

# minister's message

## What Are You Becoming?

Michelle Obama entitled her autobiography, *Becoming*. It's a book that talks about her family foundation, personal experience of how she found her voice as the First Lady in the White House and her role as a mother. It speaks of her experience and journey throughout her life. She describes her before, during and now after the White House. There were many challenges and changes and on the other side of it all, she now looks for a new horizon.

In many ways Michelle Obama looks to her family upbringing as the foundation of her journey. Such is our life in Christ. We look to Him who is the foundation of our new life and author of our Christian journey. He offers us a new start every day that we acknowledge His advocacy and Lord-

ship in our lives. He gives us opportunity to make adjustments when we face challenges that lead us back to where we came from spiritually, a life lost in sin. What was your life before Christ? How do you face the challenges presented to you now that you are in Christ? What new horizon do you look to on the other side. Will you be more compassionate, and show empathy? Are you more patient, spiritually led, and generous in your relationships? Do you look at others as you would have the Lord to look at you, on the best day of your worst hour? What are you becoming because of Christ in your heart?

The Bible encourages us, to trust, lean and acknowledge God in faith. It also teaches us that to learn from our experiences can make us more like Jesus.

*His Servant and Yours, Leonard C. Bradley, Jr.*

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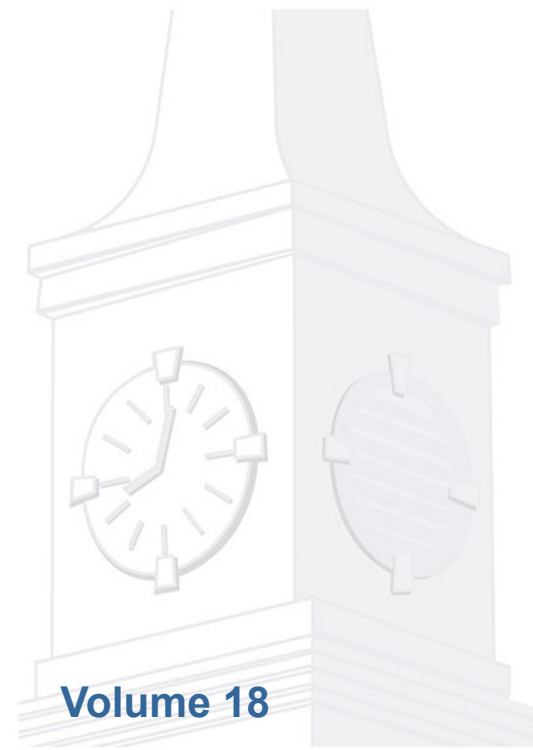
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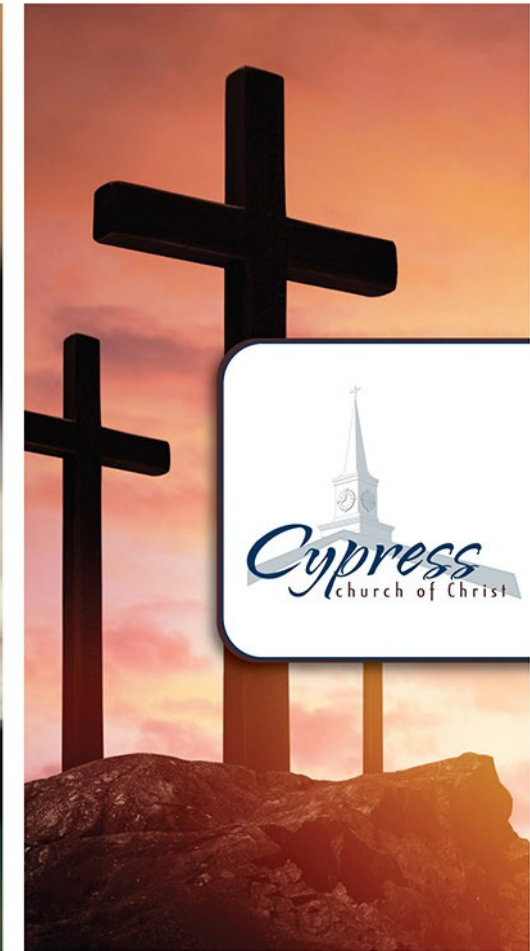
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## worship times

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](http://cypresscoc.com) (website)

our affirmation of faith: "JESUS IS LORD"



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

05-24-2020: \$3,730.00



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#.

