

minister's message

The Power of Prayer

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Romans 8:26

The power of prayer comes from the **faith** of the deliverer, not so much the **words**. As Christians we bow our heads and speak words into the air that are heard by God. Communication with God is so critical to every Christian. We believe that prayer can heal us. We believe that prayer can bring forgiveness. We believe that prayer can bless us in many ways. Since we believe all of these facts about prayer, we also need to believe that God hears our prayers. Prayer is as much of an **intention** as it is the words that are spoken. *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man*

availeth much" (James 5:16). What makes the prayer **effectual**? This scripture puts the focus of prayer on the **person** praying and his passion or intensity. The word **fervent** speaks to **sincerity, dedication, and wholeheartedness**. In other words, words are words but prayer must come from the heart! It is then carried by the Spirit to the ears of the creator of the world. According to Romans 8:26, what is said in prayer and what God hears is the output of the Holy Spirit being commended with our spirit to make a bridge of communication. I pray that you will keep praying to God, and know that His Spirit is interpreting your words in ways that you cannot understand.

That is Powerful!

His servant and yours, Chris Hamilton

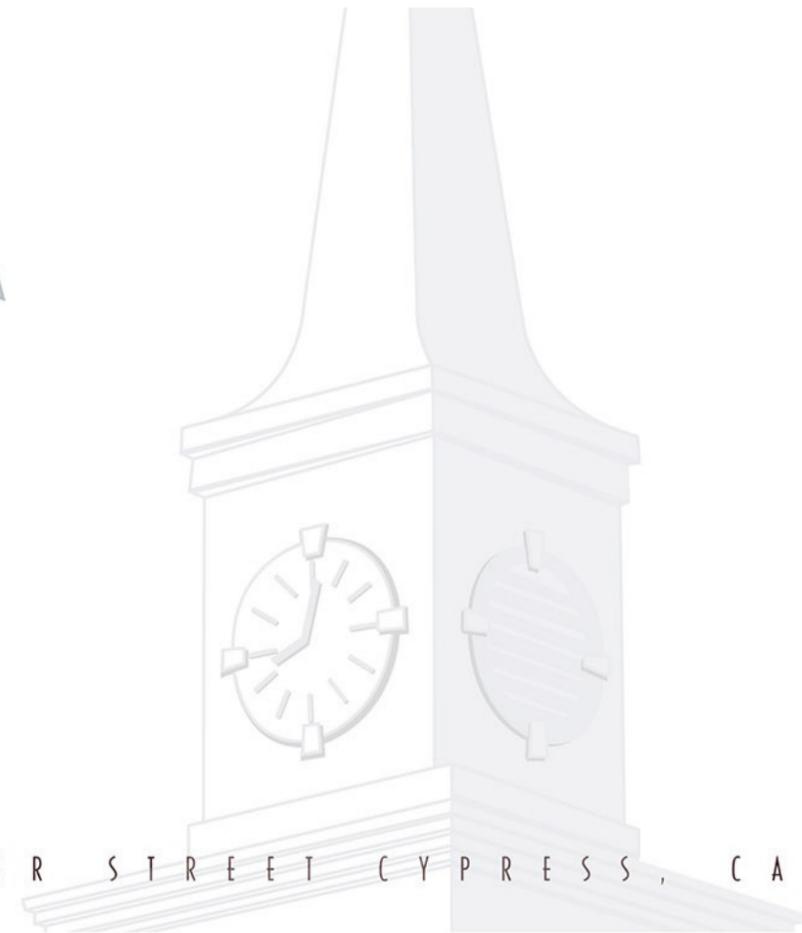
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worship times

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"

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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CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget: \$3,575.00

05-17-2020: \$8,505.00

classes

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



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

May 27—Wed—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — Zoom meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771

May 28—(Thursday) 1:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting hosted by Leonard Bradley on Zoom. ID:760-5565-6662, PW: 977130.

May 29— (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 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.

CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Hubbard and Hamilton families would like to express their appreciation for the beautiful plants, the prayers, thoughtfulness, well wishes, cards and support shown to them from the Cypress family during their time of bereavement. Donna asked that we continue to pray for her mother, as the loss of her husband has really weakened her spirit. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jordan Swanier on her graduation from Xavier University of Louisiana on May 23rd, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors in Philosophy. **YOU GO GIRL! Proud parents: Virgil & Shawn Swanier.**



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:

Hermeria Rodgers—Requested prayers on behalf of **Raven Hunter who will be taking her board exams on Tuesday, May 27th. Please keep her in prayer that she will pass.**

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for **Clarynda, Tanisha Coleman's sister**, who has Lupus and is now on dialysis. Pray that she gets well soon and that dialysis will not be permanent.

Hermeria Rodgers—1) Continued prayers for her sister, **Bernice Carter**, who is home from the hospital, but still needs prayer for health issues.2) Continued prayers for her **grandson, Cory**, who is an EMT on the frontlines during this pandemic. 3) Also, please pray for her **son, Tony**, and his wife **Andreka**, health issues.

Laverne Boykin—1) Requested prayers for her niece, **Pat**, who will be having back surgery. **Dianne Thomas**—Requested prayers for her former neighbor, **Mrs. Murphy**, she is 96 and still is not adjusting well to her current living arrangements. If

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she does not adjust soon, her family will have to find another place for her to live. 2) She may have to make a decision soon concerning her **dog, Shrek**. Pray that his health improves. **Alma Swinton**—Requested prayers for her son that his situation will improve. **Belinda Rodgers**—Health. **Linda Christy**—Requested prayers for her daughter, **Donna**, who is having to go to work during this pandemic and she is afraid. Pray that she will be able to stay safe, strong and calm. **Chris Hamilton**—Continued prayers for the **Hubbard and Hamilton families** as they mourn the loss of his grandfather. **Shawn Swanier**—Prayers for making wise decisions and staying level headed during this time. **Frances Draper**—Requested prayers for her daughter, **Porsha**, regarding work issues. She does not feel safe during this time. **Shirley Green**—Continued prayers for **Freda George's son** whose has cancer and will have to undergo surgery. **Wendy Bradley**—Requested prayers for the state of public education's impact on children.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

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 is undergoing Chemo. Keep her in prayer.

Hermeria 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.

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for **DeAndre Brown**—recovery from surgery and he was laid off.

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.

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.

Shirley Green—Requested prayers for herself as she has dialysis 3 times a week. Please pray for safety.

Barry Johnson—Requested continued prayers for his brother who has the virus.

Tisa Hunter—Requested prayers for herself. Her Asthma is better, but she had a fall recently and

she is having some back pain. Please keep her in prayer.

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.

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.

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).