

minister's message

Sharing God's Comfort Through Trial

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

The key to Paul's relationship with the Corinthians is what they "share." They share God's love and comfort in and through every trial. The issue is one of mutual encouragement. Through our suffering and trial do we encourage one another as God encourages us all? Paul is confident about what God will do. The question is will Christians be there for one another as they face the challenges of ministry? So, Paul takes the opportunity to remind them by praising God for being the God of all Comforts who blesses us even in trials!

God's answer to trial is always to provide "comfort" (paraklesis). The idea is to call someone to come close to console and/or encourage. The word is translated "comfort" but it can also mean "encourage" depending on the context. Paul uses the noun 6 times and the verb 4 times in this section of scripture alone. From the moment we become Christians He

comes near to encourage us to live to His glory! It is the word Jesus used for the Holy Spirit, Comforter, because He comes to us to encourage us in our spiritual life.

The relevant principle is mutual encouragement in our relationships as Christians. Paul says, "If we are afflicted it is for your comfort and salvation" [v.6]. God works through us to encourage us because of Christ. This is why our experience as Christians is valuable in ministry. Ministry is mutual. Paul says the hardship of taking the gospel to others is worth knowing that those who receive it reap the benefits of comfort and salvation. Salvation is deliverance from God's condemnation and wrath (Romans 1:16; 1Thess. 5:9) we are saved from God's wrath but we are also free to live a new life in Christ. It is this salvation in Christ that gives Paul the confidence to overcome any adversity in sharing the gospel with the world.

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

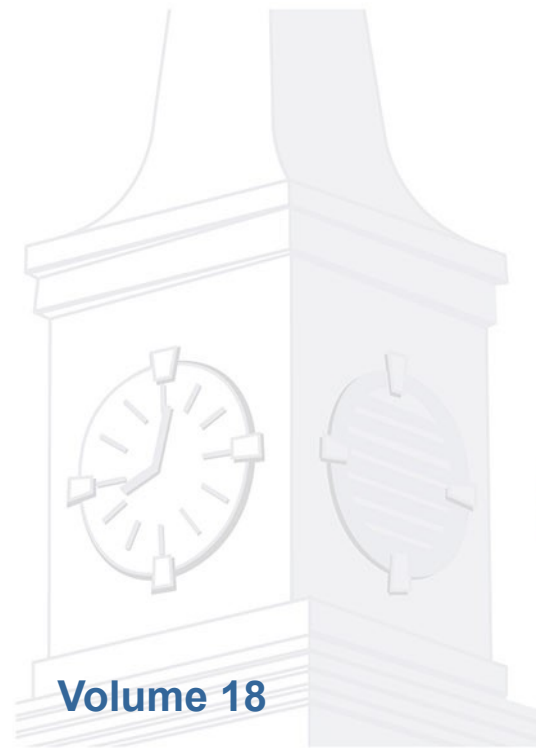
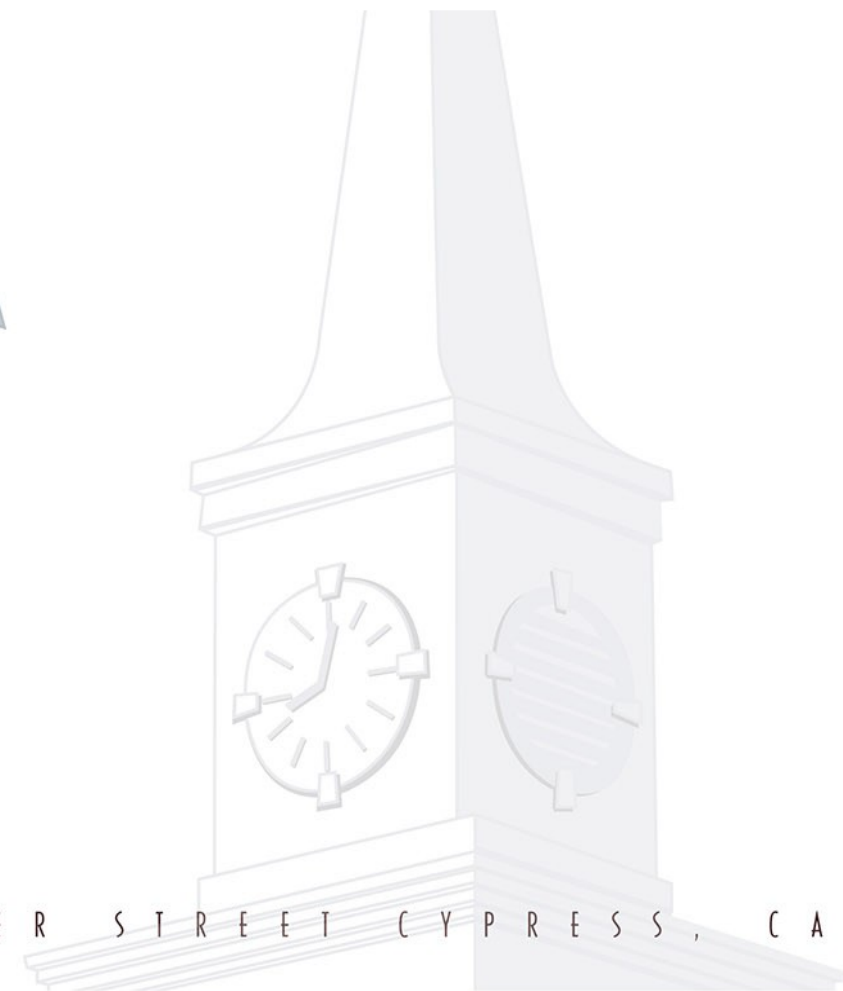
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worship times

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

10/18/2020: \$5,292.00



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

SUNDAY, Oct. 25—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.

