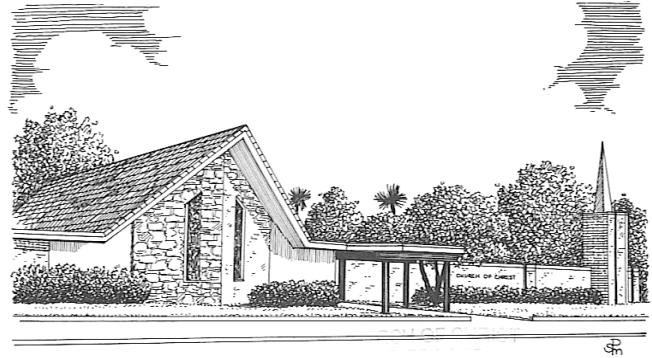


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Roy's Reflections

The work of the church during a pandemic

“A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.” Matthew 8:2,3

At the time of Christ's ministry in the flesh, his power over physical illness and death confirmed his claim to be the Son of God. Other good people of that day would not dare touch a leprous person. Lepers were not left to die. Provision for lepers became the ministry of family and friends. In the absence of Medicare, rehab centers and modern medicine, care of the sick became a personal commitment for many.

In 2020, a time of curtailed fellowship, Christians are faced with some personal decisions about ministry. Instead of thinking about the collective work of the church, we are in a position of considering the only option we can control: What can I do to bring glory to God? This can spur some life-changing decisions. A recent Gallup poll indicated that 3 percent of respondents had a weakened faith in God in this time of pandemic. Did they abdicate their role as God's servants, choosing instead to blame God for disease? On the bright side, 19 percent said that their faith has been strengthened during the pandemic. Did they grow in personal involvement, recognizing that personal responsibility could not be shifted to the collective church?

The webpage of one denomination observes that various Christians have dispatched disinfection supplies, face masks, gloves, monitors, syringe pumps, infusion pumps and food to affected areas. All of this is accompanied by continual prayer for an end to COVID 19.

The Palm Springs church of Christ has not been able to utilize the customary method of collecting food for the Community Food Bank. Yet, in the last few months, several deliveries have been made to the food bank. How did that happen? Also, a young man with insufficient funds for a bus fare was given a ride to Yucca Valley. How did that happen? Undoubtedly, several members could add to this list (phone calls, shopping trips, blood donation, etc). These things point to the service of *individuals* and the sum of these individual services is the work of the church in this pandemic.

“...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

**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 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

Jesus, give me the strength to extend kindness in memory of the kindness others have shown me, but most important because of Your great kindness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Daily Bread: John Blasé; May 2019

Read: 2 Samuel 9:1-7

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 readings for this week:

Luke 12:13-15

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbitrator between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Matthew 6:31-33

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Sermon topic:

"The abundance of possessions"



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.

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 new "sermons" category at the top of the page.

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