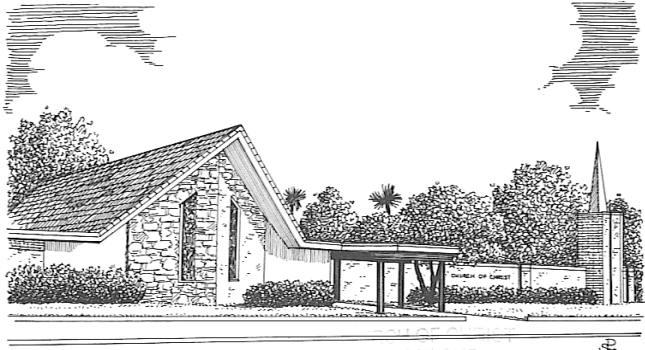


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### What Do a Sheep and Coin Have to Do With Repentance?

They saw Jesus spending time with tax collectors and sinners again. For the Pharisees and scribes, the very “religious” people of Jesus’ day, that was the last thing any God-fearing person would do. The only thing worse would be getting caught talking to a Samaritan woman. When confronted about this on another occasion Jesus said, *“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners”* (**Mark 2:17**). The irony is that they needed to repent just as much as the “sinners” did. Paul spoke of these people as “not knowing about God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God” (**Romans 10:3**). Toward the end of His ministry on Earth, Christ said this of those “religious” men: *“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are....Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.”* (**Matthew 23:15, 27-28**).

When these men grumbled about Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners, He told them three stories (**Luke 15**). The story of the sheep begins with, “What man among you (NKJV).” The story of the coin begins with, “What woman among you (NKJV).” Both stories are told to appeal to both the male and female audience about the value of something lost. The man leaves the 99 sheep to find the lost one. The woman sets aside the 9 silver coins and searches for the lost one. In both cases, they rejoice with their neighbors over the return of that which had been lost. In both stories, Jesus says that there is more rejoicing in heaven over the repentance of the lost than those that are righteous. What do a sheep and coin have to do with repentance? They show the value of a repentant heart. When we are convicted of sin in our lives, we are on our knees.

When we take “self” out of the way and open our hearts to His grace and His righteousness, angels rejoice. I imagine that they cry out, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty,” with more fervor. When we are on our knees in repentance, heaven shouts glory to God!

Adapted from an article by: Josh Blackmer (pblcoc)



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*

Come, dear friends, let us join together with sincere hearts and receptive minds to worship our loving Creator. As we open ourselves to the sunshine of God's presence, we will receive blessing only God can give. Welcome!

*“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 is suffering from chronic headaches and Roy as he continues to recover from heart surgery. 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 Emilia Letalu and family as her cousin Jeff recently passed away; James Brannon’s 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 co-worker, 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**

Eternal God, so often we doubt that You could ever use people like us. But You sent Your Son to die for the likes of us, so please forgive our doubts. Help us accept the challenges You bring our way. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Our Daily Bread: Tim Gustafson; Sept. 2022  
Read: Ephesians 1:15-23

**News:**

**2023 Annual Corporation Election/Meeting** of the Palm Springs Church of Christ is scheduled for Feb. 19th. David Winings and Jeff Mercer are due for re-election and have expressed their willingness to continue to serve. If there are others who might be interested in serving, first please verify that they are truly invested in this service prior to nominating. Nominations forms are available.

**Potluck:** Our next scheduled potluck will be March 5th following worship service. Please see Kathy to sign up for a dish or two.

**Picture board:** Is being updated! Please see Edwina if you would like to have a new photograph taken.

**The Community Food Bank:** is in need of non-perishable 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 Reading :  
Ezekiel 34:11**

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: “I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

**Sermon Topic:**

**“Lost”**



**Birthdays:**

James Brannon:	2/9
Nilene McKinney:	2/15
Edith Olea:	2/28
Judith Olea:	2/28

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

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

**WORSHIP ORDER**

**WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER**

948: I Am Resolved (1,2 & 4)

382: Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? (1-3)

**COMMUNION & OFFERING**

464: Because He Lives (1-3)

**BRIEF INTERMISSION**

383: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (1-3)

**SERMON**

**INVITATION**

176: Lamb of God (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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