

minister's message

“Greater is He in You through Prayer”
Luke 11:1-4

Prayer is a major theme in Luke’s gospel. The disciples saw Jesus at prayer so much; they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. Luke brings together three short accounts (11:1-4, 5-8, 9-13). These accounts teach: the content, persistence in and response to prayer.

Prayer is a course of action that allows us to meet with God. We need to know the Lord and how He is engaged in our lives to guide us through. Prayer allows us to address our need for Him. When God made us in His image He designed us to hunger for Him. So often we look for and find other things to attempt to fill the void made for Him. We fill it with schedules, cares of life, personal interest, everything but time with Him. The goal of prayer is to bring together the void of hunger for God with a way to allow His Presence to fill our need for Him.

Jesus teaches us to take responsibility through prayer and

acknowledge *the privilege of our relationship with God as our Father*. To address God as Father is based on our faith in Christ as the Son of God. This privilege is reserved for those of us who know Him through His Son by faith. Not just by the fact that He is the Father of all creation. The Bible speaks to the sons and daughters of faith. *“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. When we cry, ‘Abba Father!’*, again Paul says, *God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba Father!”* (Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:1-7)

The purpose of prayer is to ask God to enter our hearts and give us opportunity to commune with Him. Through prayer we spend time to have face time with God that we may become like Him. Yes, He wants us to lay all of our requests before Him boldly and He wants us to petition Him on behalf of others. *Sometimes to simply engage God’s presence* needs to be the focus above petitioning Him to do something for us -- Prayer is about God’s Presence as much as it is about petition!

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



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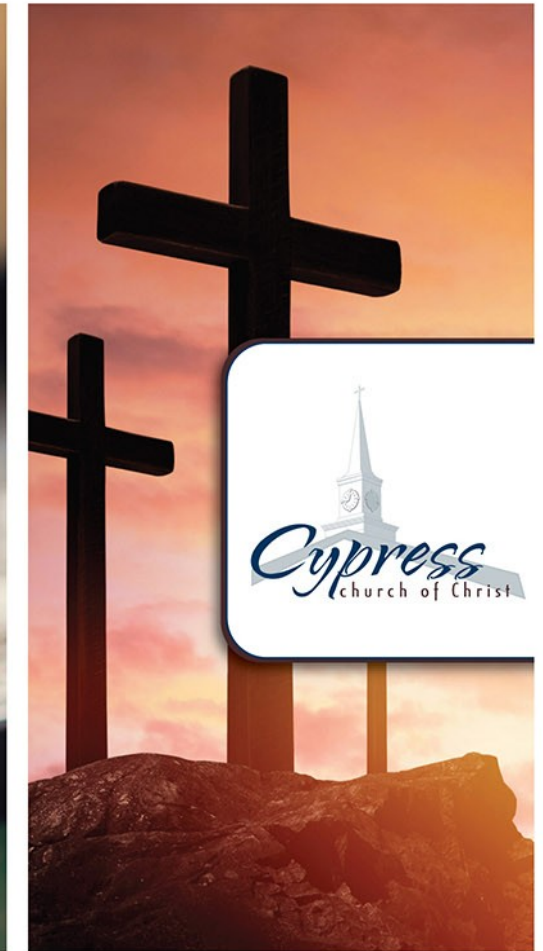
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worship times

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

05-31-2020: \$2,570.00



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#.

June 10—Wed—Mid Week Inspirational Message from Leonard Bradley. Information will be emailed.

June 10—Wed—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — Zoom meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771

June 11—(Thursday) 1:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting hosted by Leonard Bradley on Zoom. ID:760-5565-6662, PW: 977130.

June 12—(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

Happy BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays

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

June Anniversaries

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

CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Chaffey College
SELBY CARTER
California State University - General Education
University Studies: Social and Behavioral Sciences CSUICE

class of 2020

Selby, Congratulations and best wishes!
You go, girl!
Selby's school did not hold a ceremony.

Loryn Carter will graduate from UC Irvine on Saturday, June 13th. Family is awaiting information regarding the ceremony. We hope to be able to provide graduation ceremony information to the congregation prior to the 13th.

Our sympathy is extended to Kelly Selvick & Family on the passing of her mother this week, as the result of complications from the coronavirus. Condolences may be sent to: Kelly Selvick, 21312 Payne Avenue, Torrance, CA 90502

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

- BIBLE READING
 - PRAYER
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 - 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:

Linda Faye Hays—Requested prayers for herself, as her white blood cell count is low. Her chemo treatment was cancelled this week. **Her cancer is stage one, but triple negative which means it is the fastest growing kind. It is aggressive so therefore more concerning.** Please continue to keep her in prayer.

Laverne Boykin—**UPDATE:** Terrell Boykin is now home. He may still need to have facial surgery in a week or so. Continue to keep him in prayer for complete healing and pray for Laverne as she cares for him. Continued prayers for **Laverne's brother-in-law, Carl Hunter** for health issues.

Shawn Swanier—1) Requested prayers for **her son, Adam.** He was tested for the coronavirus. **Please pray for negative results.** 2) She has some decisions to make. Pray for God's guidance as she makes those decisions.

Alma Swinton—Requested prayers for herself. **She has been having bad headaches.** She will be

seeing a neurologist soon.

Leonard Bradley—**Wrestling with forgiveness with all the injustice that is going on.** Pray for him.

Wendy Bradley & Dianne Thomas—**Good to see young people getting involved, stepping up to fight injustice peacefully.** Pray for our leaders and for our country during this pandemic.

Herb Draper—Requested prayers for his family, the President and our country during these trying times.

Hermenia Rodgers—Continued prayers for her family: **Tony, Andreka, & Cory.** Her sister, **Bernice Carter, and the grandson of her friend, Gloria Lewis, Kory, who was born premature.** Pray for his growth and development. He is making progress. He is over 2 lbs now. Thank you for your prayers.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

Continued prayers for the families who have lost loved ones recently: **Baber, Hubbard, Hamilton, Meurkson and Selvick.**

Shawn Swanier—Prayers for her husband, **Virgil, health issues.**

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.**

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.

Alma Swinton—Requested prayers for her son that his situation will improve

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.

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 Sodomani—Pray for improved health.

Ryan Anthony—Health issues.

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