

# minister's message

## Lip Service Versus Servanthood

**Matthew 21:28-31**

*28 "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 29 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. 30 "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. 31 "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered.*

Many times as Christians we will be called upon to serve. Some have already accepted their calling, while others are awaiting the call. No matter which category you fall into, when the Lord calls you to service the best and blessed thing you can do is obey with a pure heart. It serves us nothing to say we will do something but then not follow through with it.

As Jesus explained through this parable, God had called the Israelites to be His chosen people. They accepted that calling and said that they would serve the Lord God and Him alone. Yet time and time again they served other idols and pagan gods. They failed to be the people that God called them to be.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

This is why Jesus responds to the people saying the tax collectors and prostitutes have heard the call and are entering the Kingdom of Heaven. Tax collectors and prostitutes denotes the notion of people we would not think would find God and be transformed, yet this is the kind of people Jesus came to save. And they responded even more than the so-called chosen people who view themselves as righteous by birthright alone.

Now, this is our time to be true servants of the Lord, not by lip service or by dragging, kicking and screaming. It is time for us to embrace true servanthood and not lip service. No longer finding excuses for why we haven't done what we know is right, or giving empty promises of service. Now is the time to be about the Father's business!

*His servant and yours, Chris Hamilton*



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## ministers

Leonard Bradley

Chris Hamilton

James Webb

## deacons

Herb Draper

Roger Hunter



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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"

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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

Offering 5/16//2022:  
\$2,490.00  
(includes Zelle)



All visitors are our honored guests. If you did not complete a visitors card upon your arrival, please do so prior to 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#.

**SUNDAY** In person worship. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. **REMINDER: PLEASE CONTINUE TO TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS BY CONTINUING TO WEAR A MASK. IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID, PLEASE STAY HOME AND WORSHIP VIRTUALLY. THANK YOU.**

**SUNDAY—IN PERSON MEN'S BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER MORNING WORSHIP.**

**SUNDAY—Ladies Class—In person Ladies class is meeting immediately following morning worship in the auditorium. Studying the book of Isaiah.**

Wed, 7:00 p.m.—In person and on Zoom Bible Class — Meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Studying 1 Corinthians.

Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.—PRAYER MEETING—on ZOOM. Using the church Zoom info.

Every Thursday Evening—7:00 p.m.—Ladies Class on the church ZOOM. The study is the book of Deuteronomy.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING—7:00 P.M.—LEADER'S & MEN'S MEETING—ZOOM ID: 609 755 6429, PASSCODE; 1234.

2022 THEME: "EACH ONE, REACH ONE IN 2022"  
I SAMUEL 3:2-10

# May Birthdays

*Happy Birthday*



*Anthony Baber—10th  
Dorothy Webb—15th  
A.C. Hamilton—20th*



*Happy Anniversary*



*No May  
ANNIVERSARIES*

### BROTHERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**September 24–29–2022—76th Annual National Lectureship, Hyatt Regency, Orlando, FL—**in person. Flyer previously attached with all info and registration details.



Our sincere sympathy is extended to our own Shirley Green, and family, the Christy's, Donna Pen-son and Shirley's entire family on the passing of her son, Steven Sims, on last Sunday morning. Please be in prayer for Steven's wife, Vanessa, and all the family. Thank you.

## 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

### 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 (IN HOSPICE)  
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:**

**Frances Draper**—Requested prayers for her husband, Herb Draper, who has COVID.  
**Tim Grambling**—Health issues-Continued prayers.  
**A.C. Hamilton**—Heart health issues-Continued prayers.  
**Hermania Rodgers**—Requested prayers for her sister/friend Gloria Lewis—heart health issues.  
**Corey Maye**—Requested prayers for his mother—Health issues.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS:

**Shirley Green**—Her surgical procedure went very well. She is thankful for everyone's prayers.  
**Glen David Rinehart**—Continued prayers—Health issues. Thank you for your prayers.  
**Frances Draper**—Requested prayers for Howard Croom (close family friend) who had an amputation recently and is going through a tough time. Please keep him and his family in prayer  
**Terry Johnson**—Requested prayers for his son, Brian, to get the help that he needs for the difficult situation that he is in.  
**Wendy Bradley**—Requested continued prayers for her family, the Williams, Robinson and Butler

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*Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, who  
made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2

## SMALL GROUP CLASS ON ZOOM

Tuesday evenings:

7:00 p.m.

