

# minister's message

## Glowing in Holiness, "Wholeness"

1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24

Challenging times are a great opportunity to grow endless confidence in the faithfulness of God. Paul's prayer asks for Christians to be sanctified and blessed with God's peace, protection and promise. Through all of our trials God is faithful to deliver us in holiness. So let your hearts be confident because God will finish what He has started in your life to make you complete.

First, holiness is a process of change in our quality of life. "May the God of peace sanctify you wholly" (wholly means "through and through" thoroughly). Paul's prayer highlights the connection between God's peace and His people being made holy. Holiness is a quality of life among God's people in Christ. (1Thessalonians 3:13; 4:3, 4, 7). Christian responsibility is to live in holiness. As we live in holiness, we have the assurance that God is going to finish what He started, which is to bring to completion the work which he began in Christ when we were called to salvation. Holiness is the emphasis on the process of being made complete which will be realized at the return of Christ (Phil. 1:6, 9-11).

Second, God's protection is for those who live holy lives. "May

your whole spirit and body be kept blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus." Paul is discussing God's protection of our whole being. God's protection is comprehensive and complete. God's purpose is to sanctify us! Christians are protected and preserved even while we face and go through the trials of this age, day and time. God has a goal that He is set to bring every believer to receive the salvation of our souls. Even as we are destined to die, God's work in us is not done at death. Because in Christ nothing can separate us from His love.

Third, God is faithful to His promises to finish what He started. "The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it". Our final source of assurance is God himself. God is faithful. He is true to His promises and He is more than able to fulfill them. We have a relationship with God who called us the power of the resurrection of Jesus. Just as he has called, He continues to call Christians as His own people and possession whom He will protect and preserve. It is an ongoing process that He will complete for all eternity (See Philippians 1:6). "And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ".

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

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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"

# 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

4-26-2020: \$5,080.00



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. Live Streaming & call in: 10:00 am, [www.cypresscoc.com](http://www.cypresscoc.com), click Live Stream button. You may also go to: [www.youtube.com/user/cypresscoclive](https://www.youtube.com/user/cypresscoclive). Call in on phone: 1-470-655-0191, Pin #347402036#.

**May 13—Wed—Mid Week Message** from Leonard Bradley. Leonard's Zoom meeting ID: 609 755 6429.

**May 13—Wed—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class** — Zoom meeting ID: 445 831 9854.

**May 14—(Thursday) 1:00 p.m.** Prayer Meeting hosted by Leonard Bradley on Zoom. Meeting ID: 609 755 6429.

**May 15— (Friday)—5:00 p.m.—Bible Jeopardy** hosted by Chris & Taeja Hamilton on Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID: 445 831 9854.

**While we are unable to meet for worship, Pew Packers are encouraged to memorize the bonus scripture: 1 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**

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## 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:

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:

**Taeja Hamilton**—Requested continued prayers for **baby Creed** who was born premature and is still hospitalized and also please pray for their family and a co-worker, **Thelma**, who has cancer.  
**James Webb**—Requested continued prayer for his wife, **Dorothy**, and for a worker, **Sharon**, at Sis. Webb's care center who is need of knee surgery.  
**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requested continued prayers for her sister, **Bernice Carter**, of Memphis, TN. She is currently hospitalized. Please pray that the docs can get to the bottom of what is going on with her health. Thank you.  
**Donna Penson**—Requested prayers for **DeAndre Brown** who is suffering with kidney stones. Her co-worker, **Charles Upshaw's father** is now home. Thank you for your prayers. Please also pray for her family.  
**Linda Christy**—Requested prayers for her sister, **Shirley Green**, who has been having very low BP.



## May Birthdays

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



### No May 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](http://Ladieslectureshipretreat.org) for information.

**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.

**May 5—Global Day of Unity** — Pepperdine University #GivingTuesdayNow, a day of giving to support students during the Corona Virus pandemic. Visit: [www.Pepperdine.edu](http://www.Pepperdine.edu) for more information.

### CYPRESS Announcement:

**Bereavement**—Continued prayers for the Baber ( Alisa's sister, Aletha) and Boykin ( Laverne's nephew, Mallary) families on the loss of their loved ones.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.  
*Philippians 4:6-7*



*The Lord gives his people strength. The Lord blesses them with peace.*  
**Psalm 29:11**

She also requested prayers for the Cypress CofC leaders and gave thanks for the job they are doing during this pandemic, and she requested prayers for the leaders of this country.  
**Shirley Green**—Requested prayers for herself as she has dialysis 3 times a week. Please pray for safety. She also requested prayers for **Freda George's son** who has cancer.  
**Barry Johnson**—Requested continued prayers for his brother who has the virus.  
**Dianne Thomas**—Continued prayers for her former neighbor, **Mrs. Murphy**, who is 96 and is having to adjust to new living arrangements.  
**Alma Swinton**—Requested prayers for everyone.  
**Shawn Swanier**—Requested prayers for her children, **Adam & Jordan** and for her husband **Virgil** as they travel. She also requested prayers for herself as she has been having migraines and she requested continued prayers for her job search.

### Continued Prayers & Updates:

**Linda Garner Hays**—Requested prayers for herself for health issues.  
**Tisa Hunter**—Requested prayers for herself. Her Asthma is better, but she had a fall last week and she is having some back pain. Please keep her in prayer.  
**Shawn Swanier**— Requested prayers for the **Turner family** who lost two family members in 4 days.  
**Leonard Bradley**—Requested prayers for his mom and sister during this trying time. His mother just turned 90.  
**Ken Rodgers**—Requested continued prayers for his brother, **Tony & his wife, Andreka**, who are highly vulnerable to the virus because of pre-existing health conditions. He also requested prayers for his nephew, **Cory, who is an EMT** for his safety as he transports sick patients.  
**Teresa Wilson**—Requested prayers for her uncle in **North Carolina** who is recovering from pneumonia.  
**Bill Carter**—Requested prayers for his friend, **Bob Banks**, who has a heart condition that is the result of Agent Orange exposure. Those diagnosed with this condition are given 1-2 years to live.  
**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 for prostate cancer and will be going through radiation and chemo.  
**Shirley Green**—Requested prayers for her **Anita Meacham Williams**—Requested prayers for her nephew, **Damon McAllister**—Health issues.  
**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.  
**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.  
**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.  
**Laverne Boykin**—Please pray for her sister, **Ailene**, health issues.  
**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.  
**Marsha Jacoway's sister, Melody**, who had a fall a while back and had surgery. Pray for continued healing.  
**Hermenia 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.  
**Hermenia 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).