

# minister's message

## “Turn to the Lord”

Isaiah 55: 6-7

Salvation is for those who *receive* forgiveness of sins and to be blessed with God’s Holy Spirit. The Lord forgives us when we “turn” or “return” to Him with a willingness of heart to obey and worship Him!

In the beginning man was created in the image of God, in His righteousness and holiness (Genesis 1:26-27). Man sinned and so continues to “fall short” of God’s glory (Romans 1:18 – 26; 3:23). Paul described those who are perishing as living “*in the futility of their thinking*” (Ephesians 4:17). Futility is vanity, people living purposeless lives who have not turned to God. They are “darkened” in their understanding, because of ignorance. They choose to “ignore” and not know God, a willful denial—(Cf. Romans 1:18-26). All of

this lends to a lack of care or concern for morality and immoral behavior that marks the norms of our present day. The truth is they refuse to “fear” or “worship” the Lord!

Now, in Christ, a man can live again. The fallen man can be re-made in the image of Christ. While believers are charged to change their lifestyles, the fact that we are created anew in Christ, reminds us that God is the primary cause of this change (Ephesians 4:24).

The one major difference between a Christian and those who are perishing is *repentance*! Repentance is a decision prompted by the truth of why we need to believe and obey God. The idea is “to turn” and “return” to the Lord, with an obedient willing heart to do His will AND HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON!

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

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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

05-10-2020: \$6,819.00



*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](http://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, PW: 9771


**May 14—(Thursday) 1:00 p.m.** Prayer Meeting hosted by Leonard Bradley on Zoom. Information will be emailed.

**May 15— (Friday)—5:00 p.m.**—Bible Jeopardy hosted by Chris & Taeja Hamilton on Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771.

**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**



## 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](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.



Continued prayers for the **Hubbard & Hamilton Families** on the passing of Donna Hubbard's father, Bro. Douglas Hubbard, also Chris Hamilton's grandfather. Condolences may be sent to:  
**Donna Hubbard & Family**  
16323 Tarrant Avenue  
Carson, CA 90746  
**Chris & Taeja Hamilton**  
11604 Bellflower Blvd., Apt. #H  
Downey, CA 90241

## 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:

**Laverne Boykin**—Requested prayers for her friend, **Barbara Russell** and for her sister, **Aliene Gray**—Health issues.  
**Linda Hays**—Requested prayers for herself. She has a slow growing form of breast cancer and will undergo Chemo. Keep her in prayer.  
**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requested prayers for a friend's grandson, **Kory**, who was born premature only weighing a pound. Please keep him in prayer for his growth and development.  
**Taeja Hamilton**—Requested prayers for **Sister Coggins** whose father passed from complications of the Coronavirus.  
**Herb Draper**—Requested prayers for him and his family.  
**Donna Penson**—Requested prayers for **DeAndre Brown**—recovery from surgery and he was laid off.

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**When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. Psalm 61:2-3**

**Shawn Swanier**—Her children returned home safely. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for her job search.  
**Prayers for Betty Moore**—Her husband passed.  
**Shirley Green**—Her friend, **Tressie** had a stroke.  
**Alma Swinton**—Requested prayers for her friend, **Susie Davis**, health issues.  
**Dianne Thomas**—Requested prayers for **Janett Lewis**, as a family member passed from the virus.  
**Erika Johnson**—Requested prayers for everyone as we all deal with our current situation due to the Coronavirus.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

**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**.  
**Taeja Hamilton**—Requested prayers for her uncles **Shelton and Nate** for health issues.  
**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**—Health issues.  
**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requested continued prayers for her sister, **Bernice Carter**, of Memphis, TN. She is currently hospitalized.  
**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.  
**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 under-going 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.  
**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).