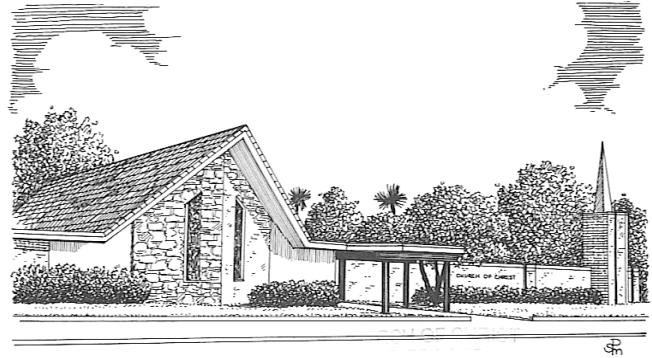


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LET'S STAY FOCUSED

Some things that we do in life do not require special attention on our part. We can successfully complete some tasks while we have the radio blaring and are talking on the phone at the same time. Other tasks, though, require us to be focused totally on what we are doing. One that drives farm equipment must keep his attention on the task at hand. The same goes for a doctor that is performing open-heart surgery. In so many endeavors, for one to lose his focus can cause unpleasant results, even real disaster.

As Christian we, too, need to stay focused.

For one thing, ***God's children must stay focused on Jesus***. On the occasion when Peter walked on the water toward Jesus, in the beginning he walked with no problem. Every indication is that at first he was focused on Jesus and not the strong wind. However, when Peter "*saw that the wind was boisterous,*" his attention stayed on the potential danger and he was afraid (Matthew 14:29,30). Surely a key lesson from Peter's stroll on the water is for us to keep our eyes focused on the Lord and not the storms of life.

Most of us get involved in so many different activities in life. Some of them are activities at school, at work, or at home. Some of them may be personal acts of kindness or actually part of the work of the church. Let us all strive to do our best not to lose sight of the fact that Jesus needs to be the center of our focus. He died that we might live through Him. That ought to be on our minds each day. Stay focused on Jesus.

Second, ***followers of Jesus must stay focused on the word of God***. Brethren, we have got to keep our attention on the word of the living God! It is God's word that "*is able to save your souls*" (James 1:21). Nothing else can do that. It is God's word that serves as a lamp for our feet and a light for our path (Psalm 119:105). Nothing else can do that. It is God's word that can build us up and give us an inheritance among the sanctified (Acts 20:32). Nothing else can do that. Let us be like babies and "*desire the pure milk of the word, that you (we) may grow thereby*" (1 Peter 2:2).

When some of Jesus' disciples left Him to walk no more with Him, Jesus turned to the apostles and asked, "*Do you also want to go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life*" (John 6:67,68). To turn away from Jesus was/is to turn away from the source of the words of life!

Finally, ***followers of Jesus must stay focused on heaven***. Going to heaven after our earthly life is over – that is what it is all about! Going to heaven must be the goal that pushes us, the reward that drives us and on which our attention is focused. By faith Abraham "*waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God*" (Hebrews 11:10). He and others in his family desired "*a better, that is, a heavenly country*" (Hebrews 11:16).

Jesus taught His disciples, "*But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*" (Matthew 6:20,21). May our desires ever be set on things above, where Jesus sits at the right hand of God (Colossians 3:1,2).

Satan would love to get us so distracted that we would not focus on the things that are most important. May God help us all to stay focused on Jesus, His word, and heaven as our final dwelling place.

-adapted from an article by Roger D. Campbell, *klangchurchofchrist.org*

We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ

*Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



On this Labor Day weekend, we welcome all who have come to worship. Let us choose to be workers together on behalf of God and to be blessing for others.

“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)”

Pray for our Church family:

For: Joyce Winings who is recovering from surgery at The Fountains at the Carlotta in Palm Desert and Betty Johnson who is struggling with diabetes. Pray for those that mourn: Wanda Goodenough and family as well as Jeff Mercer and family. We ask that you pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati and Joyce Winings.

Pray for family & friends:

Please pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie and Teddy Kovack who is recovering from cancer surgery, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Phyllis Francis’ extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins’ family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

Military:

Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family friends T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Father, I thank You that Your mercies are new every morning and Your faithfulness is great. Empower me to sing the song of Your great love - even when I must sing it through my tears. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: Bill Crowder; April 2020

Read: Psalm 42:1-5

News:

Reminder: Our new email address is: **pscoc@outlook.com**. Please discontinue using the @hotmail address as this it is no longer in use. Thank you.

Individually wrapped communion supplies are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service and/or during temporary closures.

In Search of the Lord’s Way: Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

**Scripture reading:
Luke 9:57-62**

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” Jesus replied, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” He said to another man, “Follow me.” But the man replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.” Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

**Sermon topic:
“Distracted Driving”**



Birthdays:

Sue Collins:	9/1
Dail Paramore:	9/13
Jerry Munn:	9/17
Edwina Scott:	9/17

**Worship service:
Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.**

Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask or cloth face covering

Please bring your own bible

While we will be having in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue. If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:

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God bless us all and bless our families and loved ones too.

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