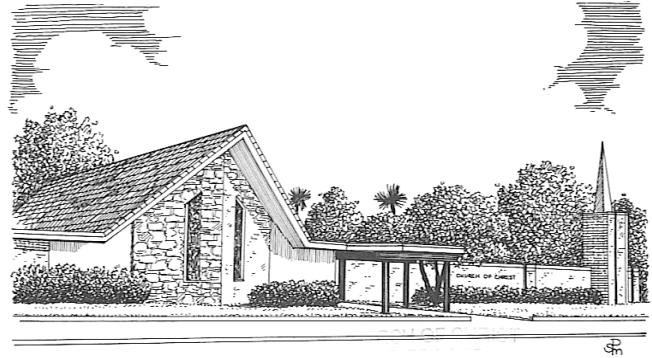


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### Roy's Reflections

## *Well, if you want my opinion*

**“A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.”**  
 Proverbs 18:2

Does the above proverb make you feel a little uneasy? In a democratic country, a person usually cherishes freedom of speech and “airing his own opinions”. It’s even considered a strength, not a weakness, although this is sometimes a matter of self-justification.

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights adopted article 19 that was passed by the United Nations in 1948. It stated,

*“everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of his choice.”*

Lofty words. A later amendment states that this right carries “*special duties and responsibilities*” and must “*therefore be subject to certain restrictions*”. What do you think prompted this later amendment? What a tangled web we weave when insisting upon personal rights.

The proverbs of Solomon do not deny our right to opinions. They do, however, repeatedly warn us not to “delight” in those opinions, even vaunting these opinions as facts. Solomon contrasts the fool’s opinions to proper understanding. Perhaps one of the saddest things we see today is the stance of the narcissist, fundamentally abandoning understanding because it seldom provides immediate personal glory.

How do we attain understanding? It has been observed that God has given us two ears but only one mouth. The point? Start with the facts! In this same chapter in Proverbs we read:

**“He who answers before listening— that is his folly and his shame.”** Proverbs 18:13

There comes a time to stand up and be counted. In James 1:19,20 we find the Christian’s rule of thumb for sharing opinions:

**“...be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.”**

So, our goal is not the grand announcement of another personal opinion, but “the righteous life that God desires.”

**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**

*May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord turn his face toward you and give you His Peace.*  
(Numbers 6:24-26)

**Prayer Needs:**

**Church family:**

Please keep Jerry Munn and family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Jerry's cousin Thomas Doyle who passed away of Covid-19 and for Camelia Munn who is scheduled to have surgery on June 19th. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Ray & Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry & Camelia Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati, Jim Scott, Lorenzo Serrano, and Joyce Winings.

**Family & Friends:**

Pray for Stuart's cousin Joanna who was recently in a car accident and has suffered multiple injuries, for friends of Gail Smiths: Kim Fox and Scott, Rebecca & Violet Shanahan who are in quarantine in Italy. Continue to pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores' brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy's husband Kevin Ferrell and cousin Bob, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail's friend Marie, Brenda's son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda's daughter Lynette.

**First responders:** Please remember to pray for those who are serving their communities during this difficult time. Phyllis Francis' granddaughter, Shyanna Francis (EMT) and 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 & Michelle Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deussenberry, Jodi Keeth's brother-in-law Tony Cairo, Glenn Fields and T. Burgess.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Father in heaven, we pray that you bless each person who has come to honor You today. Please bless those who are unable to attend, and please touch those who have fallen away. Please let all of our words and all of our actions reflect Your values. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Frank S. Paramore**

Read: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

**News:**

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

**We now have individually wrapped communion supplies available. If you would like to pick some up, please contact Kathy and they will be bagged and ready for you when you arrive (Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 12:00).**

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**Scripture reading for this week:  
Matthew 8:23-27**

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

**Sermon topic:**

**"Master, the Tempest is Raging"**



**Birthdays:**

Joyce Winings:	6/4
Brenda Jones:	6/10
Kerry Britton:	6/14



**Anniversaries:**

D & E Winings:	6/24
J & E Scott:	6/25

I know Love abounds among us but unfortunately we will not have worship at the building during the month of May.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue.

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God bless us all during this time and bless our families too.

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