

# minister's message

## Freedom to Love and Serve

*Galatians 5:1-6*

Love is the willingness to give oneself for the sake of another's joy, well being, or growth. It is easy to see how this definition fits the way God has loved us. It is more of a challenge for us to understand how it speaks to our obligation to love one another. What can help us is to know that love is less of feelings, than it is a way of thinking and acting. It certainly is easier and more pleasant to think and act positively towards people for whom we may feel affection. But the strength to love as a Christian is the ability to act in the absence of affection. As the apostle Paul describes in **1Corinthian 13, love is as love does.**

Paul taught in **Galatians 5:1-6** that faith is "made effective" through love. The principle on which our faith hinges is love and not law. Circumcision binds those who would be slaves of the

law. Only in the Spirit does God give us the love we need to obey Him and care for others. If we trust God our love will continue in the Spirit of Christ! We will worship Him as Lord and praise His name above all others. For no other name is given under heaven whereby we must be saved (**Acts 4:12**). In love we honor the principles by which the Lord has called us to serve. Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul and mind and thy neighbor as thyself.

In Christ we are free to love freely and completely in the Spirit of God. If we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, then our love towards one another will be modeled after God's love for us. And we can love even our enemies as Jesus described in **Luke 6:27-42**. Christ called us to freedom to use Christian freedom as opportunity to serve and love one another.

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

## ministers

Leonard Bradley

Chris Hamilton

James Webb

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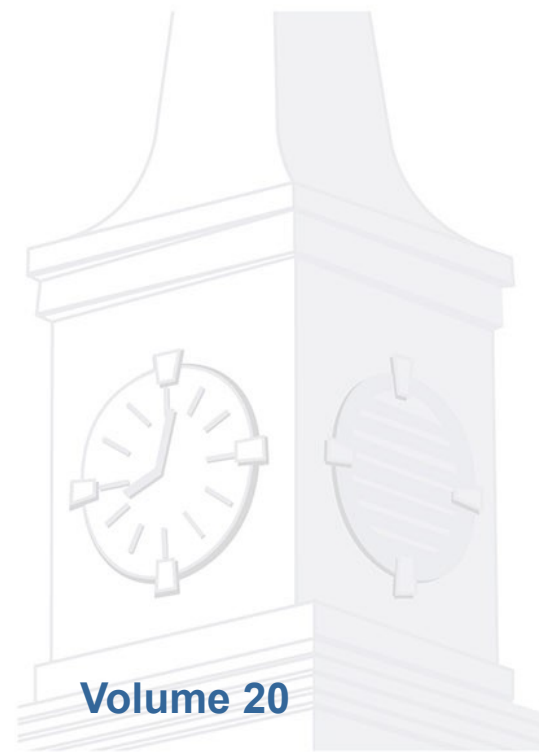
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## worship times

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

Offering 9/4/2022:  
\$2,275.00  
(includes Zelle)



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](http://www.Youtube.com/user/cypresscoclive). Call in on phone: 1-470-655-0191, Pin #347402036#.

**SUNDAY** In person worship. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. **REMINDER: PLEASE CONTINUE TO TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS BY CONTINUING TO WEAR A MASK. IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID, PLEASE STAY HOME AND WORSHIP VIRTUALLY. THANK YOU.**

**SUNDAY—IN PERSON MEN'S BIBLE CLASS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER MORNING WORSHIP.**

**SUNDAY—Ladies Class—In person Ladies class is meeting immediately following morning worship in the auditorium. Studying the book of Isaiah.**

**Wed, 7:00 p.m.—In person and on Zoom Bible Class — Meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Studying 1 Corinthians.**

**Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.—PRAYER MEETING—on ZOOM. Using the church Zoom info.**

**Every Thursday Evening—7:00 p.m.—Ladies Class on the church ZOOM. The study is the book of Deuteronomy.**

**EVERY THURSDAY EVENING—7:00 P.M.—LEADER'S & MEN'S MEETING—ZOOM ID: 609 755 6429, PASSCODE; 1234.**

**2022 THEME: "EACH ONE, REACH ONE IN 2022"  
I SAMUEL 3:2-10**

# September Birthdays



*Happy Birthday*




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

*Happy Anniversary*



*Pearson & Linda Christy—9/14*  
*Neal & Anita Williams—9/21*  
*Ronald & Regenia Anthony—9/26*

JOIN US IN  
*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF



*Irene B. Hagood*  
JUNE 9, 1938 - AUGUST 27, 2022  
Saturday October 1st, 2022 at 10am  
Figueroa Church of Christ  
455 57th Street  
Los Angeles, California 90037  
Procession immediately following service: Inglewood Park Cemetery  
Repat held at University Christian Church  
5831 W. Centinela Ave  
Los Angeles, California 90045  
Flowers can be sent to Inglewood Cemetery Mortuary

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

BIBLE READING

PRAYER

SONGS

SCRIPTURE/PRAYER

SONGS

COMMUNION/COLLECTION

MESSAGE

RESPONSES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

WORSHIP IS FOLLOWED BY  
BIBLE CLASSES

### 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 (IN HOSPICE)  
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**—Traveling this weekend. Prayers for safety, please.

