

minister's message

Sharing Your Faith

Philemon 4-7; 8-20

When Paul wrote to Philemon, Onesimus was the slave who stole from his master and ran away. Onesimus lived and served in Philemon's house. The church also met there. It would have been without a doubt, a challenge for Onesimus to be saved there, as a slave. He stole something and he ran away. He ended up in jail, a likely place to meet a man of faith? We can call it divine providence, yet it was in prison where Onesimus heard Paul preach the gospel and believe and was saved. It couldn't happen in his own household where he lived and served but it happened with Paul in prison. Paul's faith carried him through the days and nights in prison. And now Onesimus is an invaluable benefit to Paul, whom Paul sends back to Philemon as his own son, heart and self.

as an IOU. I will make good on it.' He also suggests, how it can be an IOU from me to you, when you and I share the same faith in Christ, because I shared my faith in Him with you. In fact, Paul said, you owe me one act of love for your coming to faith in Christ. So in essence, how can it be that I IOU, you're indebted to me. Paul next says to Philemon, "He's profitable for me now. Take him back and don't take him back as a slave, take him back as the brother you are to me." This is love and commitment to Christ in action between brothers in Christ.

Some people are much like Onesimus, slaves to the flesh and to the world, but if we could meet them with the gospel and salvation is shared, how many souls could be saved? Faith is not fixed on God being our servant. Faith is about us being servants of God, whom we can never repay. We must preach the gospel, keep faith and stand on the promises of God.

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

Paul wrote to Philemon, whatever he stole, charge it to me

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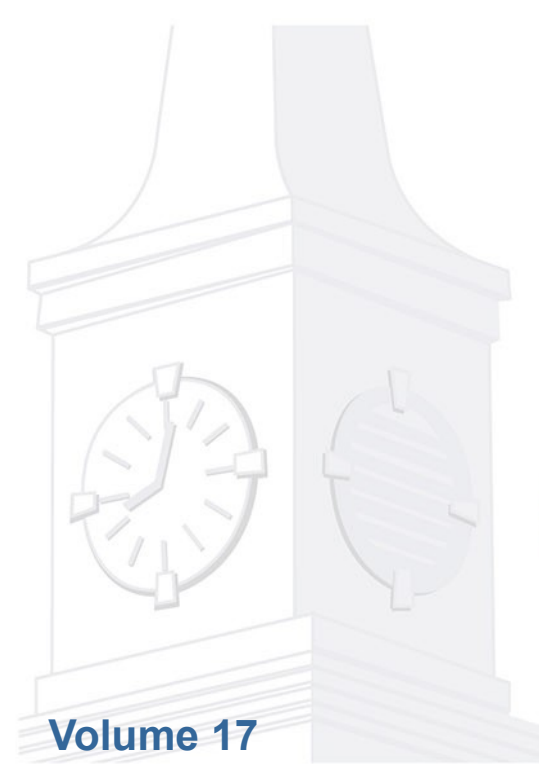
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worship times

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"

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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.

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classes

Sunday 11:50 a.m.
wednesday 7:00 p.m.

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget: \$3,575.00

04/21/2019: \$3,758.00



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.

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

CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to all those who provided wrapped candy and plastic eggs for our Eggstravaganza last week and thank you to all the helpers.

Our youth returned safely from the California State Youth Conference. It appears a good time was had by all who attended. Chris Hamilton preached on Sunday and it's been told that he did a great job, as usual.

TODAY—James Webb will make an Evangelism presentation during the combined Bible Class.

May 5—NO EMPTY PEW—Everyone please bring a visitor(s). Let's have all the pews filled.

May 5—3:00 p.m. Monthly visit to Anaheim Crown Plaza Assisted Living, 641 S. Beach Blvd., Anaheim. Please met at the facility.

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**

May Birthdays



Ryan Anthony	8th	Taylor Williamson	17th
Anthony Baber	10th	A. C. Hamilton	20th
Dorothy Webb	15th		



No May Anniversaries

BROTHERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY—50th National Dinner Day to support Southwestern Christian College. Location: Proud Bird Restaurant. Tickets are \$75.

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

May 4—39th Annual Christian Men's Workshop hosted by the 61st & Division St. Church of Christ, 6070 Division St., San Diego. Theme: Sharing Our Faith. Registration fee: \$15 includes breakfast, lunch and information packet. Keynote speaker: Maurcell Gresham. See Flyer on bulletin board.

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 5—2:00 p.m.—Orange County Second Sunday Singing will be hosted by the Newland St. Church of Christ, 13852 Newland St., Garden Grove.

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 DeZ 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 18—Annual Ladies Day Program hosted by the Myrtle Avenue Church of Christ, 1076 Myrtle Ave., Long Beach. Theme: Shelter In the Time of Storm. See flyer on bulletin board for registration information.

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—Victorville, CA.

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:

Joyce Davis—Requested prayers for safe traveling grace to Arkansas. She will be gone for one week.

Janett Lewis—Requested prayers for her surgery which is scheduled for tomorrow (4/22).

UPDATE: Janett's surgery went very well. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for a full recovery.

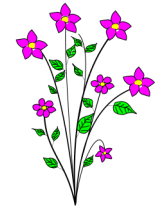
Linda Christy—Has knee replacement surgery scheduled for Wednesday, 4/24. Requested prayers that all will go well. **UPDATE:** Linda's surgery went very well. Thank you for your prayers and please pray for a full and complete recovery.

Redon Draper—1) He, his wife, and baby will be traveling to Las Vegas this week for vacation. Please pray for safe traveling grace. 2) He

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Make a habit of shutting down conversations that aim to tear others down.



Sometimes, not saying anything is the best answer. You see, silence can never be misquoted.

also requested prayers for his co-worker, **Gabriella**. Gabriella seems to be jealous and resentful toward him.

Tony Rodgers (Hermenias son/Kens brother)—serious heart health issues. Undergoing tests for the possibility of transplant for heart and kidney. **UPDATE:** He had his last test/procedure on Wednesday. It went well. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to keep him in prayer. Kaiser will be meeting the middle of May to make their decision.

Taeja Hamilton—2) Requested prayers for both of her grandmothers, **Dorothy Webb and Rosa Grambling**.

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 Whilte**, 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.

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.

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**.

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.

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 Sodomam—Pray for improved health.

Ryan Anthony—Health issues.

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