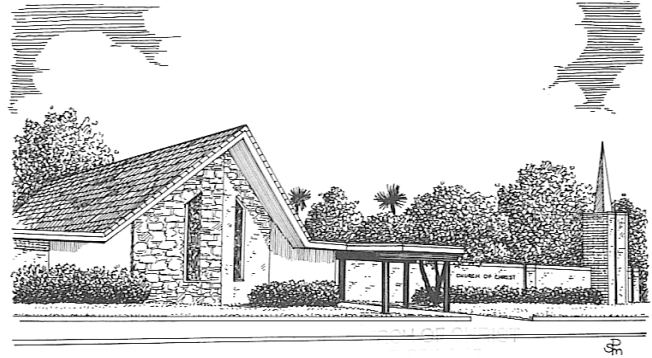


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Roy's Reflections

Christians Among Rioters?

The LORD enters into judgment against the elders and leaders of this people;
“It is you who have ruined my vineyard; the plunder from the poor is in your houses”

Isaiah 3:14

These words of Isaiah are echoed throughout the prophetic books of the Old Testament.

When the prophets of the Old Testament openly criticized their leaders, many of these prophets paid with their lives, all the way to the time of John the Baptist. In ancient Israel the religious and political systems were woven together. Old Testament law was to be the law of the land.

Today some who profess to be Christians maintain that the same type of political admonition should be proclaimed from the pulpit and on the streets. They fail to see that the kingdom of Jesus Christ, the new Israel of God (Gal 6:16), is fundamentally spiritual in nature. Yes, it definitely affects the behavior of believers, encouraging all believers to work within the laws of the land with the intent of giving God all praise and pointing the lost to Jesus. His kingdom simply is not about the temporal debates of society (Rom 14:17).

This past week we have seen violent protests and looting that have prompted cities and counties to order curfews. Initially, the protests were a reaction to the sad death of George Floyd. It soon became apparent that the protests were complicated by spurious interests and economic discontent. The old questions persist: How do we conquer racism? greed? injustice? The old answer remains: **“Love never fails....”** 1 Cor. 13:4-8.

Should we join the fray in the streets ‘in the name of Jesus Christ’? In the Hong Kong protests of 2019, some church buildings became temporary support centers for protesters who needed supplies. The hymn, ‘*Sing Hallelujah to the Lord*’, became an unofficial anthem for Christians and non-Christians protesting against the Chinese government, according to news reports. How will the Chinese government ultimately respond to this, as it tightens its grip on Hong Kong in 2020? Naturally, it causes people to wonder, ‘What type of ‘freedom fighters’ are Christians?’

Virtually every country has laws against rioting and civil disorder. As followers of Jesus Christ, I pray that we will be known for the kind of works that never cause confusion about our Lord.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22,23

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 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

Father, teach us to listen - to You, and to those whom You send to us - for the good of the kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Power For Today: Paul L. Watson; July 2018

Read: Exodus 18:13-27

News:

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.

We now 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).

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Tri Lakes Church of Christ in Monument, Colorado

**Scripture reading for this week:
Acts 2:41-47**

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Sermon topic:

"All the believers were together"



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.

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