

# minister's message

“It Takes a Village”

In order to film a movie from start to finish it requires thousands of people doing hundreds of different tasks. The next time you watch a movie, take a moment to watch the credits. You won't find the same name repeated over and over. Instead of repeating names, there will be a new and different name for each and every component of the movie. The director is not an editor. Grip, gaffer, and focus puller are three different jobs for an array of different people. There is never one person for all the jobs. Christianity has the same principle attached to the gifts that God gives us. The Bible teaches us about this topic and helps to make this task easy.

First, everyone is equal in Christ. *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).* Importance or validity in Christ is not determined by money, race, status, talent, gift, or

gender. We are all the same. Second, we all have gifts and talents that we are suppose to use as individual members for the good of the entire body. The Bible says, *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10).*

The concern then becomes when a “director” steps into the “editor” seat and begins to shape the movie beyond his or her gift for directing. Get in where you fit in. You have a gift, and you have a purpose in the body of Christ. It can be disheartening when members are forced to grow arms like spiders in order to meet the needs of the congregation. Then again, if we know that we are not an encourager, or a teacher, or a greeter or a leader then we do the body a disservice by taking a role that we have not been gifted for. Nonetheless, be encouraged because God has a task for everyone in His movie. Action!

*His servant and yours, Christopher Hamilton*

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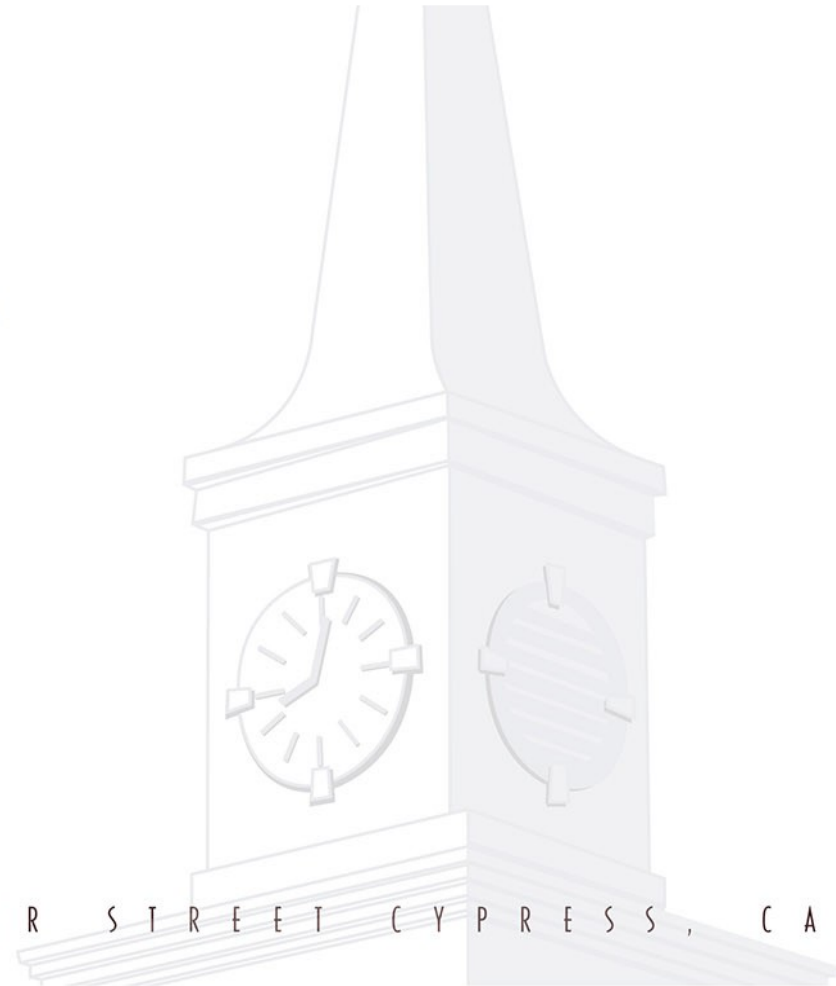
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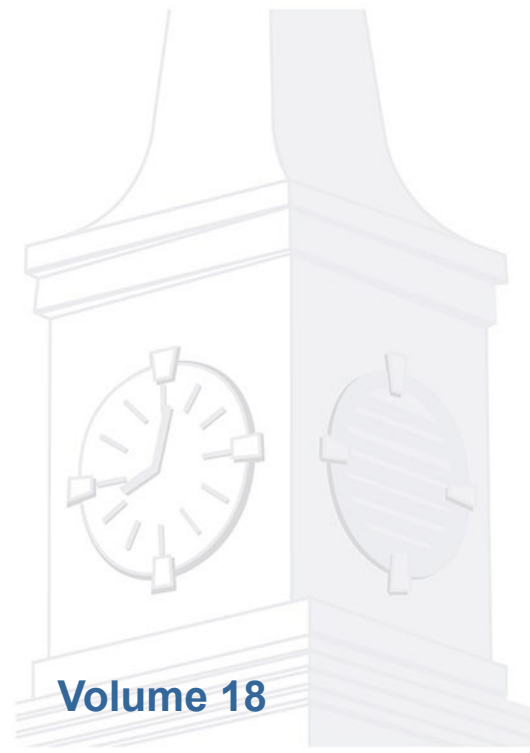
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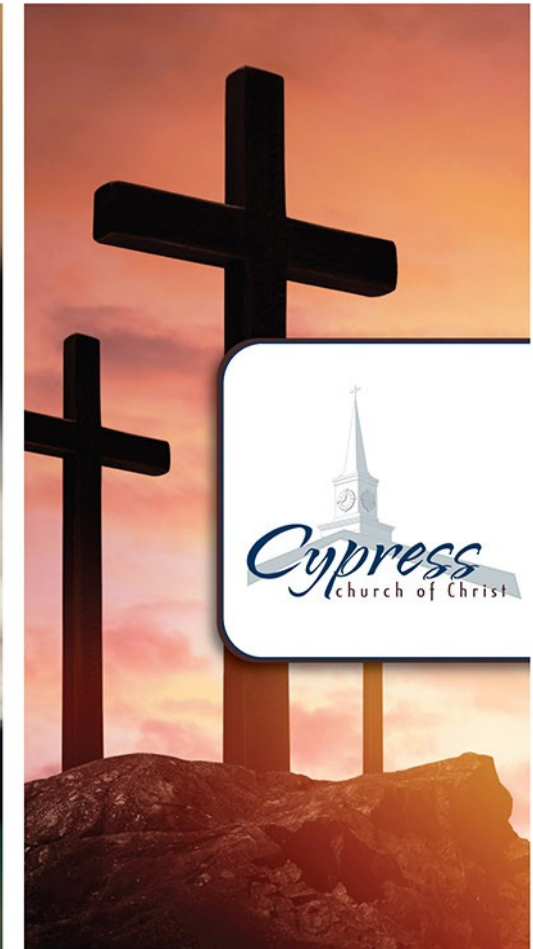