Cypress Zoom

ID: 445 831 9854



family. Thank you.

**Hermania Rodgers**—Requesting continued prayers for **Joyce and John Davis (Arkansas)**. John is making a lot of progress, but it is still difficult. Continued prayers.

**Marsha Jacoway**—Her sister, Melody is in the middle of Chemotherapy. Continued prayer.

**Eddie Morris**—Requested continued prayers for his father and his sister, Gail.

**Natasha Williams**—Requested prayers for **Sam Harrell**. Natasha & Wendy are first cousins. **Sam Harrell** is **Wendy Bradley's** brother-in-law. Sam is ill and needs our prayers. Thank you.

**Hermania Rodgers**—Requested prayers for sister/friend, **Debbie Sims**, who has cancer. Continued prayers, please.

**Annover Johnson**—(Hermania's niece) — She has cancer and is undergoing Chemo treatments. Continued prayers.

**Jeanette Young**—She is getting stronger every day. Please keep her in prayer for complete healing.

**Hermania Rodgers**—Requesting continued prayers for sister friends **Rhonda Johnson** and **Mary Franklin** who have health issues.

**Linda Dunn**—Requested prayer for her family, and especially her, daughter, **Kamara**, who is undergoing Chemo treatments.

**Laverne Boykin**—Please pray for her grandson, **Ryan Clark**, who injured his hand and had to be hospitalized.

**Hermania Rodgers**—Continued prayers for her son, **Tony**, his wife, **Andreka**—for health issues and for their son **Cory** who completed nursing school and is working all the time in hospitals, in various states, with COVID patients.. He is currently in San Francisco. Please keep him and his co-workers in prayer, as well as the patients they treat.

**Glen Rinehart**—Requested prayers for his mother,

**Lucille Rinehart**, who is in hospice.

**Kay Smith**—Her client, **Mary Tran**, has kidney problems in addition to breast cancer. Please keep her in prayer.

**Shawn Swanier**—Requests continued prayer for the healing of her shoulder.

**Laverne Boykin**—Continued prayers for her sister, **Alene Gray** — Health issues.

**Terrell Boykin**—Health issues. Continued prayers for him and for Laverne as she cares for him.

**Wendy Bradley**—Continued prayers for her mother, **Mattie Reid**..

**Gail Irby**—Prayers for **Jeffrey Broadway**—Recovery from being shot.

**Linda Christy**—Requested prayers regarding her eye health and knee pain. Please pray for her.

**Hermania Rodgers**—Continued prayers for **Sam Boyd** who had brain surgery. **Sam** is now in a rehab facility. He still has a long way to go, but he is better. Please continue to keep him in prayer, as well as his wife, **Barbara**. Thank you.

**Laverne Boykin**—Requested prayers for her friend **Barbara Russell** whose cancer has grown and the doctors can't treat it.

**Taeja Hamilton**—Continued prayers for her uncle **Shelton** and a co-worker, **Thelma** who has cancer.

**LaDonnia Swinton**—Requested prayers for her friend, **Deanna Murray**, who has cancer.

**Hermania Rodgers**—Continued prayers for her sister, **Gail Irby**, for the feeling to return to her extremities. And for her friend, **Gloria Lewis**, who continues to suffer from Vertigo and other health issues.

**Morris Jordan**—Prayers for strength/back pain.

**Ryan Anthony**—Health issues.

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