

# minister's message

## A MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

Matthew 9:35-37

In Matthew 9:35-37 Jesus was moved by the spiritual conditions of the people. They were helpless, confused and without a leader. Compassion moved Jesus to come and to call sinners to repentance. The misery of a dying servant, a grieving widow, a spiritual misunderstanding or even a penitent sinner, Jesus helped them all because compassion does not judge: it ministers (Luke 5:31-32; 7). Jesus gave Himself for us through His compassion, for the least deserving. He looked beyond our faults (Romans 5:8)—beyond our attitudes, beyond our sins for ways to serve, to honor God, and ways to give non-Christians a hope of life in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus was committed to the Kingdom of God and why would our commitment to Him be anything less. When we are committed to Christ, we show that we are recipients of God's compassion and grace. Paul wrote in Galatians 3:27-28; "we are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus, for all who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (have clothed yourselves

in Christ)." Every person saved by Christ is added to the body of Christ, to live a resurrected and *renewed life* (2 Corinthians 5:17) because we received His compassion. We know what it feels like to be loved by Jesus.

Secondly, we *represent the mercy or compassion we received*. To "re-present", means to *present again*. 1 Peter 3:14-17—"but even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't be afraid and don't worry. Instead you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if you are asked about your Christian hope always be ready to explain it." Everyone in Christ, is commissioned to model and declare their experience of compassion received, and to offer to anyone the life that is the Kingdom of God.

This was the Lord's journey in the world, if we are committed to Him, then it becomes our journey too. The journey to heaven is to travel on the road of compassion. When Jesus saw the need, He sent His disciples to meet it with compassion.

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

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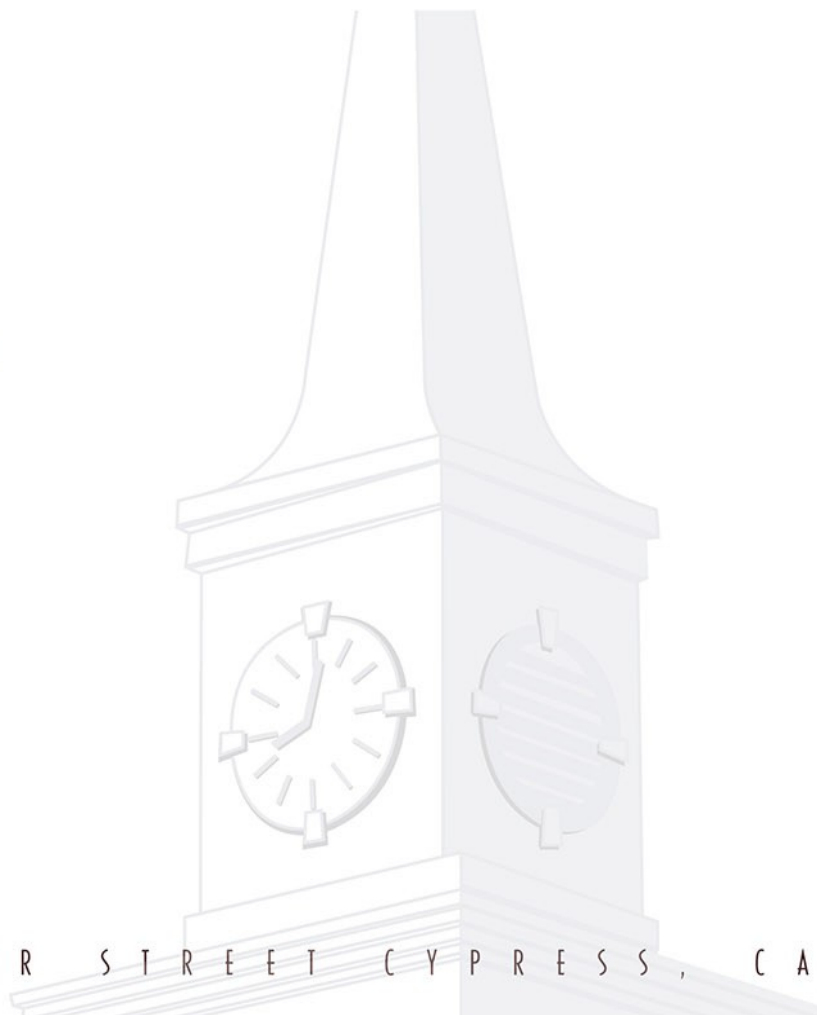
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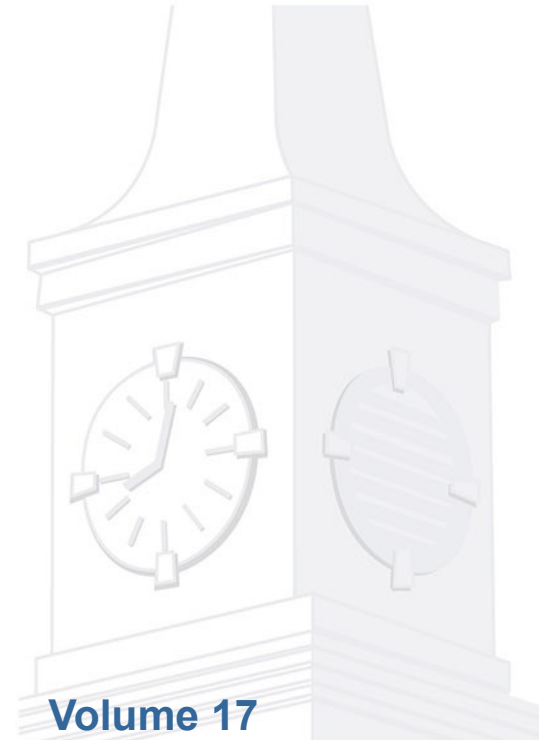
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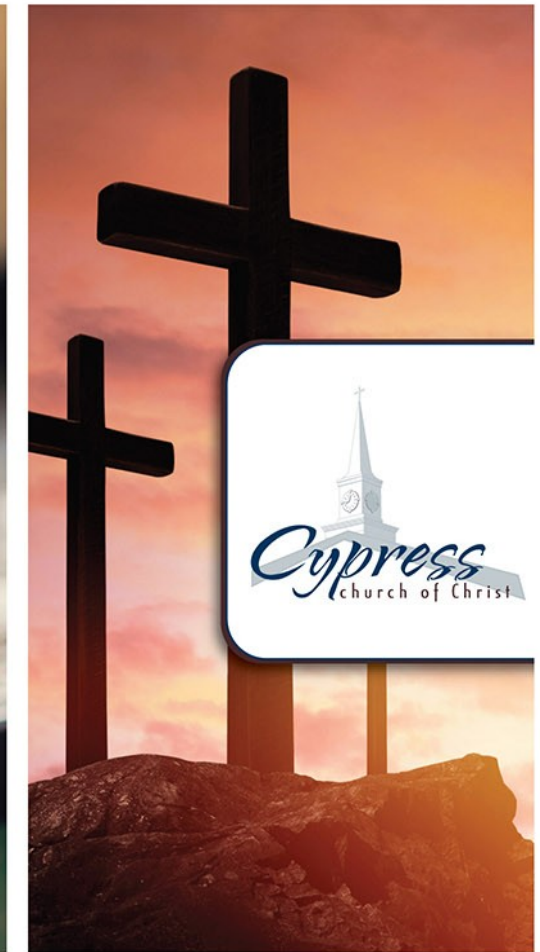
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## worship times

