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*Here Am I. Send Me!*

One of the great deficits within most congregations is a certain lack of willingness to volunteer. Christ faced this same deficit when He walked on the Earth: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few” (Matt. 9:37). In response to this lack of workers, Christ urged the Apostles to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest” (Matt. 9:38).

A superb example of devotion to the Father’s service is Isaiah who was called during times of crisis and was given unrivaled challenges. His zeal to enter into the Lord’s service is unmatched, for excuses were the last thought on his mind.

Isaiah’s call to minister during both the Assyrian and the prelude to the Babylonian crisis is recorded in Isaiah 6. Isaiah is perhaps the most memorable example of passionate willingness to participate in God’s cause. God’s call rings out in the Earth as He asks: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Isaiah is the first one to step up proclaiming: “Here am I, send me!” What faith! Isaiah had all the reason in the world to be afraid, but he had confidence in God and knew that God would provide him with whatever he needed to complete the task.

On the other hand, an example of reluctance to serve is Moses. Moses’ call to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage is recorded in Exodus 3-4. Moses’ response to the Lord seems to be similar to Isaiah’s call – Moses says “Here I am” just like Isaiah did. On closer examination, the two accounts couldn’t be more different. God has to directly call out to Moses who merely exhibits curiosity in examining why the bush was not consumed rather than acknowledging God’s presence at the forefront. God makes His will known by electing Moses as His instrument in delivering Israel from Pharaoh’s heavy hand. Moses’ reaction is immediate excuse-making. He first suggests that he is not worthy of such a task. God refuses to accept this as a legitimate reason and provides Moses with miraculous power to convince Israel. Moses continues with his faulty excuse-making and attempts one more excuse – that his ability to speak is underdeveloped. God’s anger burns against Moses because of these excuses and does not accept any one of them. What makes Christians today think these same reasons excuse them from service to God?

Here Am I, Send Somebody Else! What is your attitude toward the Lord’s service? Are you like Moses when called to the work? Or are you like Isaiah? Our willingness to serve in the Master’s vineyard represents our true devotion to Him. One writer anonymously stated, “Don’t ever question the value of volunteers. Noah’s Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals.” The point should be observed. God loves volunteers; He desires that we all say with Isaiah, “Here am I, send me!” God does not respect the “Here am I, send somebody else” mentality toward service. Take the opportunity to identify where you might be able to volunteer. Look for an opportunity and you will find one.

Adapted from an article by: Eric Parker (South Marion Church of Christ - Marion, IN)

**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*



Let us be mindful that every good and perfect gift we have has come from the hand of God. "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 118:1, NRSV)

**Prayer Needs:**

**Church family:**

Pray for Jim Scott as he continues to recover from hip surgery. Jim has been released from the physical rehabilitation center and is temporarily staying with his son. Please continue to pray for Wanda Goodenough who recently suffered a minor stroke; for Lucy McDonald as she continues to recover from multiple surgeries and Hilma Curlee who recently suffered another stroke. Pray for the improved health of Ray Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry & Camelia Munn, Francis Pati, Lorenzo Serrano, Joyce Winings and James Brannon.

**Family & Friends:**

Please keep Margo Hobkirk in your prayers as she mourns the loss of husband Rick who passed away after suffering a stroke. Keep praying for Keith Britton as he continues to recover from a recent stroke and for Brenda's son Uriah. Continue to pray for the improved health of Delores' brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy's husband Kevin Ferrell, Brianna Ferrell, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail's friend Marie, Keith & Lisa Britton, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda's daughter Lynette.

**Military:**

Jeff & Michelle Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deusinbury, Jodi Keeth's brother-in-law Tony Cairo, T. Burgess and Glen Fields.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Father, help us always to understand what You want us to do and to do it. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Power For Today: Nancy Ferguson; March 2017

Read: John 7:14-24

**News & Notes:**

**Food Bank:** As we continue to assist our local food bank, your help is needed! Please see the bulletin board for a list of frequently needed items. God Bless You and thank you for your continued assistance.

**Congregational Potluck:** Our first potluck of this year will be on today following morning worship. What to bring: A-L bring a small main dish and a side dish or salad and M-Z bring a small main dish and a dessert.

**VOLUNTEERING COMES FROM THE HEART**

**While you were gone.....**

Bathrooms were cleaned, carpets were vacuumed, baptistery was prepared, communion was prepared and cleaned up, trash was emptied, floors were mopped, tables were prepared for potluck/fellowship, service presentation was prepared, and Sunday morning adult class lesson preparation.

**Up Coming Events  
Mark Your Calendars**

**Ladies Bible Class**

Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the house

**Trustees and Congregational Business Meeting**

November 10th at 12:45 p.m. in the house



**Birthdays:**

Susana Delgado:	11/1
Jennifer Curlee:	11/8
Wanda Goodenough:	11/29

**Anniversaries:**

R & S Collins:	11/10
E. Olea & S. Delgado:	11/18
M & Y Fuentes:	11/28

**ORDER of WORSHIP 2019.11.03**

23 Our God, He I Alive (v 1,4)

**WELCOME**

137 Unto the Hills (v 1,4)

**PRAYER**

18 Faithful Love

**COMMUNION**

2 We Praise Thee, O God (v 1,3)

**Interlude / Intervalo**

141 Heavenly Father We Appreciate You

**PRAYER**

286 Wonderful Story of Love (v 1,3)

**SCRIPTURE**

**SERMON**

650 Send the Light (v 1,3,4)r

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER**

238 You Are the Song That I Sing



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