

minister's message

Take it to the Lord in Prayer

James 5:13-18

Talking to the Lord in prayer is a mark of spiritual maturity. James opened his teaching talking about seeing trials as a reason to rejoice. Christians build character if we pray for the wisdom to understand what God is doing through our trials. Prayer is our belief in the power of God to get things done through us and for us to His glory. Mature Christians pray always as we face the troubles and blessings of life. Some of us may be hurting inside because of trials. Some of us can see the blessings God provides in spite of trials. It may be the pain of grief, or the joy of overcoming sin, James encourages us to pray through it all.

"Is anyone among you suffering trouble?" — James 5:13. The answer is let him pray—**Petition the Lord.** Prayer is how mature Christians respond to trial, trouble and suffering. Trials can bring us to emotional pain and or joy. We may not feel good about what we go through so James addressed it by saying "count it all joy!" The reason is that passing a test of faith through trial can lead to endurance or the strength to **"push through"** to make us complete in our calling as a child of God. Throughout life, the high points are not discernible if there are no low points. To

experience joy there must be sadness. Just as the day is dark without a night, James knows that prayer gets us through all of our trial and brings joy to our souls if we understand how God sees it. Therefore we sing, **"Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer."**

"Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise!" — (5:13b) In other words, let praise be included in the substance of your prayer. Praise is a way to say thank you because we are blessed in spite of our circumstances! Prayer and praise are not mutually exclusive as we experience our pain! Mature Christians learn how to face trial with a thankful attitude. Let Paul and Silas teach us about singing and praying in the darkness of a prison dungeon under the duress of injustice. Just because we go through it doesn't mean there are no blessings to be found in it. Jesus can make us happy even in the midst of our sorrows and especially if we can see the whole picture through the eyes of God. Petition and praise work hand in hand. Take your burdens to the Lord, through prayer and praise!

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

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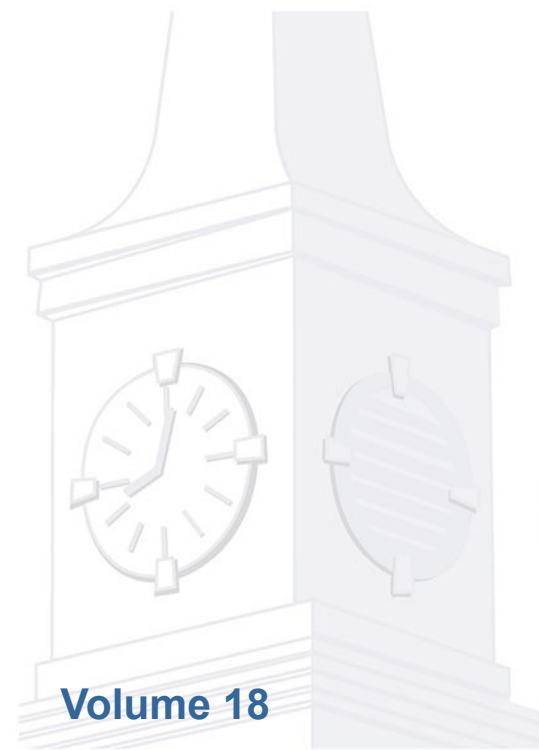
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worship times

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

07-12-2020: \$1,510.30



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, click Live Stream button. You may also go to: www.youtube.com/user/cypresscoclive. Call in on phone: 1-470-655-0191, Pin #347402036#.

Mid Week Inspirational Message—**NO MID WEEK MESSAGE THIS WEEK.** Bro. Bradley is on vacation.

July 15—Wed—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — Zoom meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771

Prayer Meeting —**NO PRAYER MEETING THIS WEEK.** Bro. Bradley is on vacation. ID:760-5565-6662, PW: 977130.

Chris & Taeja Hamilton are taking a break. Bible Jeopardy is on break until further notice.

