

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

The Lord's Day Message

“Don't Fool Yourself”



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Charles will lead our **Bible Class**, **Kerry** will lead singing, **Paul McCollum** will deliver the **Lesson**. May God bless their efforts!

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
James 1:22*

We are praying for you!

Judy McCollum - for safety while visiting and helping her sister in Oregon for the next two weeks.

Rosemarie Johnson- for a blessed new school year of teaching and providing a positive christian example to her students.

Jordan Johnson - for a blessed school year of providing direction and a christian example to and for the students at his school.

~God's Blessings to Everyone!~

What Can You Do to Help?

Sam Dilbeck

Church growth is not an accident—it's deliberate. Churches that do not have plans or goals for growth usually do not grow. Having goals are nice, but every member must do their part to achieve these goals. Here are some suggestions for helping the church achieve its goals in attendance and conversions.

Identify people. New Christians do not magically appear, they are made from existing people. We can help the church grow by identifying people in our lives that need the gospel. The best candidates are friends and family members. Other prospects could be coworkers and acquaintances that we see often. Paul identified those on Mars Hill as ones needing the gospel (Acts 17:16-31).

Pray for people. Those we identify as needing the gospel deserve every effort we can give them. Prayer is a small but powerful effort that could be the difference between winning someone to Christ or missing that opportunity. Certainly Cornelius is an example of a sinner aided by prayer (Acts 10:1-8).

Prepare for people. Before we approach those we identify as having a need, we ought to prepare ourselves. We should know what we are going to say and how we might answer some objections. It all goes back to planning. Jesus spent over three years preparing the apostles to change the world (Luke 24:44-49).

Approach people. We often leave this undone. Searching for the perfect time to approach someone with the gospel usually means it never gets done. Once we have prepared, we must approach them and bring up God. Philip was told by the Spirit to go to the eunuch, and he ran to approach him in the chariot (Acts 8:29-30).

Invite people. Once the subject of God is brought up, do not forget to invite them to study the Bible or come to worship with you. Sometimes we may feel like it

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is overbearing to invite people to study. However, without an invitation to do something, approaching some one about God becomes little more than an opinion swapping session. Here again, Philip serves as an example by asking him about his understanding (Acts 8:30).

Invite them again. If someone accepts our invitation be joyous, but do not be duped. Just because they came once, does not mean they are planning to come again. So, invite them again. Of course, if they reject our invitation that does not mean we stop inviting them. Persistence often pays off in time. On the day of Pentecost, many people heard Peter, but only 3,000 obeyed. However, by the fourth chapter the number was over 5,000 because many received another invitation (Acts 2:41;4:4).

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“PRAY ALL THE TIME”

1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 12:12

Raymond Elliott

Song: “PRAY ALL THE TIME CHORUS:

“Pray in the morning, Pray at the noontime, Pray in the evening, Pray anytime. Pray when you’re happy, Pray when in sorrow, Pray when you’re tempted, Pray all the time.”

Choose your ‘closet’, room, place, time.

Pray in the name of Jesus. John 14:14.

Pray in faith. James 1:6.

According to the will of God. Matthew 26:39.

The prayer of a righteous person avails much. James 5:16; 1 Peter 3:12.

Pray specifically for individuals.

Confess your sins known only to God, and all sins. Psalm 51

Pour out your heart to God for loved ones.

Prayers of different lengths, reasons, etc.

Pray with your family.

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The only thing missing is you!

Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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