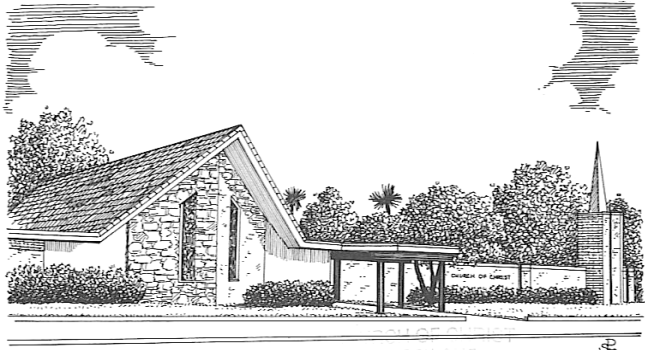


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## What ‘Purpose-Driven’ Means to Generation Z

In *The Purpose Driven Church*, Rick Warren contends that the church has a five-fold purpose (worship, ministry, evangelism, community and discipleship) and should therefore be driven by those purposes (as opposed to what commonly drives churches such as tradition, money, programs, personalities or events).

The idea of an organization of any kind being “purpose-driven” is not only strategic, but it is what will most capture the attention of the youngest, largest generation on the planet—Generation Z.

The 2019 Porter Novelli/Cone Gen Z Purpose Study set out to find Generation Z’s “expectations of and attitudes toward company involvement in social and environmental issues.” It once again confirmed how deeply this generation wants to make its mark on the world.

The lessons held for the church are important. For example, 94 percent are tired of the “divisive narrative that has taken over the national news” and want to see the country come together to make progress on important issues. This sentiment runs so strongly that “85 percent would rather focus on the positive progress we’ve made rather than the negative.”

This is an important reminder to churches that seem to be known more for what they are against than what they are for. So little surprise when nearly nine-in-10 “are inspired when their peers like Emma Gonzalez and Greta Thunberg take stands on issues” (respectively, gun control and the environment).

Clearly a purpose-driven church is needed now more than ever. But do our purposes align with theirs in a way that would prove attractive? You might be surprised.

The top priority they would like to see companies address is the environment (26 percent), followed by poverty and hunger (19 percent) and human rights (19 percent). In other words, what they would like to see organizations purpose to address, and what they are most personally purposed to see addressed, are **all biblical purposes for which the church should be known. After all, we are called to be stewards of creation, caregivers to the poor, fierce advocates for justice, and passionate believers in the innate worth and value of every human being. That pretty much covers all of their concerns.**

So why isn’t the church attracting more Generation Zers?

Perhaps we need to get back to being a little more purpose-driven.

-adapted from an article by James Emery White in *churchleaders.com*

Roy’s note: Generation Z includes those born from the mid-1990s to the early 2010s. This is the first generation to use the worldwide web as a *primary* learning resource.

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*



A sincere welcome to all who have come to worship. May Christ the Lord touch us with his grace, so that we may each be refreshed in mind, renewed in spirit and filled with the love of God.

*“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:**

Pray for those that mourn: David and the Winings family; Wanda Goodenough and family; 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, and Francis Pati.

**Pray for family & friends:**

Please pray for Natalia Wood who’s mother recently passed away, Kathy’s son-in-law Jonny Westom and family as they mourn the loss of his grandparents and 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**

Heavenly Father, whatever difficult task You give me to do, may my faith help me to bring glory to Your name. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: Kathleen Knauf; July 2020

Read: Joshua 6:1-20

**News:**

**Celebration of life:** For Joyce Winings will be held today (12/12/21) Please keep the entire Winings family in your prayers.

Please pray for Lynette as she continues to recover from surgery and Jerry and Camelia’s daughter Christy who is suffering with severe back problems.

**Reminder:** Our new email address is: **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.

**Scripture reading:  
Excerpts from Mark 1**

1-4: The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” “a voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

9-11: At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

14,15: After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

27,28: The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, What is this? A new teaching - and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.” News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

**Sermon Title:  
“Our Purpose-driven Example”**

**Birthdays:** Jeff Mercer: 12/8

**Wedding Anniversaries:** J & C Munn: 12/28

**Worship service: Sunday @ 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 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.

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.

***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.

**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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