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](http://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

04/07/2019: \$10,455.79



*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.*

**Nursery**—A staffed nursery is available for any parents who desire to leave their babies there during the worship service.

## CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY—3:00 p.m.—Monthly visit to Anaheim Crown Plaza,** 641 S. Beach Blvd, Anaheim. Please meet at the facility.

**Youth Snack Sales**—Some of our youth plan to attend the California State Youth Conference April 19-22. Please support them in their snack sales effort. Also, if you would like to make a larger monetary contribution to this effort, that would be greatly appreciated as well. If you plan to do that, please indicate **YOUTH CONFERENCE** on your envelope. Thank you.

**Every 3rd Sunday—1:00—2:00 p.m.—Monthly Men's Meeting.** Meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall.

**ATTENTION:** We are in the process of hiring a company to clean this facility. We may not have cleaning services for a couple of weeks. Your patience is appreciated as we make this transition. Thank you.

**April 13, Saturday—12:00 noon—3:00 p.m.—FOOD, FUN, GAMES and FELLOWSHIP**—In the Fellowship Hall—**Cost \$5.00/per person.** There will be an event originally planned for seniors, but anyone is welcome to attend. A light lunch will be provided. There will be fun and entertaining games that will improve memory. There will also be a special guest host. Linda Christy has planned this event and if you plan to attend, she needs your \$5.00 right away. Thank you.

**2019 THEME: "GIVING OURSELVES TO CHRIST, AS CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF FOR US"**  
**2 CORINTHIANS 8:5, GALATIANS 2:20**

## April Birthdays



<b>Olivia Horton</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>La Donna Swinton</b>	<b>19th</b>
<b>Donovan Fleming</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>Artesja Cobb</b>	<b>26th</b>
<b>Isaiah Cobb</b>	<b>14th</b>		



**No April Anniversaries**

## BROTHERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**April 18-21—Ladies Lectureship Retreat—Marriott Rivercenter, 101 Bowie Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.** Theme: "Christian Women: Serving A Mighty Powerful God". See bulletin board for all details or visit [www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org](http://www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org) for info and registration. They have now secured 4 additional hotels. Please check the website.

**April 20-25—Church of Christ 75th Annual National Lectureship—**Will take place at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel, in St. Louis, MO. Theme: "From Tragedy to Triumph". See bulletin board for all details and registration information. You may also register and book your room online. They will be honoring Dr. Ralph R. Smith of the Centreville Church of Christ for service & dedication.

**April 25-27—Defending The Faith Seminar** —Hosted by the State College Church of Christ, 311 N. State College Blvd., Anaheim. See flyer on bulletin board for all details.

