

minister's message

Why You Shouldn't Compare Your Life to Others

(James 1:9-10). This does not mean that in Christ poor people become rich or unhealthy people suddenly become healthy, but what it means is that the larger picture of life has been made visible to the faithful.

In this world, someone may always be doing "better" and someone also may have it worse off than you. There is a large discrepancy in the quality of finance, health, spirituality, relationships, and opportunities for most people around the world. We have running water, drinkable even, some do not.

Instead of making comparisons, we ought to put into practice the act of being content as Paul did. **Philippians 4:12-13** 12) *I know how to live humbly, and I know how to abound. I am accustomed to any and every situation—to being filled and being hungry, to having plenty and having need.* 13) *I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.* Paul is not bragging about having great wealth nor is he complaining about being in a lowly state. What he is doing is putting his focus, hope, faith, and trust in God. It is Christ that makes the difference in his life and in ours.

The great equalizer is Jesus Christ. Jesus makes it clear that in circumstances of comparison, what we think is "good" or "bad" matters none to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus in fact tells us the last shall be first and the first shall be last and many called yet only few chosen (Matthew 20:16). For believers in Christ who experience trials, the poor are exalted and the rich are humbled

His servant and yours, Chris Hamilton

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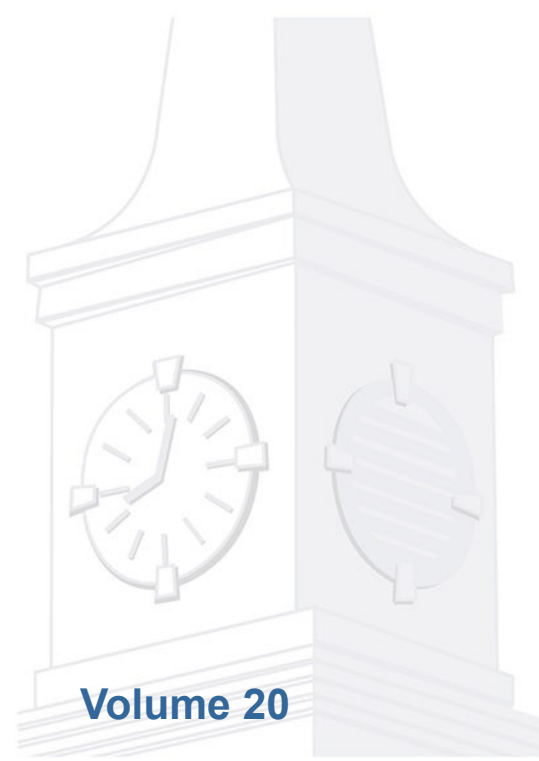
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worship times

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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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 9/18/2022:
\$2,996.00
(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, click Live Stream button. You may also go to: www.Youtube.com/user/cypressoclive. 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:

Prayers were requested for the family of **James Mark Thompson, Minister of the Liberty City Church of Christ.** Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 24th, at the North Broadway CofC, in Mt. Clemons, MI. **Please be in prayer for his mother, Marva Thompson and his sister, TJ Haygood and all the Thompson family.**

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

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

Hermenia Rodgers—Requested prayers for her sister, **Bernice Carter**, in Memphis who had a massive stroke. **UPDATE:** She was taken off the ventilator a couple weeks ago. She is breathing on her own, but is constantly asleep and is now having seizures. 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

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**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY
QUARTERLY
CELEBRATIONS RETURN**



Sunday, October 2, 2022

We will acknowledge the July, August & September Birthdays and Anniversaries at the end of worship service.

Cake will be distributed as you leave the building. We will NOT come together as a group in the fellowship hall.



pray for Kim's full recovery.

Hermenia Rodgers—Requesting continued prayers for **Emily Lewis—Cervical cancer Marsha Jacoway**—Requested prayer for **Wanda 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 as 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 her 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).