

minister's message

Focus on Eternal Dwellings

Luke 12:28-31

In Luke 12:13, Jesus warned His disciples to be on guard against the dangers within our own hearts. God's will is that we be wise stewards which makes us rich toward God. The rich man's problem was not too much wealth but his inability to understand how to manage it to the glory of God. What does it mean to be rich toward God? It means to acknowledge that everything we have comes from God, and every effort is made to use what He gives us for the good of others and to the glory of God.

In the view of this spiritual principle, Jesus warned us about worry. The rich farmer in Jesus' parable worried because he had the problem of plenty. God had blessed him, but he could not determine how to be a blessing for God. The flip side is to worry because we think that we don't have enough. Jesus warned, "do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, or about your body, what you shall put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing...and which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? ...do not be of anxious mind. For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them." **Luke 12:22-23.** This can be a hard truth to embrace when circumstances

become so very real for us to meet in life.

How do we guard against worry? In a word, trust God. First, realize and believe that God knows what we need and trust him to provide it. Second, be wise about how we use what God gives us so we can be a blessing to others who need God's care. God uses his people to do His will for others to receive His blessings. True Kingdom life is to understand our dependence on God but it is also our understanding of interdependence with others (Acts 4:32 ff.).

The unjust steward in Luke 16 teaches us that lesson. When his master had given him plenty, he mismanaged it as he was self-focused. In the end, though he was still self-focused, he saw that the benefit to him was to relieve the hardship of others as much as was in his ability to do it. The end for which we live, eternal life in the kingdom of God, must be met by the means of trust in the Lord to supply for all of our needs.

Jesus said, "it is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (v. 32). We gain the kingdom by serving the will of God at the expense of ourselves. Everything hinges on where your heart is. If you trust God to provide your needs, then you can focus on eternal dwellings.

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

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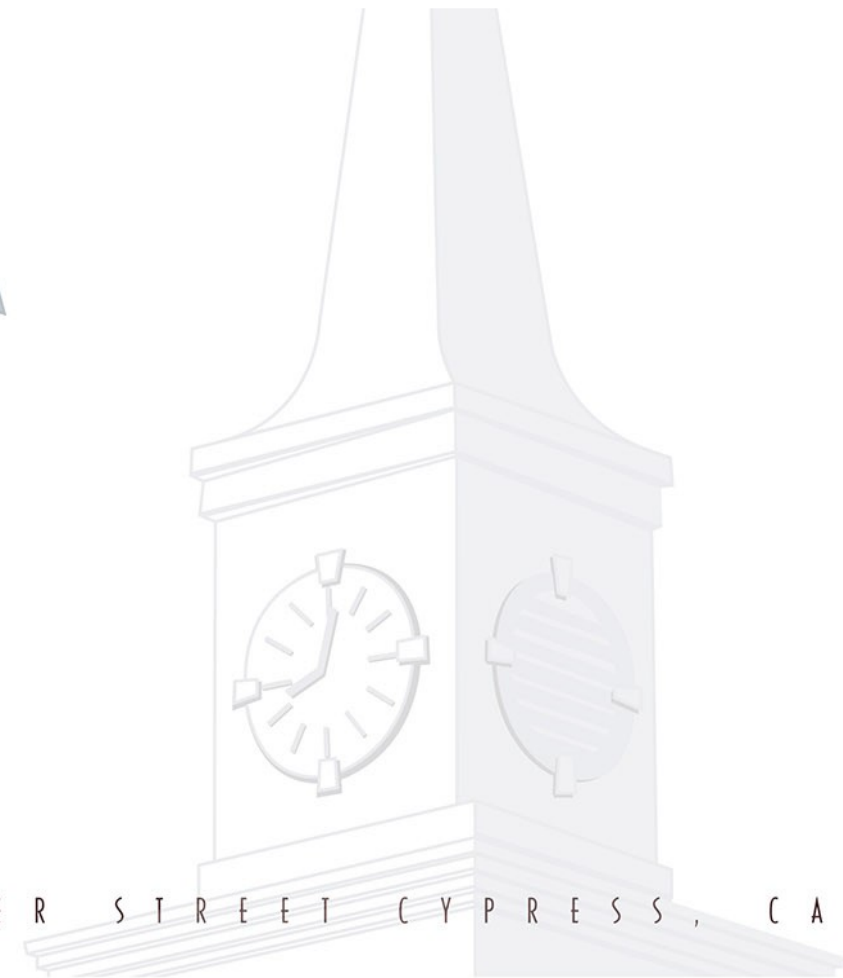
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worship times

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

05-03-2020: \$6,440.00



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, click Live Stream button. You may also go to: www.youtube.com/user/cypresscoclive. Call in on phone: 1-470-655-0191, Pin #347402036#.

May 13—Wed—Mid Week Inspirational Message from Leonard Bradley. Information will be emailed.

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, PW977130.

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: I Cor. 13:1-13. Donna Penson.

Dianne Thomas has challenged the adults to memorize this chapter, as well.

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:

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for **DeAndre Brown** who is suffering with kidney stones. **He had surgery this week.** Keep him in prayer. She also requested prayers for staff at because LAUSD wants them to return to work next week and there are 4 more cases of COVID-19 and 19 tested positive. A co-worker, **Allen Craig**, lost his mom, **Juanita Craig**. Please pray for the family.
Taeja Hamilton—Requested prayers for her uncles **Shelton and Nate for health issues.**
Wendy Bradley—Requested prayers for the family of **Ahamaud**. He was killed while hiking.
Anita Meacham Williams—Requested prayers for co-workers: Husband & wife with children. Wife contracted COVID-19 at one of their Child Care sites for Hospital Workers and gave it to her husband and brother-in-law. The husband is in ICU. Names: **Illiana and Danny Salazar.**

Happy BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays

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

No May Anniversaries

BROTHERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

They plan to hold it August 6-9,2020 —35th Annual Church of Christ Ladies Lectureship Retreat, Galt House Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky. See the website: 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.



Continued Prayers & Updates:

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.
Hermeria 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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
Ruby Coleman—Continued prayers for her family, **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.
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.
Hermeria 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.
Hermeria Rodgers—Requesting prayers for her friend, **Gloria Lewis**, suffering with Vertigo.
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).