

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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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

03-22-2020: \$3,667.00



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

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.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#.

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.

**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

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 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.

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

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:

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

also requested prayers for her co-workers who are ill.

Teresa Wilson—Requested prayers for her uncle in North Carolina who is recovering from pneumonia.

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: Joyce 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.

Hermeria 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 her brother, **Leon**, who had a fall and broke his ribs. Please pray for his recovery.

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.

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.

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 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.

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 Sodomani—Pray for improved health.

Ryan Anthony—Health issues.

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