# cypress messenger

the proclamation for church of Christ events

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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

08-23-2020: \$2,004.00



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](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#.

**SUNDAY, Aug 30—11:15 a.m.**—Ladies Bible Class will meet virtually every Sunday on ZOOM. Meeting ID: 445 831 9854 and PW: 9771. Old Testament Review.

**Sept 2—Wed**—Mid Week Inspirational Message by Leonard Bradley—Will be emailed to you on Wednesday.

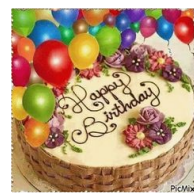
**Sept 2—Wed—7:00 p.m.**—Bible Class — ZOOM meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Studying the book of Romans.

**Sept 3—Prayer Meeting —Thursday at 1:00 p.m.**-on ZOOM. Meeting ID: 445 831 9854 and PW: 9771. (If there is a change, you will be notified, please check your e-mail.)

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



## September Birthdays

Marsha Jacoway	11th	Shawn Swanier	15th
Janett Lewis	13th	Porsha Draper	17th
Linda Christy	14th	Virgil Swanier	24th
Terrell Boykin	15th	Grace Williamson	30th

## September Anniversaries

Pearson & Linda Christy—14th  
Neal & Anita Williams—15th  
Ronald & Regenia Anthony—26th

## 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.

A Thank You card was received from the family of Napoleon Neal. Please see the additional attachment to the Bulletin e-mail.

## 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:

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requesting prayers for the husband of my friend, Barbara Boyd. Her husband, **Sam Boyd**, had emergency brain surgery on Friday. Surgery went well. Please pray for his recovery and for Barbara. Thank you.  
**Dianne Thomas**—Requested prayers for her family members in Texas, who had to evacuate due to the storm/hurricane. Please pray for all those affected. Also, please pray for everyone affected by the fires in California.

