

minister's message

"The Power of His Resurrection"

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.
Phil 3:10-11

Nothing in life compares with knowing Jesus. Just to know Jesus means more to Paul than his own life heritage. Before Christ, Paul led a moral and upright life that could be said to merit its own righteousness. His life could be seen as greatness in the personal gains of ancestry, Law of Moses, tribal heritage, prominence among Pharisees and zeal in persecuting the church. However, no one knows better than Paul, how these pale against "knowing Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings." "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss."

The knowledge Paul seeks renders a life changing, ongoing personal relationship with Christ (Cf. Jn.17: 3; 1Cor.2: 8; 1Jn. 2; 3, 4; 4,8; 5:20). Paul wants to "know Him and the power of his resurrection."

Knowing Christ and His power are not separate equal principles in Paul's teaching. Paul is not content to know Christ as a fact of history. Paul **is not** saying, "I want to know Him and the power of His resurrection." He's saying I want know the power of the resurrected Christ **at work within me**. He wants to know Him as the resurrected-ever-living Lord of my life. **This is a power** which allows him to *experience Christ creatively at work to save him, transform him morally, move him to a life of service to others, initiate a newness of life in the Holy Spirit, and that resurrect him from death in sin to life in Christ (Romans 6:4-11).*

This is the resurrection we celebrate every Lord's Day. This is the testimony in which we have hope in the fact that Jesus lives! He lives within our hearts as He transforms our lives to receive an inheritance of glory throughout all eternity. What could be more important than to share this blessing of knowing Jesus and the power of His resurrection?!

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

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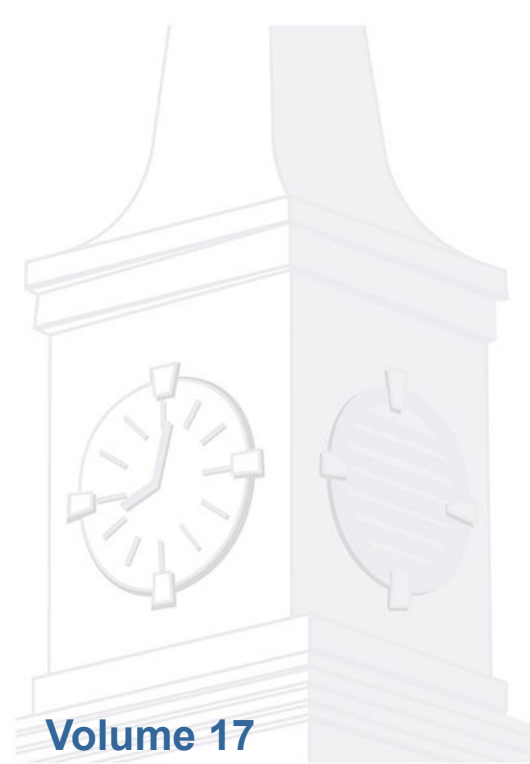
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worship times

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

04/14/2019: \$2,883.50



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

HAPPY EASTER

TODAY—Several of the youth and the counselors are attending the California State Youth Conference. Please pray for their safe return.

TODAY—We will have our annual "Eggstravaganza" (Easter Egg Hunt) after the Bible Class hour for our kids. Please see Shawn Swanier if you'd like to help. Thanks for your continued **eggcellent** support!

4th Sunday, April 28—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



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



No April Anniversaries

BROTHERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 4—Ladies Luncheon hosted by the 11th Street Church of Christ, 1684 W. 11th Street, San Bernardino. Keynote speaker: Janet Hoskins, Moreno Valley. Motivational Speaker: Candra Loftis, Fontana. FREE. See flyer on bulletin board for registration information. RSVP by April 27th.

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

May 19—YOUTH DAY—9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Hosted by the Lincoln Avenue Church of Christ, 7267 Lincoln Avenue, Riverside. Theme: **A Servant In Deez Streetz**, I Cor. 9:16-23. Guest Speaker: Willie Williams, III, Dallas, TX, Motivational Song Leader: Lamar Robinson, Baltimore, Maryland. See flyer on bulletin board for complete details.

May 19—22—Spring Revival—Hosted by the Figueroa Church of Christ, 455 W. 57th St., Los Angeles. Theme: **Lift the Savior Up!** Guest Evangelist: Christopher DarDar,

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:

Hermenia Rodgers—San Antonio, Texas attending the Annual CofC Ladies Lectureship Retreat.

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:

Janett Lewis—Is scheduled for back surgery on tomorrow, April 22nd. Please pray for a successful surgery and recovery.

Linda Christy—Will have knee surgery on Wednesday, April 24th. Please pray for her successful surgery and recovery.

Hermenia Rodgers—1) Requested prayers for **Ray Jeter**, her nephew's nephew, who had a heart attack. Please keep him in prayer for recovery. 2) Requested prayers for safe traveling grace for herself to/from San Antonio, TX for the Ladies Lectureship Retreat.

Taeja Hamilton—1) Thanked congregation for their prayers for her aunt, **Sharon Winston**, who had an allergic reaction to something and was in ICU. She is well now. 2) She also requested

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*Joy
comes from
and because
of Him.*

Russell M. Nelson



*If we
choose
Christ
we will have
made the
Correct
choice.*

Prophet, Isaiah 53:10

prayers for both of her grandmothers, **Dorothy Webb** and **Rosa Grambling**.

Belinda Rodgers—Requested prayers for everyone going to the California State Youth Conference, that they will learn a lot of God's word and that they will all be safe.

Tisa Hunter—Informed the congregation that her daughter, **Raven**, received an A on her test and that she and her friends would be graduating. Thanked the congregation for their prayers.

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for **Tailer Clark's grandfather**.

Lori Carter—1) Requested prayers for her brother **Kyle White**—Health issues and for her father, **Bill White**, who had a heart attack. Please keep them in prayer. 2) Also, she will be traveling to India and China next week—Please keep her in prayer for safe travel.

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 sis-

ter, **Linda Dunn**, who has not been feeling well. **Linda Garner's** friend's daughter, **Roberta**, 14 year old with bone cancer.

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, **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.

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 Sodomani**—Pray for improved health.

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