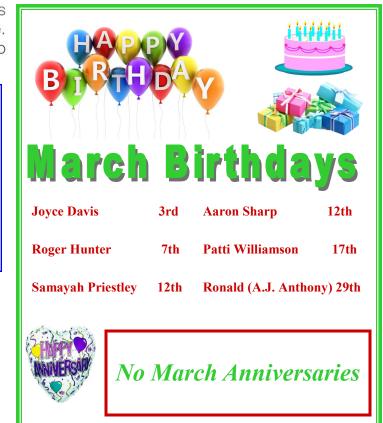
CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information for Live Streaming and call in to listen to worship remains the same as last week. Live Streaming & call in: 10:00 am, www.cvpresscoc.com, click Live Stream button. You may also go to: www.Youtube.com/user/cvpresscoclive. Call in on phone: 1-470-655-0191, Pin #347402036#.

Saturday, April 4—10:00 a.m.—Cypress Spring Cleaning Day— Will be rescheduled.

April 10-13—Youth Conference has been cancelled.

While we are unable to meet for worship, Pew Packers are encouraged to memorize the bonus scripture: I Cor. 13:1-13. Donna Penson.



BROTHERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

This conference has been cancelled due to COVID-19. They plan to hold it August 6-9. —35th Annual Church of Christ Ladies Lectureship Retreat, Galt House Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky. See the website: Ladieslectureshipretreat.org for information.

This event is being postponed. No new date as yet. 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 Brad-

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.

June 6—8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon—Ladies Day hosted by the Eastside Church of Christ, 915 E. Martin Luther King Blvd., Los Angeles. Lunch will follow at noon. Speakers; Sariah Land and Lenitta Wilson. FREE.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BIBLE READING

PRAYER

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WORSHIP IS FOLLOWED BY **BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

Traveling -- Pray for safe traveling grace:

Thanksgiving for all who have returned safely from

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:

Bill Carter—Requested prayers for his friend, Bob Banks, who is very ill, as a result of Agent Orange. May only have 1-2 years.

Brenda Carter—Requested prayers for her mother, Rosie Lewis, who may have had a mini stroke and is hospitalized. UPDATE: Tests showed she did not have a stroke. May be released from hospital today (3/28). Thx for your prayers.

Taeja Hamilton—Requested prayers for homeless that they can find shelter and food, and for all those whom the pandemic has affected physically and mentally that they will lean on God during this time. Ken Rodgers—Requested prayers for his brother, **Tony**, who is highly vulnerable to the virus because of pre-existing health conditions.

Erika Johnson-Requested prayers for her husband. Terry, who is ill.

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for those who are out of work and struggling during this time. She

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Be still and know that I am God! Psalm 46:10

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also requested prayers for her co-workers who are

Teresa Wilson—Requested prayers for her uncle in North Carolina who is recovering from pneumo-

Stephanie O .- Requested prayers for herself and for her sister Joanne, who is an essential worker during this crisis.

Mary Quick—Requested prayers for herself, her husband, brothers, sister and niece.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

UPDATE: Jovce Davis's niece. Tammy Walter. is doing much better and was released from the hospital this week. Thank you for your prayers.

Donna Hubbard-Requested prayers for her mom and dad. They have to be careful during this time. Her father has gout. Please keep them in prayer.

Hermenia Rodgers—Continued prayers for her grandson, Cory, who is an Emergency Medical Technician. He is currently transporting all type of sick people. Please keep him in prayer for health and safety. He tested negative for the virus. Praise God!

Anita Meacham Williams—Requested prayers for Vita Mays and LaShawn Dulberry-life issues and for her family

Chris Hamilton—Requested prayers for baby **Creed** was born premature and has pneumonia.

Anita Meacham Williams—Continued 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

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

Shirley Green-Requested prayers for herbrother. Leon, who had a fall and broke his ribs. Please pray for his recovery.

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for a coworker, 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.

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

Fred Meurkson-Requested prayers for his sister, Gwen and his brother, Joseph - Health

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

James Webb-Requested prayers for Sis. Webb's health

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

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

pray that her lung issue will be resolved. 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 probems 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

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) Pravers 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.

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

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

Lu'wana Sodoman—Pray for improved health. Ryan Anthony--Health issues

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