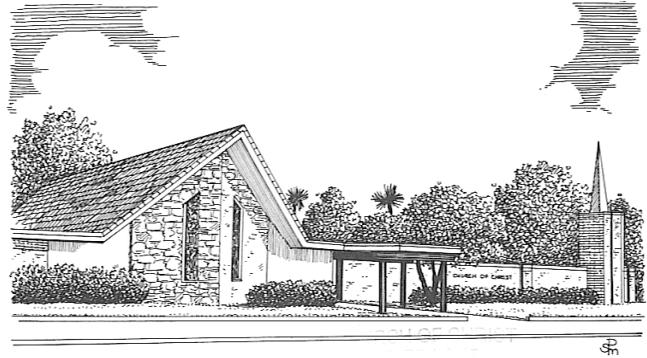


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The Greatest Commandment

You can tell a lot about people by listening to the questions they ask. I once read about a university professor who graded his students 50% based on the answers that they gave and 50% based on the questions they asked. The questions of the self-appointed Jewish authorities revealed at the same time their hypocrisy and their ignorance of God's word. When a certain scribe asked Jesus which commandment was the greatest, Jesus said that it is to love the Lord with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength. In so doing, one might say that Jesus had a unique lesson for all His critics.

To the **Pharisees** Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God **with all your heart.**" The problem with the Pharisees was that they had no heart in their religion. Jesus rightly accused this sect of putting their own oral traditions ahead of the commandments of God (Matthew 15:3-6). He called them blind guides who strained gnats but swallowed camels (Matthew 23:24) and compared them to whitewashed tombs that look beautiful on the outside but are full of corruption within (vv 27-28). To these hypocritical leaders, Jesus says, "You must learn how to love the Lord with all your heart!"

To the **Herodians** Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with **all your soul.**" This political group was chiefly interested in getting the Jews to support the family of Herod. We might say that the soul is the collection of all that makes you who you are; therefore to love God with all the soul is the love him with all that is "you." The Herodians needed to know that there was room for no one else on the throne besides the Lord—even to the exclusion of the household of Herod! It will not suffice for the Lord to occupy a compartment of our lives alongside other things of importance to us; He must be the grand vault in which all of the compartments in our life are securely stored.

To the **scribes** Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with **all your mind.**" The scribes were the teachers of the law, the repository of learning concerning the Hebrew Scriptures. Their minds were dedicated to the study of the law and its application. Of all the things to which we can dedicate our minds, the greatest by far is the Lord's love for us and our love for the Lord. We love the Lord with our minds not only when we think *about* Him, but also when we come to think *like* Him (Philippians 2:5-7). There are a great many wonderful works that God has wrought that we may study with interest (chemistry, mathematics, etc.), but as we lend our minds to these pursuits, may we always remember to love Him with all our minds.

To the **Sadducees** Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with **all your strength.**" In Jewish society, the Sadducees occupied a position of power. They were the party of the high priest (Acts 5:17), and they were typically very wealthy. Instead of using their position and possessions for their own political ends, the Sadducees needed to devote their strength to loving God. Paul wrote, "If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Corinthians 15:19, ESV). The Sadducees were indeed a pitiful people, void of any sort of hope.

Jesus descends from His interrogation by these hypocritical leaders to observe a widow who, in her poverty, devoted her all to the Lord (Mark 12:41-44). What a contrast to the scribes and Pharisees who had seemingly given so much, and what a great demonstration of what Jesus was teaching! You may not think you have much to offer, but if you will love the Lord with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength, God will be pleased, and you will find yourself blessed beyond measure.

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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*



We remember with gratitude that Christ is with us spiritually so that no matter where we are, our Lord is present. Joyfully we welcome all who have come to worship.

“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 Roy and family in your prayers during this difficult time following Lucy’s passing. We ask that you pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Please pray for Russ and Barbara Galbreath’s daughter-in-law Carla and has been placed on hospice care. Pray for the improved health of: Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie and Teddy Kovack who is recovering from cancer surgery and Brenda’s son Uriah.

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 Deussenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family friends T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Dear Lord, let us be salt and light in our world. Forgive us when we seek to glorify and honor ourselves. May our purpose be to bring praise and glory to You in all we do. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: May 3, 2022

Read: Matthew 5:13-16

News:

Celebration of Life: All are invited to a celebration of Lucy McDonald’s life today following the regular morning assembly. Sandwiches and refreshments will follow.

Please keep Sue Collins and family in your prayers as they travel to Wyoming for the summer months.

Individually wrapped communion supplies are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service or while you are out of town.

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:
Matthew 22:34-40**

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Sermon Title:

“The Two Greatest Commandments”



Birthdays:

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| Yolanda Britton: | 5/3 |
| Kathy Ferrell: | 5/4 |
| Stuart Huggins: | 5/14 |



Wedding Anniversaries:

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| K & K Ferrell: | 5/1 |
| K & Y Britton: | 5/28 |

WORSHIP ORDER May 15, 2022

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

122: The Love of God (1-3)
719: Love One Another (1-3)

COMMUNION & OFFERING

140: Love Divine (1-3)

INTERLUDE/INTERVALO

SCRIPTURE READING & SERMON

453: Love Lifted Me (1-3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

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

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.

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