

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

The Lord's Day Message

"Attitude for Growth"



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

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

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

May God bless their efforts!

~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

We are praying for you!

Janie Reed - for comfort from the death of her Christian brother special friend Stan.

Rosemarie Johnson - for relief from her sciatic nerve pain.

Cindy Brown - for God's peace while she deals with with Georg's issues.

Arron Yaras - for good care from the doctors for his heat and kidney issues.

~God's Blessings to Everyone!~

GODLY FATHERS

Raymond Elliott

One of life's greatest blessings and challenges for a man is fatherhood. This relationship involves the greatest joys and demands the best one has to give and often will include many sorrows. A godly father loves his wife and is loyal to his marital vows (Ephesians 5:25). He desires the best for his children. A father is industrious. He labors to provide for his family and the needs of others who lack the material things of life (I Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 4:28).

The greatest contribution a father can make to his family is leadership in spiritual matters. In every age, the head of the family has been required of God to provide the proper direction regarding religious training. Modern fathers are most likely to leave this responsibility to the wife and mother. However, Paul exhorted: "And you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). It is a tremendous requirement to make sure one's children are taught of God but the rewards are everlasting. A Christian father may not be able to give very much materially to his children but the legacy of having a father who loved his family and the Lord, surpasses everything else. The greatest inheritance a Christian father can leave is one that is rich in faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We should never underestimate the love that a father possesses in his heart for his children. His emotions may not be as noticeable as the mother; yet, the feelings are just as deep. Most fathers would give their lives on behalf of their families. Their hearts are filled with deep gratitude when they witness their children succeeding in life. The Christian father rejoices greatly when his children obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. My father will be remembered for being a fine Christian gentleman. Also, the legacy of having a good name has meant more to me than all the riches of this world. It was the wise man of old who wrote: "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold" (Proverbs 22:1); and, "A good name is better than precious ointment..." (Ecclesiastes 7:1).

Godly fathers are rare in this modern society. But, we should always be thankful for the ones who are. Truly, you are blessed indeed if you have/had a

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Christian father who placed Christ first in his life. His influence in your life and even in the lives of his grandchildren will be felt for many years to come. Say, have you hugged your father recently?

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Prayer: Think on the good

From you, O God, come all good things.
So grant that we, your grateful church,
May by your power think on the good,
And do as well in loving acts,
In Jesus' holy name, who lives
And reigns with you in Heaven above,
United with the Holy Spirit,
One God, both now and ever more.
Amen!

Therefore, get your minds ready for action by being fully sober, and set your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

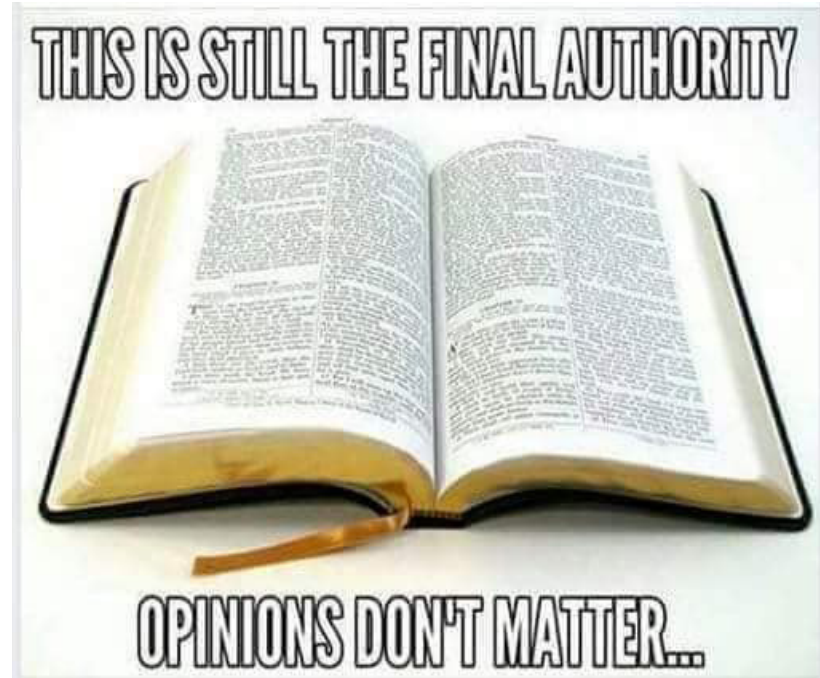
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Little Children

Lalna Owens

*Little ears are listening;
Little minds run wild;
Trying to be like Mom or Dad,
Comes natural for a child.
They want to do the things you do,
And say the things you say;
They're watching and they're listening,
Even while they play!
So Mom and Dad, be very sure,
You're always watching too;
To say and do the things that you
Would have your children do.*

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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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