**June 3—Wed**—Mid Week Inspirational Message from Leonard Bradley. Information will be emailed.

**June 3—Wed—7:00 p.m.**—Bible Class — Zoom meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771

**June 4—(Thursday) 1:00 p.m.** Prayer Meeting hosted by Leonard Bradley on Zoom. ID:760-5565-6662, PW: 977130.

**June 5—(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**



## June Birthdays

James Webb	10th	Jordan Swanier	30th
Shirley Green	19th		


### June Anniversaries


*Herb & Frances Draper—4th  
Todd & Patti Williamson—23rd*

## BROTHERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOTE: This conference has now been rescheduled to May of 2021. Please visit the website to more information —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.

## CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)



Our sympathy is extended to Fred Meurkson on the passing of his brother, Joseph, on last Wednesday evening. Condolences may be sent to: Fred Meurkson, 2660 W. Ball Road, Apt. 107 Anaheim, CA 92804

**REMEMBER THE CANNED GOODS DRIVE FOR THE NEEDY:** Herb Draper and Roger Hunter will be at the building next Friday, June 5th from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for you to drop off your canned goods.

**COMMUNION**—If you are in need of communion wafer/juice cups, Herb and Roger can provide them for you on Friday, June 5th, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. also.

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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:

**Laverne Boykin—1)** Requested prayers for her husband, Terrell. He is hospitalized following a very serious fall in which he injured his eye and had to have emergency bedside surgery to repair the damage. He also has broken facial bones and will have to have surgery in 1-2 weeks after the swelling goes down. He is not able to eat, food has to be pureed. Due to the pandemic, at this time, Laverne is not able to visit him. Please keep him in prayer for full recovery and pray for Laverne also.2) She also requested prayers for her brother-in-law, Carl Hunter for health issues.

**Bill Carter**—Requested prayers for Shannon, his cousin's niece—Mental health care.  
**Donna Penson**— UPDATE: Clarynda, Tanisha Coleman's sister, is doing better and is being released from the hospital.  
**Dianne Thomas**—Requested prayers for herself, as she has become very angry with the George Floyd situation. Pray for a calm, Christian spirit.

**Belinda Rodgers—UPDATE:** She is feeling much better. Thank you for your prayers.  
**Shawn Swanier**—Prayers for her husband Virgil, health issues and prayers for her son, Adam who has to go in and out of lab at school while working on Masters. Drive by virus test planned. Pray that he will test negative.  
**Shirley Green—1)** She is alone. She had a fall and is sore as a result. Keep her in prayer. 2) Pray for her daughter who has to work and is exposed to others. Pray that she will not get sick and/or bring it home to her family.

**Anita Meacham-Williams**—Requested prayers for her husband, Neal, who is driving to/from Tennessee.  
**Continued Prayers & Updates:**

**Laverne Boykin—1)** Requested prayers for her niece, Pat, who will be having back surgery.  
**Dianne Thomas**—Continued prayers for her former neighbor, Mrs. Murphy, she is 96 and still is not adjusting well to her current living arrangements. If she does not adjust soon, her family will have to find another place for her to live. 2) UPDATE: She has decided that her dog, Shrek will not have surgery. He is doing much better.

**Alma Swinton**—Requested prayers for her son that his situation will improve  
**Chris Hamilton**—Continued prayers for the Hubbard and Hamilton families as they mourn the loss of his grandfather.  
**Shirley Green**—Continued prayers for Freda George's son whose has cancer. His surgery went well. Thank you for your prayers.

**Laverne Boykin**—Requested prayers for her friend, Barbara Russell and for her sister, Aliene Gray—Health issues.  
**Linda Faye Hays**—Requested prayers for herself. She has a slow growing form of breast cancer and is undergoing Chemo. Chemo treatments are going well. No ill effects. Keep her in prayer.

**Hermenia Rodgers—1)** Continued prayers for her sister, Bernice Carter— 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. 4) And, continued prayers for her friend, Gloria Lewis' grandson, Kory, who was born premature. He is getting better and gaining weight. He is now a little over 2lbs.

**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.  
**Shirley Green**—Her friend, Tressie had a stroke.  
**Alma Swinton**—Requested prayers for her friend, Susie Davis, health issues.

**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**—Continued prayers for her uncles Shelton and Nate for health issues.

**Taeja Hamilton**—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.

**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 Sodoman**—Pray for improved health.

**Ryan Anthony**—Health issues.  
**Keenan Modica**—Military. (Belinda's nephew).