

minister's message

Spiritual Desire to Love and Serve Galatians 5:1-6

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

Paul wrote in **Galatians 5:1-6** that faith is "made effective" through love. The principle on which faith hinges is love and

not law. Circumcision binds those who would be slaves to 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 grow 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 in the Spirit of God. If the Holy Spirit is our strength, then our love for 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 in the Spirit of the Lord.

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

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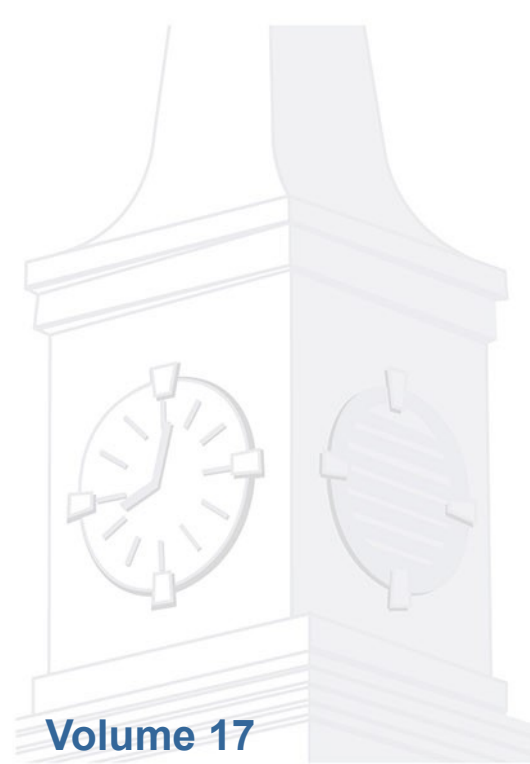
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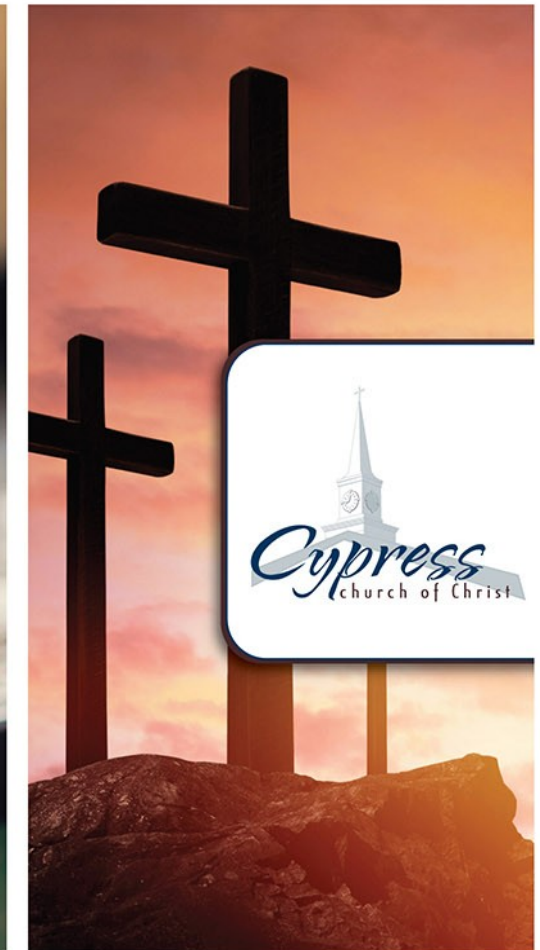
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worship times

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"

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

9/22/2019: \$4,836.50



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

TODAY—Combined Adult Bible Class.

TODAY— Friends & Family Day Planning Mtg. today after the Bible Class hour.

October 6—3:00 p.m.—Monthly visit to Anaheim Crown Plaza, 641 S. Beach Blvd., Anaheim. Please meet at the facility.

October 9— Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Prayer Meeting instead of Bible Class.

Friends & Family Day Planning Meetings & Canvassing schedule:

October 6—Planning Mtg.

October 19—Saturday—Friends & Family Day Canvassing

October 27—Planning Mtg. & start bringing Thanksgiving basket items & toys for Toy Giveaway

November 3—Planning Mtg.

November 9—Saturday—Work Day

November 10—Friends & Family Day

November 24—Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway

Directory Updates:

Janett Lewis—New Home phone: (323) 455-0306

Karen Lindsey—New Cell phone: (714) 379-3788

These changes are already in the Instant Church Directory.

**2019 THEME: "GIVING OURSELVES TO CHRIST, AS CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF FOR US"
2 CORINTHIANS 8:5, GALATIANS 2:20**

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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:

Harold & Peggye Barnes—Alaskan Cruise.
Barry Johnson—Ohio and other places.

