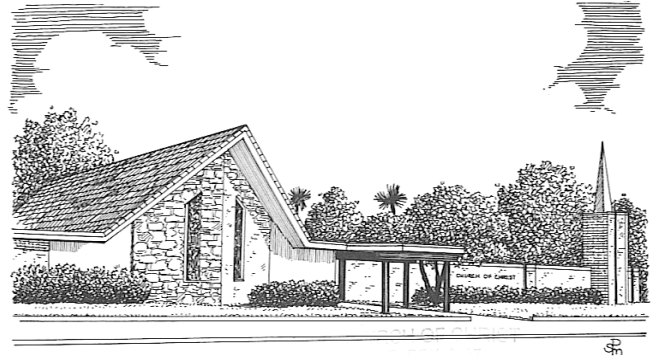


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Roy's Reflections

Faith of Our Fathers

“When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” Revelation 6:9,10

The ‘right’ of Christian expression is a fragile thing in many countries, even democracies. As we face the COVID-19 pandemic, we certainly understand the wisdom of temporarily forgoing assemblies, for the physical protection of our community. History has also taught us that these assemblies have been curtailed for reasons much less honorable than community health. Opponents of Christ have presented their own distorted version of truth in courts and legislatures with charges of subversion, mind control and bigotry. In extreme cases, the killing of Christians has been witnessed in every century since the birth of the church.

Paul Marshall’s book, *Their Blood Cries Out*, sheds light on much of the persecution and martyrdom hidden from view in the 20th century. In recent months, we have seen sobering statistics concerning the killing of Christians worldwide in 2019. These numbers need to be prefaced with a word of caution: the term ‘Christian’ is not strictly defined. With differing parameters, these numbers require scrutiny. The Center for the Study of Global Christianity puts the number at 90,000. The International Society for Human Rights reports 10,000. Open Doors puts the number at 4,305. As John Clayton has written, “However you count them, the number is too many”.

Like the martyrs who petitioned God for justice in Revelation, we also wonder when this will all end. Christ has this message for all who continue in this life trial:

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10:28

The apostle Paul clearly states our source of strength:

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” Ephesians 6:10

Thank God for strengthening us and giving us magnificent examples.

Faith of our fathers! Living still, In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:

O how our hearts beat high with joy when-e'er we hear that glorious word

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to Thee till death!

-lyrics by Frederick W. Faber

**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**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6,7

Prayer Needs:

Church family:

Please keep Leo Goodenough and family in your prayers as they mourn the death of grandson John Bowline, as well as 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 recovering from a recent surgery. 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 is recovering from injuries she suffered in a recent car accident. 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

Lord, You have shown tender care for me over the course of my life. You've been present with me in difficult seasons. Help me to always remember Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Daily Bread: Kirsten Holmberg; 8/29/18

Read: Malachi 1:1-5

News:

*We 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).*

Community Food Bank needs our support. They are averaging 200 people per week during this time and any donations of non-perishable food will be greatly appreciated. They are especially in need of canned meats/protein. Thank you for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

**Scripture reading:
Mark 3:7-15**

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. When they heard all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." But he gave them strict orders not to tell who he was. Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve - designating them apostles - that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.

Sermon topic:

***"The Committed, the Curious
and the Condemned"***



Birthdays:

Beverly Whatley:	7/1
Blake Axsom:	7/15
Yanira Fuentes:	7/18
Betty Johnson:	7/19



Anniversaries:

B & A Axsom:	7/19
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I know Love abounds among us but unfortunately we will not have worship at the building during this challenging time.

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 during this time and bless our families too.

Sermons on YouTube: 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.

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