

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

## *The Lord's Day Message*

### **“What About the Church of Christ?”**



## **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 ~**

*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

*Matthew 16:18*

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

**The Barry family** - for God's comfort and help dealing with worldly people and trials.

**Cathy Yaras** - For comfort with the loss of her mother this past week.

**Gollapalli Sunil Raju** - for the work he is doing for the poor of India and India Mission Work.

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

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

## **Hurry Up and Wait**

Casey McDonald

The country group Alabama released their “American Pride” album in 2000 which included the song “I’m In A Hurry (And Don’t Know Why).” This song is the epitome of the American way of life. The modern house often is not designed with a front porch because people rush home from work to sit in front of their televisions or go out to work on something else. Time to just be still is vanishing rapidly. James wrote, “Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand” (James 5:7-8).

Have you gotten in such a hurry you forgot what you are even doing here on earth? Let us refocus. When there is so many things that need to get done, it is hard to be patient while the checklist still has empty boxes. Have you ever been working on something and could not rest until it was complete? During the Christian walk, we can get anxious waiting through hard times which James called suffering (5:10). Anything good is worth waiting for though. “Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful” (James 5:11). Patience is personified in Job. Suffering often brings on bickering. James recognized this and wrote, “Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door” (5:9).

Suffering will come in the Christian walk, but how we respond to that suffering will depend on how patient we are. It is easy to get in a hurry in life, rushing around to try and numb the pain that suffering brings. As far as the coming of the Lord is concerned, all we can do as Christians is hurry up and wait. We do not know when the Lord is coming back, so all we can do is wait patiently, without grumbling to one another, and live righteously. Do you have the patience to hurry up and wait? God shows us patience everyday, let us do the same for him as we eagerly wait for our Savior's return.

## Why Your Family Needs to Be in Worship

Jerry Jenkins

It is important for family to worship together. The God who created each and ordained marriage and the family knew the importance of families worshipping together. To a woman who had miserably failed in her family life, Jesus said, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him" (John 4:25).

The Father does not need our worship to be a better being or a better father. One cannot improve on perfection, but the Father knew the need for each of us to worship. The old adage, "A family that prays together stays together," is true. One just does not find those in the divorce courts that are truly committed and serving God.

Families should worship for three major reasons: (1) God commanded it (Heb. 10:25); (2) for the influence that we exert on one another; and (3) it will enhance our spiritual life (Rom. 12:1-2).

No family can be completely balanced when there is a major spoke left out of their wheel. Families are to grow physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. The family that does not worship is missing at least a quarter of this designed growth.

What is a major blessing each can offer their family? Here is a simple, yet life-changing answer: Begin this week to worship God by taking your family to every worship service!

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**"Give me a stout heart to bear my own burdens. Give me a willing heart to bear the burdens of others. Give me a believing heart to cast all burdens upon Thee, O Lord." — John Baillie**

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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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