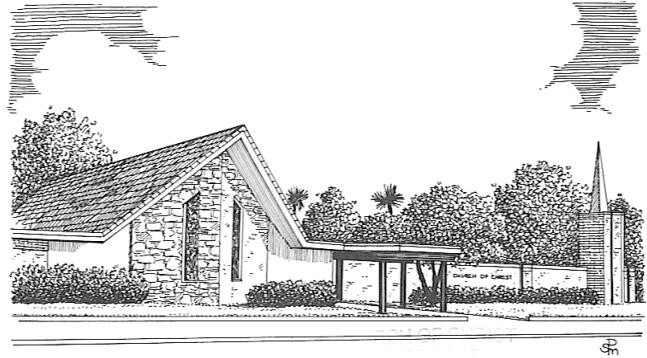


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Who are you?

A popular song from years ago asks the question, "Who are you?" (It was sung by "The Who" and illustrates a meaningless worldview without God—cf. Ecclesiastes) The song was then more popularized by a television show that was associated with finding the identity of both crime victims and perpetrators. We always like a good "whodunit?"

It is one thing to try to find the identity of another person, but to find our own identity can be daunting and scary. Many people who are quite alive and well have no idea who they really are, and they muddle through life trying to figure that out. They know their own names, of course. They know who their parents are, where they live, and what kind of job they are to do. They superficially know about themselves, but on a much deeper level, they really don't know who they are. They see no real meaning to their existence. They don't know what the point of life is. This is more psychological, emotional, and spiritual. We become lost not knowing who we are, why we are here, where we are going, and why anything at all really matters. There are surely moments at which we can identify with *Koheleth*:

"Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
 What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?" (Eccl 1:2-3)

What is the point of our existence? Why do we work so hard just to go to bed, get up, and do it all over again the next day? Everything is fleeting and there seems to be very little substance. The questions never cease, and this can lead to a life of frustration and confusion.

So ... who are you? The psalmist knew this: "I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well" (Psalm 139:14). Humans are amazing and wonderful. Of all of creation, we are the only beings that are said to be made in God's image (Gen 1:26-27), and there is nothing trivial about that. In fact, that understanding will make all the difference in the world.

How many animals do we ever see sitting around and trying to "find themselves"? Sadly, we as human beings, not animals, are also the reason for the curse on God's creation (Gen 3). Why? Because when we sin, we lose sight of who we are. We are acting in ways for which we are *not* created. We are acting against our nature as being in God's image. Though we have the capacity to do wrong because God gave us free will, God did not put us here for the reason of doing wrong. He put us here to glorify Him, and the greatest way to glorify God is to choose to love Him with all our hearts and souls. Sin is self-damaging because it degrades who we are.

Did your parents ever tell you to "Remember who you are"? What do you think they meant by that? "Who you are" is more than a name, but your name represents something dignified and honorable. Acting in a way that is unbecoming of that means you have forgotten who you are. How much more should we who have taken on the name of Christ remember this? Who you are is a child of God, a Christian who seeks first His kingdom and righteousness. You are made for better things than sin. You are made for greater glory than anything this world offers.

Who are you? If you are a child of the King, you should already know the answer. Therefore, "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt 5:16).

-adapted from an article by Don Moyer, Vestavia Hills, AL

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*



On this Memorial Day weekend, we're glad you have come to worship. May our eternal God bless you abundantly with his love. 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:

Pray for Michelle as she continues treatment and various tests; for Jeff who is recovering from knee surgery and for Dail as she recovers from a recent back surgery. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goode-nough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati and Joyce Winings.

Pray for family & friends:

Please continue to pray 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 friend Marie, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers during this time. 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 & Michelle Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family friends T. Burgess and Tony Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Dear Father, when we are faced with injustices, persecution, criticism, and condemnation, please be with us in our sometime hostile environment. Thank You for Jesus whose death brought us the hope for eternal life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Frank S. Paramore

Read: Psalm 95:1-7

News:

Individually wrapped communion supplies are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service and/or during temporary closures.

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. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

**Scripture reading:
Matthew 5:13-16**

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.”

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

**Sermon topic:
“Remember who you are”**



Birthdays:

Yolanda Britton:	5/3
Kathy Ferrell:	5/4
Stuart Huggins:	5/14
Joyce Winings:	6/4
Brenda Jones:	6/10
Kerry Britton:	6/14



Wedding Anniversaries:

K & K Ferrell:	5/1
K & Y Britton:	5/28
D & E Winings:	6/24

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

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 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.

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