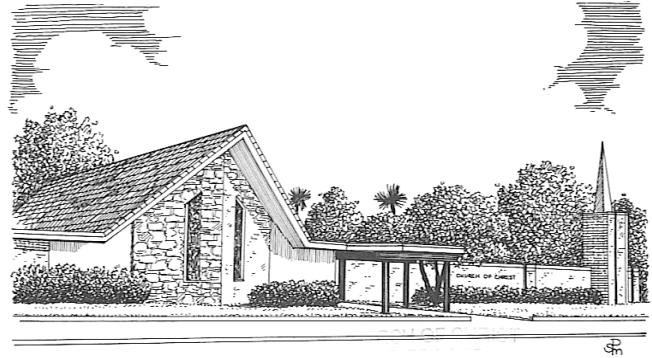


Palm Springs Church of Christ
 1450 N. Avenida Caballeros
 1-760-327-2521
 1-760-832-6419
Mailing Address:
 P.O. Box 2267
 Palm Springs, CA 92263
 email: pscoc@outlook.com
www.palmspringschurchofchrist.com
Office hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
February 19, 2023



Palm Springs Church of Christ

Palm Springs, CA

Contacts		Church Secretary	
Kerry Britton: 1-760-333-3756	Jeff Mercer: 1-760-578-9733	Kathy Ferrell 1-760-832-6419	
Kathy Ferrell: 1-760-832-6638	David Winings: 1-760-409-0490		
Roy McDonald: 1-760-409-0700			

When The Prodigal Returns

“Here come I to my own again, Fed, forgiven and known again, Claimed by bone of my bone again and cheered by flesh of my flesh” (1-3).

Joseph Rudyard Kipling, author of *The Jungle Book*, opened his poem “The Prodigal Son” with those lines. In it he writes from the perspective of the returning son. As we consider that thought, what should our response be to those that return? How should we approach the penitent brother or sister that has come back to their first love?

First, we must realize that there is already a burden of guilt upon those that return. It is not ours to make that burden any greater by subjecting them to our self-righteous judgments. Look at how those in the parable responded to the return. The father celebrated as one that received his child back from death (**Luke 15:32**). The older brother did not feel that his sibling was deserving of such treatment (**Luke 15:28-30**). The reality is nobody ever deserves the Father’s love. In 2 Corinthians, Paul writes concerning the treatment of the repentant brother in Christ that had been withdrawn from. “The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.” (2:6-8). This is exactly what the father was doing. He was reestablishing the relationship that had been severed because of sin.

Second, they need to be built back up to a measure of strength. The wayward child had been in the far off land eating very little. Desiring to eat even the slop for pigs. When he returned home, I think of him as having a feeble body, barely able to walk. Spiritually, those that have wandered away for a length time are in a similar situation. “Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted” (**Gal. 6:1**). The word “restore” is the same word used in **Mark 1:19** for mending nets. **Hebrews 12:13** talks about the concept as though you are resetting a joint that was out of place. An arm that once hung lifeless to the side is set back in place and nurtured to usefulness.

When the lost son came to his senses, he returned home. We pray that those who are off in the far country spiritually would return also. Nothing would give heaven greater joy than for the wayward to say, “Here I come to my own again, fed, forgiven and known again...”

Josh Blackmer, Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ



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*

Welcome! We pray that you will be blessed with strength enough to see you on your way, hope enough to get you through the day and love enough to fill your heart, come what may.

“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:

Please keep Byron in your prayers as he is suffering from chronic headaches and Roy as he continues to recover from heart surgery. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Pray for Emilia Letalu and family as her cousin Jeff recently passed away; James Brannon’s friend Erik Merenda who continues to receive chemo & radiation treatments, for Dustin Parker’s dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke, for Kerry’s co-worker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and Kathy’s cousin-in-law, Michelle Candelario who is undergoing radiation treatments. Pray for the improved health of: Jim & Mary Ann D’Arcy, Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Marjorie Counts, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); 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 Deussenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Thank You, Yahweh, that You listen and know all about us. You hear our complaints and our grumbings and gently love us on our journey. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

All God’s Creatures: Virginia Ruth; January 2023
Read: Exodus 2:11-25

News:

2023 Annual Corporation Election/Meeting of the Palm Springs Church of Christ is scheduled for today following worship service. David Winings and Jeff Mercer are due for re-election and have expressed their willingness to continue to serve. If there are others who might be interested in serving, first please verify that they are truly invested in this service prior to nominating. Nominations forms are available.

Potluck: Our next scheduled potluck will be March 5th following worship service. Please see Kathy to sign up for a dish or two.

Donations needed: We are in need of bottled water and quart size zipper style baggies. Thank you.

The Community Food Bank: is in need of non-perishable items such as: peanut butter, cereal, small packs of rice and dried beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, pasta, jars or cans of pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Scripture Readings:

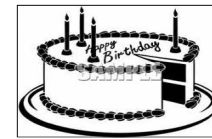
Luke 15:32: But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

Luke 19:10: For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

John 3:16-17: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Sermon Topic:

“Lost (part 2)”



Birthdays:

James Brannon:	2/9
Nilene McKinney:	2/15
Edith Olea:	2/28
Judith Olea:	2/28

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

**Ladies Bible Class:
Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.**

WORSHIP ORDER

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

777: Father, Hear The Prayer We Offer (1-4)
382: Why Did My Savior Come To Earth? (1-2)

COMMUNION & OFFERING

567: Restore My Soul (1-3)

BRIEF INTERMISSION

634: We’ll Work ’Till Jesus Comes (1-3)

SERMON

INVITATION

God is Calling the Prodigal (1-3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

While we will be having in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still 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.

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

Sermons on line: For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top of the page.

[ktp://www.crenshawchurchofchrist.com](http://www.crenshawchurchofchrist.com)

Tri Lakes Church of Christ in Monument, Colorado