**Frances Draper**—Requested prayers for the Croom family. Howard Croom, a close family friend, passed this week. And, a relative of his also passed. Please be in prayer for the Croom and Draper families.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS:

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requested prayers for her sister, Bernice Carter, in Memphis who had a massive stroke. **UPDATE:** She was taken off the ventilator on Friday. She is breathing on her own, but is constantly asleep. Please continue to keep her in prayer. Thank you.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requesting continued prayers for Kim Clark who was hit by a car and both legs broken. Thank you for your prayers and continue to pray for Kim's full recovery.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requesting continued prayers for Emily Lewis—Cervical cancer

**Marsha Jacoway**—Requested prayer for Wanda

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## SMALL GROUP

## CLASS ON ZOOM

Tuesday evenings:

7:00 p.m.

Cypress Zoom

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And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

**Eli who sustained a foot injury, following back surgery.**

**Malissa Parks**—Requested prayers for a childhood friend who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

**Bro. Webb**—Continued prayers for his health.

**Natasha Williams**—Requested prayers for several family members. Prayers were also requested for **Aisha Gross.**

**Hermenia Rodgers**—1) Continued prayers for her son, Tony, and his wife, **Andreka**—for health issues. Also, pray for their son Cory for safety are he cares for patients.

**Frances Draper**—Requested prayers for her sister, **Shirley**—Health issues.

**Natasha Williams**—Requested prayer for the Williams, Robinson, Butler, Nobles, Hibbler, Marshall and Corte families.

**Corey Maye**—Requested prayers for his sister, Elizabeth, and his mother, Health issues.

**Teresa Wilson**—Requested prayers for Tim Grambling, Jordan Grambling and her Aunt Lilly—for health issues.

**A.C. Hamilton**—Heart health issues—Continued prayers.

**Shirley Green**—Health issues—continued prayers.

**Glen David Rinehart**—Continued prayers—Health issues. Thank you for your prayers.

**Wendy Bradley**—Requested continued prayers for her family, the Williams, Robinson and Butler family. Thank you.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requesting continued prayers for Joyce and John Davis (Arkansas). John.

**Marsha Jacoway**—Her sister, Melody is in the middle of Chemotherapy. Continued prayer.

**Eddie Morris**—Requested continued prayers for his father and his sister, Gail.

**Natasha Williams**—Requested prayers for Sam Harrell. Natasha & Wendy are first cousins. Sam Harrell is Wendy Bradley's brother-in-law. Sam is ill and needs our prayers. Thank you.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—1) Requested prayers for

sister/ friend, **Debbie Sims**, and 2) **Annorver Johnson**—(Hermenia's niece) —Both of these women have cancer and are undergoing Chemo.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Requesting continued prayers for sister friend **Rhonda Johnson**—health issues.

Chemo treatments.

**Glen Rinehart**—Requested prayers for his mother, **Lucille Rinehart**, who is in hospice.

**Kay Smith**—Her client, **Mary Tran**, health issues —No more cancer, but now has **Neuropathy**. Continued prayers.

**Shawn Swanier**—Requests continued prayer for the healing of her shoulder.

**Laverne Boykin**—Continued prayers for her sister, **Alene Gray** — Health issues.

**Terrell Boykin**—Health issues. Continued prayers for him and for Laverne as she cares for him.

**Wendy Bradley**— Continued prayers for her mother, **Mattie Reid**.

**Gail Irby**—Prayers for **Jeffrey Broadway**— Recovery from being shot.

**Linda Christy**—Requested prayers regarding her eye health and knee pain. Please pray for her.

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Continued prayers for **Sam Boyd** who had brain surgery. **Sam** is now in a rehab facility. He still has a long way to go, but he is better. Please continue to keep him in prayer, as well as his wife, **Barbara**. Thank you.

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

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

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

**Hermenia Rodgers**—Continued prayers for her sister, **Gail Irby**, for the feeling to return to her extremities.

**Morris Jordan**—Prayers for strength/back pain.

**Ryan Anthony**—Health issues.

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