

minister's message

Daniel's Dilemma

Daniel 6

Daniel was a unique man of God. He out performed other leaders under King Darius. The Bible says it was "because an excellent spirit was in him." It means Daniel was loyal, devoted in service and faithfulness, in every area of his life. It means honesty and respect in the quality of character that would benefit anyone served by such an individual. The proof is in the king's plan to give Daniel authority over all of his kingdom Daniel 6:1-3. At the same time the thirst for power has a way to bring the worst out of some people.

Daniel was devoted to God. This made it difficult for his cohorts to find flaw in his character to trip him up and cause him to lose favor with the king. His detractors looked for grounds of complaint to find fault, but "because he was faithful," no error or fault could be found in him v.4. Daniel was so closely connected to God, that the only way to find flaw with him was to plot to drive a wedge

that would attempt to separate him from his God v. 5. Daniel's enemies made a plan to deceive the King to get to Daniel and remove his power.

They made a 30 day decree to honor king Darius for his people to show loyalty. It would put Darius in direct opposition with Daniel and God. So Daniel was forced to choose between devotion to God, and loyalty to king Darius (6:7-9).

In making the choice Daniel showed no less loyalty for one or the other. He knew the difference between the two but the dilemma forced him to choose because of evil men. Darius was king, but learned from Daniel that God is God of kings! As Darius decreed, "...in all my royal dominion men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God enduring forever, his kingdom shall never be destroyed his dominion shall be to the end." (6:26)

Daniel's dilemma teaches us that sometimes choices must be made that lead us to choose God above the laws of men.

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 (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

06-07-2020: \$4,450.00



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

June 17—Wed—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — Zoom meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771

June 18—(Thursday) 1:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting hosted by Leonard Bradley on Zoom. ID:760-5565-6662, PW: 977130.

June 19—(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

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Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

1 Peter 1:7

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:

Kelly Selvick—1) Requested prayers for **Tyrell Jones**. Stated he has some serious heart problems. Please keep him in prayer. 2) She has moved to Las Vegas. She will visit Cypress when she is in the area. Please keep her in prayer.
Frances Draper—Requested prayers for herself and her family. Her grandchildren are confused about all that is going on. She's feeling a lot of anxiety.
Shawn Swanier—**UPDATE:** 1) Her son, **Adam**, tested negative for coronavirus. Thank everyone for your prayers. 2) She has some decisions to make. Pray for God's guidance as she makes those decisions. 3) Requested prayers for stability in her family.
Alma Swinton—1) **UPDATE:** Her headaches have improved. Thank you for your prayers. 2) She requested prayers for her family, **Azariah** and his brothers.
Taeja Hamilton—Requested prayers for a relative, **Yolanda Dutches**, who would be having surgery.

Hermentia 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. UPDATE:** **Kory Lewis** is doing better and is now weighing 3 lbs. Please continue to pray for his growth and development. Thank you.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

Linda Faye Hays—Requested prayers for herself, as her white blood cell count is low. 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 improving and may not have to have the facial surgery. 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.

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.

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her niece, **Pat**, who will be having back surgery.

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

Shirley Green—Continued prayers for **Freda George's son** whose has cancer

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.

Hermentia 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.

Hermentia 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).