**Dianne Thomas**—Requested prayers for her former neighbor, Mrs. Murphy, who tested positive for COVID and is in isolation. Pray for her recovery.

**Tisa Hunter**—Requested prayers for her cousin, Valerie, who blacked out, fell and fractured her back.  
**Joyce Davis**—Prayers for her friend, Charles Stone, who had bypass surgery. Pray for his recovery.

**Frances Draper**—1) Requested prayers for her daughter, Porsha—stress at work. 2) Her sister,

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**Shirley** who is in isolation due to COVID. 3) Prayers for her niece, **Kimara** who has had some health related tests. Please pray for good results.

**Donna Penson**—1) Requested prayers for **Tanisha Coleman** who will be having a procedure for a brain tumor. 2) She has several friends who are ill. 3) **Claryenda Coleman**—UPDATE: She is doing better and is now home.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requested prayers for **Darlene Murray-Jackson** (Figueroa) who lost her husband (John Jackson) and her brother 4 days apart recently.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

**Shirley Green**—1) Requested prayers for **Freda George**. Her son, **Erick George**, who has cancer is now in hospice. Please pray for Erick and Freda.

**Linda Christy**—Thankful for everyone's prayers for her sister, **Shirley Green**. Please continue to pray for Shirley's health. 2) Prayers for Shirley's friend, **Tressia Davis** whose husband, Jim, has had both legs amputated. 3) **Donna Penson**—Prayers for the enrollment of her Aerobics business to pick up.

**Shawn Swanier**—Requested prayers for the **Moncrief** family, whose son is in huge legal trouble.

**Dianne Thomas**—Prayers for upcoming election in Carson—that the right people are elected.

**Mark Crockett**—Continued prayers for Mark. He was evicted from the motel. Due to the circumstances the motel could no longer allow him to stay there. The brothers helped into an Uber. At this time we do not know his location. We, as well as his sister, have done everything we can do for Mark unless he is willing to give his consent for further help. He has the contact info for the deacons and Bill Carter should he desire to reach out to them.

**AC Hamilton**—Receiving injections for pain, Please continue to keep him in prayer.

**Laverne Boykin**—Requested prayers for her sister-in-law, **Mary Boykin**, who is quite ill. Please be in prayer for her and her family.

**Shawn Swanier**—Requested prayers for a friend, Roy, who had a sudden attack of Vertigo.

**Da'Shauna Hamilton**—UPDATE: She is over COVID-19 and back at work. Thank you for your prayers.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requested prayers for **Wendell Phillips**, fellow Christian, who has COVID.  
**Karen Lindsey**—Requested prayers for her friend, **Barbara Acosta**, who has cancer and is not doing well. She has elected not have further treatment.

**Shawn Swanier**—1) Continued prayers for her job search. 2) Prayers for her friends who have lost family members. 3) Prayers for a friend, **Eddie**, who has had several TIA's and is in Cedar Sinai hospital.

**Bill Carter**—1) Requested continued prayers for his brother, **Bruce**, who is suffering from PTSD.2) Prayers for **Marvelle Lee** for the virus and loss of his brother.

**Laverne Boykin**—Requested prayers for her friend **Barbara Russell** whose cancer has grown and the doctors can't treat it.

**Kay Smith (Dianne Thomas's sister)**—Requested prayers for their cousin who will be having emergency surgery for appendicitis.

**Linda Christy**—Requested prayers for **Aaron Woodard's father** who is now in hospice. Prayers were requested for all frontline workers.

**Taeja Hamilton**—Requested continued prayers for **baby Creed (her cousin)** who was born premature and is not doing well. She is having breathing problems. Please keep her in prayer..

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requested continued prayers for her niece, **Annover Johnson**, who is undergoing Chemo—Pray that she can beat this cancer.

**Chris Hamilton**—Requested prayers for himself—To get his health/weight under control.

**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.

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

**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.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Continued prayers for 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 8 lbs. But, there is still a problem with his breathing. Needs to breathe on his own and be able to take a bottle and breast feed 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.

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

**Taeja Hamilton**—Continued prayers for her uncle **Shelton** and a co-worker, **Thelma** who has cancer.

**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.

**LaDonnia Swinton**—Requested prayers for her friend, **Deanna Murray**, who has cancer.

**AC Hamilton**—Requested prayers for his manager, at work, who has lung 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.

**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).