

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

*Sermon for the Lord's Day*  
**"The Church at Sardis" (2)**



*Our Lord's Day  
Plan...*

**Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am**

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

**Bible Class** - Jordan

**Hymn**- Kerry

**Opening Prayer** -Nito

**Hymn**- Kerry

**Lord's Supper** -Nito

**Morning Lesson** -Paul

**Hymn** - Kerry

**Closing Prayer** -Kerry

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*Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will  
of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

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***We are praying for you!***

**Charles Barry** - for pain relief and healing due to a new back injury.

**Rosemarie Johnson** - for God's blessing on her health and well being.

**Church of Christ India Mission Work** - for bringing God's Word to the people.

**Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc.** - for continued help for those in need.

**Manuelito Navajo Children's Home** - for help and blessings as they serve the children.

**All Mothers** - Happy Mother's Day and thank you for all you have done for us!

**If Not for Godly Mothers**

Matt Clifton

There are a lot of things in life that we might be able to do without, but the benefits of godly mothers are not one of them! Can anyone imagine what this world would be like if it were not for them? We would miss:

**The Teaching of Eunice.** Timothy's mother, along with his grandmother Lois, were said by the apostle Paul to have a sincere faith living in them, which they handed down to the young evangelist (2 Timothy 1:5), evidently teaching him the scriptures at an early age (2 Tim. 3:15).

**The Reliability of Hannah.** This godly woman desired a son, and promised that if God would grant her request, she would dedicate him to the Lord's service (1 Sam. 1:11). Being a promise-keeping woman, Hannah did exactly as she said she would (1 Sam. 27-28).

**The Morality of King Lemuel's Mother.** This royal's mother encouraged him toward right living in the areas of intoxicating drink, sexual immorality, and protecting the poor (Proverbs 31:1-10).

**The Industriousness of the Proverbs 31 Woman.** Because of her willingness to work and her ingenuity and business acumen, this woman's children would "rise up and call her blessed" (Prov. 31:28).

**The Humility of Mary.** When Mary was told by the angel Gabriel that she would give birth to the Messiah, her response was, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38a). This indicated her submission to God and her willingness to humbly work in the role God planned for her.

How we need godly mothers in our world today! Children need teachers of good things, reliability, morality, industriousness, and humility, and righteous mothers can be great examples of these things. Thank your godly mother today!

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***"The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation."*** —

James E. Faust

*“Everything is permissible” — but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible” — but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.*  
1 Corinthians 10:23-24

### Thought

Freedom is a wonderful gift! Freedom in Christ is greater than any other kind of freedom. God entrusts it to us. But, we don't want to use our freedom to impinge on someone else's freedom. We don't want our liberty to cause others to sin or to lose sight of Christ. So let's use our freedom wisely and redemptively!

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### Right Thinking

Charles Box

Our thoughts control our life. “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Philippians 4:8). The God of peace will be with Christians who faithfully think and do right things. “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:9). Honor, integrity and purity in life can only come from right thinking. Only by thinking right can evil be overcome in our life. Wrong actions are expelled from the life of a Christian by right thinking. Christian character is the outgrowth of pure thoughts. To become a Christian you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). You must then stay faithful as an overcomer in order to go to heaven. Let's go to heaven together. I love you.

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Q: What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A: A carrot.

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*Locust Tree Flowers*

Zoom Times...

### Meeting Days and Times

Sunday ..... 9:00 am

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

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