

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

"The Church at Laodicea" (5)



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Paul is with us to present the **Lesson**. **Charles Barry** will lead our **Bible Class** and **Kerry Johnson** will lead us in **Song...** may God bless their efforts!

Our Lord's Day Plan...

~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:11-12

We are praying for you!

- Charles Barry** - for his doctors to rid him from his pain.
- Norma Decker** - for good health and contentment in the Lord.
- Rose marie Johnson** - for improved health and an end to her back pain.
- George Brown** - for aa cure ffrom his Colon Cancer.
- Patty Kirby** - for prayersand comfort for the family as they grieve the loss of Patty.
- David Z** - - for spritual guidance.
- The Alisal Congregation** - for more people added to our group of Christians.

We pray for all people to seek God and obey his commandments.

Unemployed Christians?

Allen Jones

We continue to see unprecedented job opportunities in our nation and locally. It almost seems employers are literally begging people to work. We can find work if we are seeking. This is especially true in the work of the church.

Someone once told me, "there should never be any unemployed Christians." Much work is to be done in bringing others to Christ. We know secular work sustains our family and allows the work of the church to grow. However, we are still expected to work for the Lord by sowing and reaping. The only way to have a harvest is to plant the seed. Telling others about Jesus is the only way seeds can be planted. The world needs to hear the Gospel, so the harvest can take place. The challenge in the church is lacking those who will work. What Jesus says in Matthew 10:37 still rings true today, "Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Jesus is saying, HELP WANTED.

I grew up with many good athletes. One of the traits that allowed my peers to stand out athletically was their ability to be multi-dimensional. Good basketball players do more than shoot, good football players do more than run, and good golfers can play different courses! We, as Christians may say, "I can only lead singing so that's my job in the kingdom." Others may say, "I'm a good cook, so I will focus on preparing meals for others." While these and other skills contribute to sowing and reaping, choosing to remain one-dimensional limits our effectiveness for the Lord.

We all have been given so many talents. Matthew 25:14-30 explains we must use our talents and multiply our abilities. Christians have been equipped by our Creator. We sometimes say 20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work. In actuality, if 20 percent of the people are working, only 20 percent of the work is being done. We have settled for far less than what could be done in the name of Jesus. Will you respond to the plea for HELP WANTED?

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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Amish and an Elevator

By Larry Paisley

Recall that last week this article ended with these words...

The father said to his son, "Quick, go get your Mother." (*well here is the rest of that article*)... The above story reminds of the rate of advancement of technology in many of our lifetimes is astounding. We've seen movies and read stories similar to Rip Van Winkle about people who wake up after a number of years asleep or something similar. The changes are sometimes baffling to them. But these changes are relatively new.

It is amazing that from the beginning of time little changed for centuries. So much so that Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 "That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun. 10 Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us."

In these days of rapid change, it's good to have some constants in our lives.

The earth still revolves around the sun each day.

The seasons still come and go.

Jesus is still the same. Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

The same gospel that saved in the days of the New Testament, still save today. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Heaven is still waiting for the righteous. 1 Peter 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

There may be things we would like to change, and things we should change but we should be thankful for those things above which do not change.

May we always strive to live pleasingly to God so we can have that home in heaven.

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Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday (via Zoom) Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

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