Thanksgiving for all who have returned safely from travel.

Sick & Shut-in:


Dorothy Webb
Long Beach Healthcare Center
3401 Cedar Avenue, Bed 14A (Rm # is a change)
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:

Lori White—Requested prayers for her mother, **Shirley White**. She was admitted to ICU on Monday. Her heart and blood pressure are much better and she was released on Wednesday. Lori is very appreciative for all of your prayers.
Shawn Swanier—Regarding the message, love sometimes makes things difficult. Requested prayers to help her get back on track.
Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her nephew, **Morgan Lightner**. He was having a lot of difficulty and could not be dialyzed. He needed surgery.
Donna Penson—Praise report—She passed her test. She requested prayers for her sister, **Shonte**. She was married on Friday. Please pray




Remaining September Birthday:
Grace Williamson —
TOMORROW, September 30th!

October Birthdays

Loryn Carter	11th	Alisa Baber	22nd
Marissa Rodgers	14th	Camille Williamson	24th
Ken Rodgers	20th		

October Anniversaries
Chris & Taeja Hamilton—
October 14th



BROTHERHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 12—Saturday—8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—
Hawthorne Church of Christ's Ladies Day, 4585
El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne 90250. Theme: "Shine Bright Like A Diamond". Guest Speakers: Alikea Harmon, Amy Johnson and Genny Moore.

October 13—2:00 p.m.—Orange County Second
Sunday Singing—Hosted by Yorba Linda Church of Christ, 22707 E. La Palma Ave., Yorba Linda, CA.

December 6-7—61st & Division St. Church of
Christ's 41st Annual Christian Women's Seminar—
6070 Division Street, San Diego. Bridging The
Gap—Mind, Body and Spirit — Faith. Keynote
Speaker: Jarilyn Fox, Inspirational Speaker: Lori
Harvin, PhD., Motivational Speaker: Koryn C. Dil-
lard, PhD. See flyer on bulletin board. Registration:
Adults: \$40, Ages 18-25: \$25, Ages 11-17: \$20,
Ages 7-10: Free. See flyer on bulletin board.

Thank You Card received from the Liggins/Nunley/Carter Family—Posted on the bulletin board.



for her and her husband and that all will go well with her health and the twins they are having.
Shirley Green—Thanked the congregation for their prayers during her recent cataract surgery. It went very well—she can see!
Fred Meurkson—Requested prayers on behalf of his brother, **Joe**, who has cancer—pray for his life. He also requested prayers for strength for himself.

Continued Prayers & Updates:

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.
Anita Meacham: 1) Her brother **Samuel McCallister** has congestive heart failure. 2) Her niece, **Brandi Banks**, had a routine biopsy and later in the hospital where it was found that she was bleeding internally. She is still hospitalized. 3) Another brother **Thomas Townsend** is struggling with some life changing events. 4) Prayers requested for her fiancé's brother who is sick
Janett Lewis: Requested prayers for her nephew, **Michael Whitmore**, diagnosed with schizophrenia but stopped taking his medications. Now he is making some bad and dangerous decisions.
Shawn Swanier: She also requested prayers for **Donna Hubbard**—Requested prayers for herself, as she is going through some things.
Laverne Boykin—Prayers for her friend, **Barbara Russell** who has Stage 4 cancer.
Donna Penson—Prayers for her cousin, **Yolanda**, who has colon cancer.
Herb Draper—Requested prayers for the **Jackson family**. The husband is ill.
Hermenia Rodgers—Continued prayers for her son, **Tony and his wife, Andreka**, health issues.
Anita Meacham—Requested prayers for a good friend, **Adria Wilson**, who has been dealing with some health issues and as a result her home will be sold. Please pray that everything will work out well for her.
AC Hamilton—Requested prayers for himself. He is dealing with a lot of back pain.

Laverne Boykin—Please pray for her sister, **Ailene**, health issues.
Shawn Swanier—Her sister-in-law, **Wanda Swanier** has completed her chemo treatments, but she still needs surgery. Please keep her in prayer.
Linda Garner's friend's daughter, **Roberta, 14 year old with bone cancer.**
Donna Penson—Please pray for the wife of one of Donna's co-workers, **Lydia Ruiz**, whose cancer has returned.
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.
Anita Meacham—Continued prayers for her sister-in-law, **Valerie McAllister** who has breast cancer and is going through Chemo.
Marsha Jacoway's sister, Melody, who had a fall a while back and had surgery. Pray for continued healing.
Anita Meacham—Requested prayers for, **LaShara Johnson**, who has a brain aneurysm.
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 for over 3 years. Continue to keep her in prayer.
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).