

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day
"The Blessing of Newness"



Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am

Write and let us know if you would like an invitation.

Our Lord's Day Plan...

- Bible Class** - Jordan
- Hymn**- Kerry
- Opening Prayer** -Paul
- Hymn**- Kerry
- Lord's Supper** - Nito
- Morning Lesson** - Paul
- Hymn** - Kerry
- Closing Prayer** -Kerry

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For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:16

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We are praying for you!

Please pray for **Cindy Brown's husband George** who has tested positive for Covid-19.

Welcome home to **Rosemarie and Kerry** from their get-a-way this past week. May we all have a blessed first week of 2021.

Praise God and keep Him first in your life!

"YOU HAVE NOT PASSED THIS WAY BEFORE"

Raymond Elliott

The great leader, Moses, had died and the Lord God had chosen the faithful warrior, Joshua, to be the leader of the children of Israel. They were encamped on the east side of the River of Jordan and the time had come for them to cross over the River of Jordan and into the land of 'milk and honey', the land of Canaan. God had assured Joshua several times that He would be with him as he was about to enter the promised land (Joshua 1:6-9).

In Joshua 3, the priests, carrying the ark of the covenant, were to lead the people across the River of Jordan and into the land that God had promised to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3). Joshua, in charging the people to follow the priest at a certain distance, said this to the people, "FOR YOU HAVE NOT PASSED THIS WAY BEFORE" (Emphasis, RE). The children of Israel were about to enter a land they did not know.

As we enter this new year of 2021, it could also be said of us, "For you have not passed this way before." We do not know what this new year will bring. It might be weal or woe, sadness or happiness, life or death, success or failure, etc. For the child of God, we should read what God said to Joshua and to know that basically He tells us the same: "Be strong and of good courage", "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord you God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:6, 9). In Hebrews 13:5, we read, "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Because we are children of God, this is the blessed assurance we have in our Lord. Here are some suggestions that will strengthen you as you enter the uncharted course in this new year of 2017:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

Love God with all your heart, soul and mind (Mark 12:30).

Love your brethren and your neighbors (John 13:34, 35; Mark 12:30).

Do good to all men and especially your brothers and sisters in Christ (Galatians 6:10).

Attend the assemblies of the church to worship God and to exhort/edify/build up one another in the most holy faith (John 4:23, 24; Hebrews 10:24, 25).

Be steadfast in prayer (Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Increase your knowledge of the Word of God by reading and studying it daily (Psalm 1:1-3; 119:97; Matthew 4:4).

I close this article with the words of the apostle Peter as found in 2 Peter 1:10, 11 "Therefore, brethren, be more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Happy New Year from Paul and Judy McCollum

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire." —

Hebrews 12:28-29

A New Year with New Hope

Join our prayers for a change in our world's messes. — Learn More

Thought

Every earth-made empire will eventually topple. Every man-made structure will decay and fall. God, however, has given us a kingdom that can't rust, spoil, or fade, kept in heaven for us. It won't rot or ruin and no thief can break in and steal it away.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2021

H --HOLD FAST TO YOUR CONFESSION, JESUS OUR HOPE

Hebrews 4:14; 10:23.

A --ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

John 4:23, 24; Hebrews 10:24, 25.

P --PRAY OFTEN

I Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18.

P --PREPARE, PROMISED, AND PURPOSED GIFT.

II Corinthians 9:5-7.

Y--YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATIONS.

Matthew 6:13

N--NEGLECT NOT YOUR TALENTS.

Matthew 25:14-30; I Timothy 4:14; James 4:17.

E --EVERYONE DESERVES TO HEAR OF CHRIST.

Mark 16:15; I Timothy 3:14, 15.

W --WORKMANSHIP OF GOD.

Ephesians 2:10; Titus 3:1.

Y --YIELD YOURSELVES AS SERVANTS OF CHRIST.

Romans 6:16-17.

E --EXHORT ONE ANOTHER.

Hebrews 3:12, 13.

A --ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE.

Ephesians 2:5, 8.

R --READ THE BIBLE DAILY.

II Timothy 2:15; I Timothy 4:13

- Raymond Elliott, credit given to Gus Nichols

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Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

Zoom Times...

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