**April 27—7:30 a.m. —Ladies Seminar & Luncheon** hosted by the Lincoln Avenue Church of Christ, 7267 Lincoln Avenue, Riverside. 9:00 a.m. Program, Lunch 12:30. Theme: **Renewing Spiritual Love.** Guest Speaker: Deborah Houston, San Antonio, TX. See bulletin for complete details.

**April 28—SAVE THE DATE—50th National Dinner Day to support Southwestern Christian College.** Location: Proud Bird Restaurant. Tickets are \$75. See Leonard Bradley, if interested.

**April 30-May 3—76th Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures@ Pepperdine University.** Theme: **A Broken Hallelujah.** Register online: [Pepperdine.edu/harbor](http://Pepperdine.edu/harbor).

**May 3-5—25th Anniversary National Association of Celebrated Seniors Conference (55 and older).** Info and Registration: [www.Celebratedsenior.org](http://www.Celebratedsenior.org). Hyatt Regency Hotel, Houston, TX. \$135/night. They will be honoring Dr. Jack Evans.

## 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 2A  
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:**

**Linda Christy—1)** Requested prayers for her husband, **Pearson Christy.** Pearson does not do well flying, but they went to Hawaii and had a good time, but now he is experiencing problems as a result of flying. Please keep him in prayer. **2)** Requested prayers for her sister, **Shirley Green,** who is experiencing health issues with blood pressure, AFIB and her knee popped out of place Saturday night. Please pray for her. **3)** Linda also requested prayers for herself, as she is scheduled for knee surgery on April 24th.

**Shawn Swanier—1)** Thanked the congregation for their continued prayers on her behalf. **2)** Requested prayers on behalf of **Barry Johnson,** who flew to North Carolina for a friend's funeral (he was like family). Barry has not been well himself. Pray that he returns safely on Tuesday. **3)** She also requested prayers on behalf of **Frances**

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**"When you do your part, the Lord adds his power to your efforts."**



**Draper** who had a procedure on her back this week and did too much and is now flat on her back. Keep her in prayer.

**Tyrell Jones—1)** Requested prayers for his family. His uncle passed away. **2)** Pray for his son, as he has been incarcerated again for doing drugs. **3)** Tyrell requested prayers for himself, as he has started working in a program called Kingship where he talks to kids from his experience and tries to touch their lives and get them to stay on the right path.

**AC Hamilton—**He continues to have back pain. Please pray for him. Also, his wife, **Rochelle,** is sick today.

**Leonard Bradley—**Requested prayers on behalf of the **Normandie Church of Christ** that they will be guided with wisdom. **2)** He also requested prayers for **Chris Wright** and his family.

**Continued Prayers & Updates:**

**Lori Carter—**Traveling in South America—Please pray for her safety.

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

**Chris Hamilton—**Still experiencing back pain issues. Please keep him in prayer. Also, please pray for all his family.

**Lori Tarver—**Continued prayers—healing from knee surgery.

**Tony Rodgers (Hermenias son/Ken's brother)**—serious heart health issues. Undergoing tests for the possibility of transplant for heart and kidney. Please keep him in prayer.

**Barry Johnson—1)** Requested prayers for a family member, **Carol Smith,** who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Esophageal cancer.

**Linda Christy—Pearson's brother, Ernest** Please pray for his recovery from brain surgery.

**Shawn Swanier—** Her sister-in-law, **Wanda Swanier** has completed her chemo treatments, but she still needs surgery. Please keep her in prayer.

**Donna Penson—** Her co-worker, **Yolanda Paladino,** is in the hospital with pneumonia and blood clots in her legs and lungs. Keep her in prayer.

**Glennisha and her daughter, Logan,** former Cypress members are requesting our prayers.

**Frances Draper—**Requested prayers for her sister, **Linda Dunn,** who has not been feeling well.

**Linda Garner's** friend's daughter, **Roberta, 14**

**year old with bone cancer.**  
**Janet Lewis—**Continued prayer for 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.

**Laverne Boykin—**Requested prayers for her nephew, **Morgan Lightner—**The kidney rejected and he is now back on dialysis. Please pray for him.

**Anita Meacham—**Continued prayers for her sister-in-law, **Beverly 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.

**Ron Anthony—**Please pray for his family, especially his wife, **Regenia.**

**Kelly Selvick—**continued prayers for her friend, **DeeDee,** who has cancer.

**Anita Meacham—**Requested prayers for, **LaShara Johnson,** who has a brain aneurysm.

**Hermenias Rodgers—**Continued prayers for her sister, **Gail Irby,** for the feeling to return to her extremities.

Continued prayers for **Howard Croom.**  
**Ronald Anthony—**Continued prayer for his mother and other family members in Michigan.

**LaDonnia Swinton—**Continued prayer for co-worker, **Eric,** recovering from stroke.

**Hermenias Rodgers—**Requesting prayers for her friend, **Gloria Lewis,** suffering with Vertigo for over 3 years. Continue to keep her in prayer.

**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).

*Kind words are like honey,  
sweet to the soul.*