

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

## The Lord's Day Message

"All the Will of God"



### Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

**Jordan** 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 ~

*Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.*

*John 9:31*

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

**Sweeti Parichha** - for relief and curing of her stomach problems as well as God's blessed peace.

**Church of Christ** - for strength to preach God's Word to all lost souls.

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

### Have you seen the light?

Gary C. Hampton

As I write this, we are expecting a super blue moon. That means we will experience the second full moon of this month and it will be especially bright. It is rare and beautiful to behold. I cannot wait to see the earth lit up at night!

In the spiritual realm, light comes from God's word. The singer of Israel said, "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). Isaiah chided the people of God:

"And when they say to you, 'Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,' should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:19-20).

Paul made much the same point, when he wrote,

"For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6).

The light of God's word calls for right conduct. John told his children in the faith, "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth" (1 John 1:5-6).

Paul wanted the saints to realize light and darkness do not mix:

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14).

Since light and darkness do not coexist, the apostle issued an appeal:

"Therefore 'Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty'" (2 Corinthians 6:17-18).

There are a number of good things that come out of walking in the light. John states,

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John

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1:7). John went on to say,

“He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him” (1 John 2:9-10).

Paul went down much the same path when he wrote,

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:1-3).

The light that surrounds us in this world is often a wonder to behold. The light of God’s word and the path it directs us to is even more beautiful. It teaches us to live a righteous life and produces a number of good results. Have you seen the light? If not, open God’s book. It will be all around you.

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### Candidates for Dumbest Criminals

Larry Fitzgerald

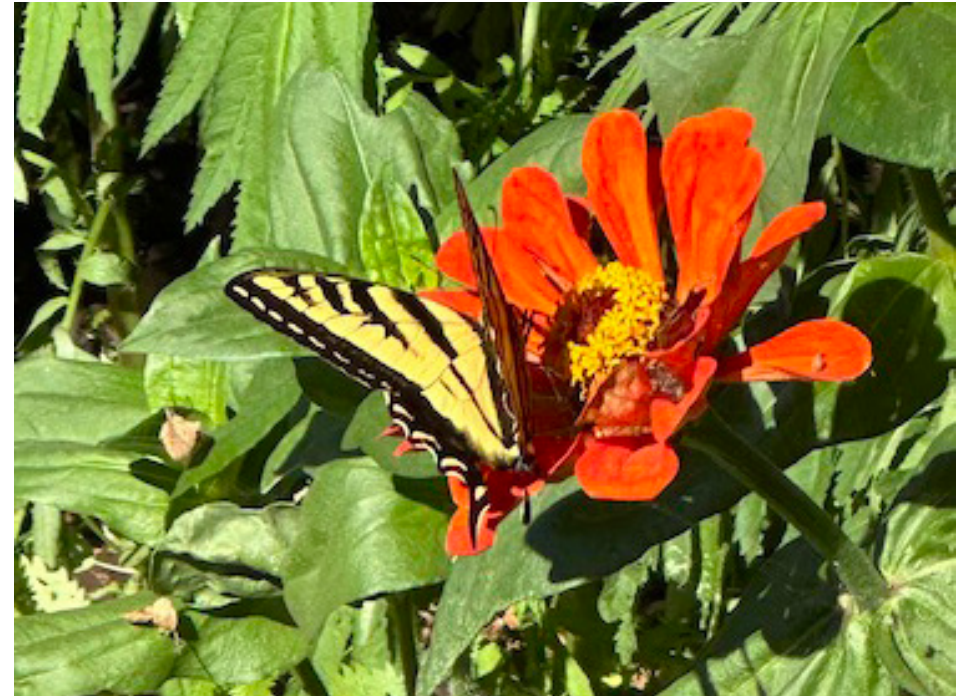
Three years ago, Florida police pulled over a speeding car traveling over 90 mph on one of the state’s major intersections.

As an officer approached the car, he noticed two zip-lock bags labeled “bag full of drugs.” A drug-sniffing dog alerted the police that illegal drugs were inside the automobile. This gave the police “probable cause to search the vehicle. They found illegal containers of methamphetamine, GHB, cocaine, fentanyl and MDMA (ecstasy).

Most drug smugglers do not speed. Instead, they carefully follow all traffic laws. And they certainly do not leave in open sight containers of stuff labeled “bag full of drugs.” One writer commented about this event: “this is a case of truly stupid criminals.”

The truth is, God doesn’t need to stumble on bags of dope—appropriately labeled or not. He knows all things. He knows all our sins. Yet, he still forgives us when we truly repent of those short-comings. That’s the beauty of God’s grace.

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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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