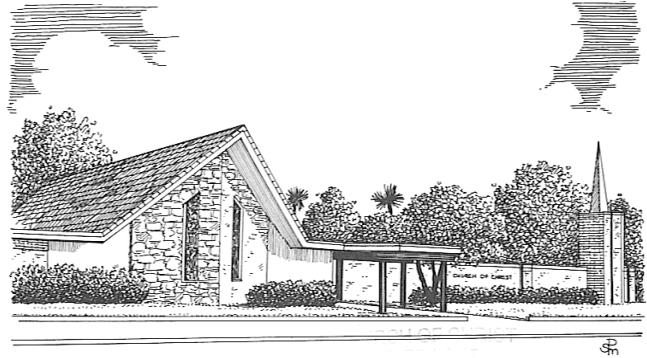


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## REWARDS

Rebates, coupons and discounts are some of the many incentives and forms of rewards that can accrue to the savvy consumer nowadays. Rewards come in several forms for those who participate in contests of skill, whether physical or mental. Medals, trophies, plaques and even cash are awarded to the winners, but often everyone who participates gets some memento. Rewards work much better than fear and punishment with young children. To set goals and accomplish them surely does merit some form of reward.

Why then do we find Jesus Christ admonishing the Pharisees and teachers of the law during His Sermon on the Mount? (Mt 6:1-24) **Jesus lists 4 acts of righteousness by which one can gain a reward—Giving, Prayer, Fasting and Forgiveness.** These leaders wanted to get honor, respect, recognition, and privilege from the crowds. This *seems* valid and perhaps desirable. Then Jesus divides rewards into 2 categories—one temporary and short-sighted, the other wise and eternal.

Jesus warns that if one desires a reward from the Father for these acts of righteousness, one must not announce with fanfare in public to be seen and honored by men. In doing this they have earned the only reward they'll ever receive. What a person does in secret with a humble attitude will be rewarded by the Father.

Self-glorification may garner a brief reward of fame and acclaim, but the true everlasting reward will be, "treasures in heaven." (Mt 6:20) The misguided religious leaders of that time were called hypocrites because of their fake piety and ostentation (v5). The 4 acts of righteousness will not impress God if they are done by, "play actors" "making a big show" of them. Our devotion to the Godhead is a private act of worship and obedience.

– Jim Bailey, [nwcofc.com](http://nwcofc.com)



**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*



It is with warmth and joy that we welcome all who have come to worship. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration to you all.

*“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:**

For: James Brannon and Sue Collins who are recovering from Covid, Brenda Jones who is recovering from thyroid surgery, Joyce Winings who is recovering from surgery at The Fountains at the Carlotta in Palm Desert and Betty Johnson who is struggling with diabetes. Pray for those that mourn: Wanda Goodenough and family as well as Jeff Mercer and family. We ask that you pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati and Joyce Winings.

**Pray for family & friends:**

Please pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie and Teddy Kovack who is recovering from cancer surgery, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

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

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Dear Lord, please help me to remember that no matter what we face today You are with us and You are greater than the difficulties we face. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: Rodney Thomas; July 29, 2021

Read: Isaiah 60:1-9

**News:**

**Pray for those traveling:** Please keep Roy and Lucy in your prayers as they will be traveling up north.

**Reminder:** Our new email address is: [pscoc@outlook.com](mailto:pscoc@outlook.com). Please discontinue using the @hotmail address as this it is no longer in use. Thank you.

*Individually wrapped communion supplies* are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service and/or during temporary closures.

**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 24:36-44**

“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

**Sermon topic:**

**“Therefore Keep Watch”**



**Birthdays:**

Mario Fuentes:	10/1
Camelia Munn:	1022

**Worship service:**

**Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask or cloth face covering**

**Please bring your own bible**

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

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 and bless our families and loved ones too.

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