Oct. 28—Wed—7:00 p.m.—Bible Class — ZOOM meeting ID: 445 831 9854, PW: 9771—Studying the book of Romans.

Oct. 29—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

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

October Anniversaries
Chris & Taeja Hamilton—14th

WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREAT OUR CELLPHONES?

WHAT IF WE...
...CARRIED IT WITH US EVERYWHERE?
...TURNED BACK TO GO GET IT IF WE FORGOT IT?
...CHECKED IT FOR MESSAGES THROUGHOUT THE DAY?
...USED IT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?
...SPENT AN HOUR OR MORE USING IT EACH DAY?

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:
Ken & Belinda Rodgers—Traveling —business.
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.

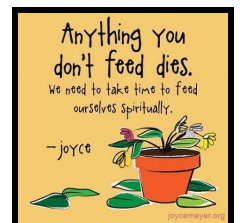
NOTE: Please let the church office know when the condition of your loved one/friend is improved and can be removed from the prayer list.

Prayer Requests from last Sunday & During the Week:

REMINDER—PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT.

Hermeria Rodgers—Requested prayers for Sis. Nora Coes who has been hospitalized. Please keep her in prayer.
Chris Hamilton—Continued prayers for Baby Creed (Taeja's cousin). She was born premature and has been in the hospital since around this time last year. She had a serious surgery this week and it went well. Please continue to keep her in prayer for complete healing. Please also pray for her family.
Alma Swinton—Requested prayers for her son and his family who live in Washington State. Some of the family went to Las Vegas and were exposed to COVID. They have been tested. Please pray for negative test results.
Karen Lindsey—Sold her home here. Moving to Las Vegas to be close to her grandchildren. Keep her in prayer.

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Continued Prayers & Updates

Leonard Bradley—Prayers for his family & safety.
Linda Christy—She is having a lot of pain in her other knee. Needs surgery. Needs to wait because of COVID. Keep her in prayer. Pray for her family also.
Shirley Green—Keep her in prayer—safe from COVID.- The people in her apartment complex do not wear masks.
Shawn Swanier—Prayers for her family.
Hermeria Rodgers—Continued prayers for her family.
Tisa Hunter—Prayers for health concerns.
Bel Rodgers—Prayers for health concerns.
Chris Hamilton—Requested prayers for his family.
Laverne Boykin—UPDATE—Her husband, Terrell, is now home and doing better.
Jeanette Young—Looking for low cost housing or a room for rent. If you are aware of anyone who has a room for rent, please inform her: (714) 791-1132,
Hermeria Rodgers—Continued prayers for Sam Boyd who had brain surgery the end of August.
UPDATE: 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.
Bill Carter—Requested prayers for 2 of his cousins: George Counts who lost his wife and his cousin, Essie Counts, who is in her 90's, and has a number of health issues. Please keep them in prayer.
Continued prayers for Lucille Walker—She is in need of housing.
James Webb—Requested prayers for Odell Campbell who had a heart attack.
Joyce Davis—Continued prayers for her father, Jimmy Walker's health.
Bill Carter—Requested continued prayers for Brooke Still, who has extreme back pain. Continue to pray also for her husband who has COVID.
Dianne Thomas—Requested prayers for JoAnn Jasmine, a senior in Carson, who has health issues and lives on her own. Dianne is trying to get some assistance for her. Pray to that end and for her health.
Mark Crockett—Continued prayers for him to come to himself and be able to get some help. Pray also for his family.
Shawn Swanier—1) Continued prayers for her job search. She has had several interviews and things are looking promising. 2) She also requested prayers for her cousin who has COVID.
Frances Draper—Requested continued prayers for her niece, Kimara, Linda Dunn's daughter, who had surgery recently. Please keep her in prayer for full recovery.
Tisa Hunter—Continued prayers for the Langley daughters, Hannah and Emilee who lost both of their parents within a week due to a car accident.
James Webb—Requested prayers for his niece and her husband who are suffering with health issues.
Tisa Hunter—Requested prayers for her cousin,

Valerie, who blacked out, fell and fractured her back.
Dianne Thomas—Prayers for upcoming election in Carson—that the right people are elected.
Laverne Boykin—Requested prayers for her sister-in-law, Mary Boykin, who is quite ill. Please be in prayer for her and her family.
Karen Lindsey—Requested prayers for her friend, Barbara Acosta, who has cancer and is not doing well. She has elected not have further treatment.
Bill Carter—1) Requested continued prayers for his brother, Bruce, who is suffering from PTSD.2) Prayers for Marvella 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.
Linda Christy—Requested prayers for Aaron Woodard's father who is now in hospice.
Prayers were requested for all frontline workers..
Hermeria Rodgers—Requested continued prayers for her niece, Annorver 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.
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.
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.
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.
LaDonna 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.
Hermeria 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.
Hermeria Rodgers--Requesting prayers for her friend, Gloria Lewis, suffering with Vertigo.
Morris Jordan—Prayers for strength and back pain.
Ryan Anthony--Health issues.
Keenan Modica--Military. (Belinda's nephew).