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



July Birthdays

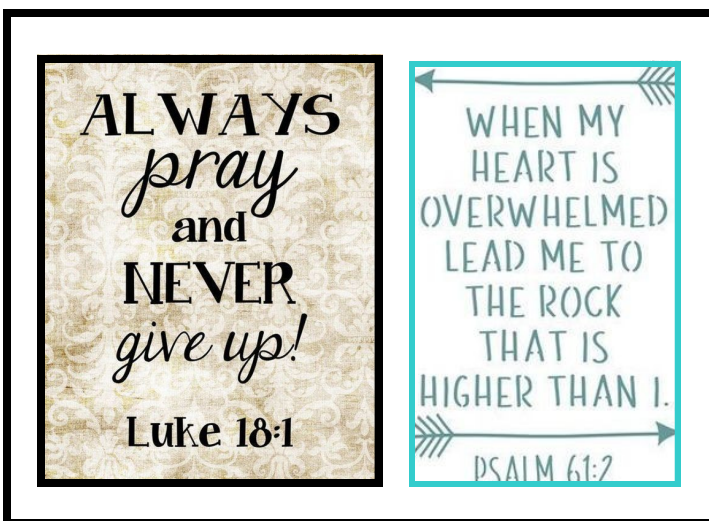
Jonathan Baber	1st	Alma Swinton	15th
Jun Lim	1st	Erika Johnson	20th
Chuck Hays	6th	John Zeigler	21st
Bill Carter	14th	Raven Hunter	31st



July Anniversaries
Ken & Belinda Rodgers—5th
Congratulations on 20 years!

CYPRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Parents, If you have someone in your family who is graduating this year, please inform Hermenia Rodgers, and if possible, please also provide a picture. 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

Traveling --Pray for safe traveling grace:

Leonard & Wendy Bradley—Traveling.

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:

James Webb—Requested prayers for his wife, Dorothy Webb, who had a fall this week. She also has COVID-19. Please keep her in prayer.
Taeja Hamilton—Announced that her Uncle Nate Neal passed away. She requested prayers for her Aunt Sharon and the Winston family. Bro. Napoleon Neal formerly attended the Cypress congregation.
Chris Hamilton—Requested prayers for himself—To get his health/weight under control.
Shirley Green—Requested prayers for her grandchildren and the current situation about kids returning to school during this pandemic.
Hermenia Rodgers—1) Requested continued prayers for her niece, Annorver Johnson who has cancer. She will have to undergo Chemo starting this coming Thursday. Please pray for her complete recovery.

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Hermenia Rodgers—Please keep her grandson, Cory Rodgers, in prayer as he is an EMT on the front lines during this pandemic. At this writing he is in Florida where the virus outbreak is extremely bad.

Donna Penson—Requested prayers for a co-worker, Zamora, who has the virus.

Hermenia Rodgers—Requested continued prayers for the Jackson's from the Jackson St. Church of Christ in Nashville, TN who were in a serious car accident. Bro. Jackson is the minister. He was hurt the worse and he is doing some better.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

Regenia Anthony—Requested prayers for her nephew, Dreon Brown, Sr. who has contracted COVID-19. Please pray for him. He is an essential worker, LA City Medic with the fire department. Please also pray for his wife.

Hermenia Rodgers—Continued prayers for Gloria Lewis's grandson, Khole, he's 10 years old, who fell off an escalator at the mall. He has a fractured back and a broken ankle. Please pray for him.

Taeja Hamilton—Requested prayers for a former classmate, Marshall Webb, who has COVID-19.

Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her sister, Aliene Gray—Fainting spells. Had to have her car keys taken away. 2) Pray also for her brother-in-law, Carl Hunter—Health issues—Needs surgery on neck/shoulder.

Linda Christy—Requested prayers for Aaron Woodward—Diagnosed with COVID-19.

Peggy Barnes—Requested prayers for her daughter, Schyler Barnes, who had a brain aneurysm. She was in ICU for 10 days. She is now home. Please pray for her complete recovery.

Kay Smith (Dianne Thomas' sister)—Requested prayers for herself as she prepares for testing for job certification.

Frances Draper—Prayers to stay committed, faithful and strong during these trying times.

Taeja Hamilton—Continued prayers for her cousin, Yvonne Dutches who has thyroid cancer, stage 4. Pray for comfort and healing.

Shawn Swanier—2) She has some decisions to make. Pray for God's guidance as she makes those decisions. 2) Requested prayers for trust in God and stability for her family.

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.

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. UPDATE: Kory Lewis is doing so much better and is now weighing almost 5 lbs, but there is still a problem with his breathing. Needs to breathe on his own before going home. It seems it will be September before he will be able to go home. Please keep him in prayer.

Laverne Boykin—UPDATE: Terrell Boykin is improving.
Shawn Swanier—Prayers for her husband, Virgil, health issues.

Shirley Green—Her friend, Tressie had a stroke.

Alma Swinton—Requested prayers for her friend, Susie Davis, health issues.

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.

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

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.

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.

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).