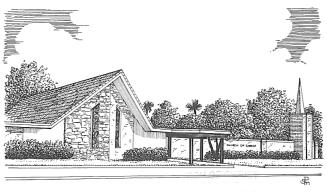
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### The Real Evidence of our Sincerity

What is your first impression of these stories? A young man explains that he places great importance on his health and that he wants to have clear, strong lungs. He is a habitual smoker. A lady speaks strongly about her commitment to her husband, while she is involved with another man. A member of the local church says that he would love to know more of the Word of God, but he spends several hours a day watching the television.

What do these stories have in common? They share this common point: sometimes what we claim verbally, we deny in our behavior. We might say what we think people expect to hear from us, but without sincerity of heart. It could be we are trying to convince others (and ourselves) that we are behaving better than we really are. The words that we speak seem to send just the right message, but in our daily behavior we betray what we have claimed.

Some who came to John's baptism claimed a relationship with Abraham. Indeed, there may have been a genealogical connection, but no evidence of kinship with Abraham was apparent in their lives (Matthew 3:9). They claimed something that was not evident in the way they lived. The Lord made the same point to the scribes and Pharisees in one of His last public discourses. He stated that they give the people commandments to observe but do observe the same commandments (Matthew 23:1-3).

James made the point well when he wrote, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." Additionally, John said, "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:6-10). The New Testament amply addresses the issue of sincerity.

The real evidence of our sincerity lies in behavior, not claims; in practice, not profession; in heart, not just in speech.

- Warren E. Berkley, churchofchristatgreenwood.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 Falm Springs Church of Christ



On this beautiful day, let us continue to grow stronger spiritually. And let us show our love for one another. We welcome all in the name of our Lord and Savior.

"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 Byron in your prayers as he continues to suffer from chronic headaches. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

#### Pray for family & friends:

Pray for Kathy's niece Shyanna as she has been diagnosed with Lupus; for James Brannon's dad who was recently hospitalized and friend Erik Merenda who continues to receive chemo & radiation treatments, for Dustin Parker's dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke, for Kerry's coworker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and Kathy's cousin-in-law, Michelle Candelario who is undergoing radiation treatments. Pray for the improved health of: Jim & Mary Ann D'Arcy, Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Marjorie Counts, Kathy's husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail's friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

**First responders:** Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); 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 T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

#### **Prayer Warriors Corner**

Jesus, I look forward to the day You'll return. May we use the time you've given us to honor You and to serve others well. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Daily Bread: Mike Wittmer; September 2019

Read: Matthew 25:1-13

#### News:

**Potluck:** There are 2 scheduled potlucks left before we take the summer months off. Thank you to those who have participated in our previous potlucks and time of fellowship. Our next potluck will be Sunday, April 2nd following worship service.

**Wedding:** Juan Gutierrez and Edith Olea will exchange wedding vows Saturday, March 25, 3 p.m., at the church building. We wish them an abundance of blessings for the years to come.

**The Community Food Bank:** is in need of <u>non-perishable</u> items such as: peanut butter, cereal, small packs of rice and dried beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, pasta, jars or cans of pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

## Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 1:12, 13a and 2 Corinthians 2:17

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace. For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand....

Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

#### Sermon Topic:

"God's Sincere Messengers"



#### Birthdays:

Lizet Olea: 3/1
Enrique Olea: 3/24
Fina Letalu: 3/28
Phyllis Francis: 3/30

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

Ladies Bible Class: Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.

#### **WORSHIP ORDER**

#### WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

674: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (1-4)

332: Lead Me to Calvary (1-3) COMMUNION & OFFERING

731: Take Time to Be Holy (1-3)

**Brief Intermission** 

671: Purer in Heart, O God (1-3)

SERMON INVITATION

957: This World Is Not My Home (1-3)
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

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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