

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

***Sermon for the Lord's Day***  
***"Additude for Growth"***



**Welcome Brothers and Sisters!**

**Jordan Johnson** will lead our **Bible Class** and **Kerry Johnson** will lead us in **Song**, **Paul McCollum** will present the **Lesson**.

*Our Lord's Day Plan...*

May God bless their efforts!  
~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:  
Peter 2:2*

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

- Anaveah Saracho** - for recovery from a serious dog bite to her face. She is 4 years old and her injury required over 100 stitches. Check with the Barry's for more information.
- Kerry and Rosemarie Johnson** - for a stronger physical and spiritual influence on their Grandchildren.
- Judy McCollum** - for safety and positive outcomes while taking care of her sister (Karen) in Oregon.
- The Lord's Church** - for sharing the Word and being a living example.

***God's Blessings to Everyone!~***

**I'm Busy!**  
Chad Ezelle

You know the type: that person who seems to always be busy, constantly running from here to there and from there to here, making tons of stops along the way. You see them at work, at soccer games and at the grocery store. You know the kind of person I'm talking about. Is it you? Are you the one who is just too busy for your own good? I'm all for getting things done, but there has to be balance in life. Even Jesus took time out to rest! I hope you see today as a gift. Even more, I hope you see today as your gift to your family. Instead of staying so busy, can you find some time today to be at rest with your family?

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**Completing the Conquest**  
Gary C. Hampton

Joshua assumed the mantle of leadership for the express purpose of leading God's people in the conquest of the Promised Land. He led Israel across the Jordan River and through a dizzying series of victories (because God was with them) over people far more powerful.

"Now Joshua was old, advanced in years. And the Lord said to him: 'You are old, advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed'" (Joshua 13:1 NKJV). God was saying the work He had given Joshua and the Israelites was not finished.

The Lord's message to us could well be the same. He gave His followers a spiritual commission of worldwide conquest. "Then He said to them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem'" (Luke 24:46-47). Paul understood the need to keep preaching the Word, as is seen in his instructions to Timothy (2 Timothy 2:2).

God wanted Joshua and the people to recognize He was still on their side. He listed the land and people yet to be conquered and promised, "...them I will drive out from before the children of Israel..." (Joshua 13:6). The population of

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the world is now above 7.6 billion, while known members of the Lord's church would only be a few million. Thankfully Jesus promised to always be with us as we carry out our mission (Matthew 28:18-20). We can have the strength to press on to the goal with the strength Christ gives us (Philippians 4:13).

Every tribe was promised an inheritance if each was involved in carrying out fully the Lord's instructions (Joshua 12:6-7). Each member of the church, Christ's kingdom today, similarly has a role to play. "But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased" (1 Corinthians 12:18; Romans 12:4-5). May God help us to press on to complete the conquest, - knowing a heavenly inheritance awaits.

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**Be Like Peter**  
Thomas Baxley

What comes to mind when you think about Peter? Do you associate him with his lows or his highs? Jesus did have to pull him out of the water, but never forget that Peter actually had the faith and the courage to step out of the boat in the first place (Matthew 14:28-29)! Peter did deny Jesus three times, but he was able to bounce back, and he is the one recorded doing the majority of the preaching in the first few chapters of Acts, including preaching to the very crowd that crucified Jesus (Acts 2)! I want to be more like Peter. There are things I want to accomplish and steps I need to take that are outside of my comfort zone; I want to have his faith, boldness and courage. I know that things will not always go as planned, and there will be times I fall on my face. I also want his ability to bounce back after failures and defeats. I want to meet life head on and succeed. I want to be a little more like Peter.

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*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*  
— Romans 12:10

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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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