

minister's message

Fear or Faith: What Fuels You?

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Fear has the ability to change the way we make decisions in our lives. As a matter of fact, the physical body has only two responses to an increase in fear or stress: Fight or Flight. The Fight or Flight response sends adrenaline throughout our body to prepare the muscles to respond appropriately to the heightened threat. This can provide a person with "new" found strength which is used either to fight off or run away from an attack. We need to recognize that this may be our reaction to circumstances in our lives as Christians. When God is calling for a greater level of commitment and participation, are we answering Him by fighting back against His commands? Is our first response to run away when God calls for the true worshippers to stand? Does greater involvement in the Lord's Church bring us fear and anxiety? We need to be fueled by our Faith and not our Fears.

When we are fueled by fear we hide our talents, like the servant did in the parable of the ten talents (Matthew 25:14-30). But when we are fueled by faith, we speak boldly for God just as Peter and John did even when told not to (Acts 4:19). When we are fueled by fear we step outside of God's plan just as Abraham and Sarah did (Genesis 12 and 20). But when we are fueled by faith, even if we do not know the outcome, we follow God anyway like Ruth, Job, and Paul. We believe as they did that God will provide a way through for any circumstance. We will have faith that God will equip us to stand in the ministry He has called us for and we can stand even when we don't know the outcome. **F.E.A.R.** has been said to mean **False Evidence Appearing Real**. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen (Hebrews 11). We can see the thing we are afraid of, yet the reality is that it is **not real**. Though we **cannot see** God, we still know that He is real. Since we have that faith we need to use it to move us closer to God, not further away. If we are going to fight, let us fight the enemy. If we are going to flee, let us flee from the enemy.

His servant and yours, Christopher R. Hamilton

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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"

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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: \$2,922.50



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.

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

CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY—A brief meeting immediately after morning worship regarding the AMTRAK Trip to San Diego. Interested, please attend.

On Easter Sunday, April 21st, we will have our annual "Eggstravaganza" (Easter Egg Hunt) for our kids after the Bible Class hour. So, please bring 6-12 plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy or treats. Upon arrival, drop off your already-filled eggs in the kitchen. Volunteers are needed to help hide the eggs. If you'd like to help or have any questions, please contact Shawn Swanier. Thanks for your support in ensuring the kids have an eggcellent time!

2nd Sunday Evening—Fellowship meal after worship is starting again.

4th Sunday, April 21—James Webb will make an Evangelism presentation during the combined Bible Class.

1st Sunday in May—NO EMPTY PEW—Everyone please bring a visitor(s). Let's have all the pews filled.

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

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

April Birthdays



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| Olivia Horton | 1st | La Donnia Swinton | 19th |
| Donovan Fleming | 10th | Artesja Cobb | 26th |
| Isaiah Cobb | 14th | | |



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 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—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.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BIBLE READING

PRAYER

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SONGS

COMMUNION/COLLECTION

MESSAGE

RESPONSES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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

Traveling --Pray for safe traveling grace:

The Bradleys—Visiting his mother in Connecticut. Plan to return Wednesday.

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:



Karen Hunter, former Cypress member passed from this life suddenly on Tuesday. Please be in prayer for her children, Sean and ShaVaughn, and her granddaughter, Cierea, whom she was rearing, and all of her family. Condolences may be sent to:

The Family of Karen Hunter
2223 Mouser, Dallas, TX 75203

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Life without God
is like an
unsharpened pencil
- No Point



A time For Everything

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die. Eccl. 3:1-2a

Live each day as if it is your last.

Tisa Hunter—Requested prayers for her daughter, **Raven** and her friends who have a test on Tuesday that they will do well. Raven also has a job offer. 2) She also requested prayers for her nephew, **Aaron**, who also has a test coming up.

Vilisa Baker (visitor)—1) Requested prayers for her and her husband's health issues and for their safe travel back to Kentucky. 2) Prayers for her daughter (**BreeAnna Green**) and family to be more faithful.

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her nephew, **Roderick Henderson**, who is feeling guilty following the passing of his brother (they were not on speaking terms).

Frances Draper—Thanked the congregation for their prayers during her recent procedure. She is feeling better.

Leonard Bradley—Requested prayers for safe travel for **he and Wendy** as they to go visit his mother back east.

Bill Carter—Requested prayers on behalf of a visitor (**Donna Zwick**). 1) Donna has visited here in the past and felt comfortable coming here. She has lost three siblings. She requested prayers for herself and her parents. 2) She needs a job and has lost her ID, and other important papers she needs in order to obtain a job. Please pray for her.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

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 (Hermenia's 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.

Hermenia 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.

Hermenia 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 Sodoman**—Pray for improved health.

Ryan Anthony—Health issues. **Keenan Modica**—Military. (Belinda's nephew).