

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

The Lord's Day Message

"The Nature of God"

Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

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

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

~ Happy Lord's Day ~

*He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
1 John 4:8*

We are praying for you!

Virginia Elliott - for help with her sciatic nerve pain.

Don Blackwell - for strength and endurance in his service to the Lord.

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

~God's Blessings to Everyone!~

Something is Missing

Bart Warren

On July 4, 1939, Lou Gehrig uttered some words that would go on to be some of the most iconic in history. After being diagnosed with a debilitating disease, standing only about two years from his death, the man who had played more consecutive baseball games than anyone else ever had gave this brief speech:

"For the past two weeks you have been reading about a bad break. Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth. I have been in ballparks for seventeen years and have never received anything but kindness and encouragement from you fans.

"When you look around, wouldn't you consider it a privilege to associate yourself with such a fine looking men as they're standing in uniform in this ballpark today? Sure, I'm lucky. Who wouldn't consider it an honor to have known Jacob Ruppert? Also, the builder of baseball's greatest empire, Ed Barrow? To have spent six years with that wonderful little fellow, Miller Huggins? Then to have spent the next nine years with that outstanding leader, that smart student of psychology, the best manager in baseball today, Joe McCarthy? Sure, I'm lucky.

When the New York Giants, a team you would give your right arm to beat, and vice versa, sends you a gift – that's something. When everybody down to the groundskeepers and those boys in white coats remember you with trophies – that's something. When you have a wonderful mother-in-law who takes sides with you in squabbles with her own daughter – that's something. When you have a father and a mother who work all their lives so you can have an education and build your body – it's a blessing. When you have a wife who has been a tower of strength and shown more courage than you dreamed existed – that's the finest I know.

"So I close in saying that I might have been given a bad break, but I've got an awful lot to live for. Thank you."

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In so many ways, this really is a beautiful and touching speech!

Gehrig acknowledges how special it is to play the game of baseball while surrounded by people who love you and support you and want to help you succeed. He acknowledges how great it is to have a family that sacrifices for you to help you get where you are. Considering his illness, these really are impressive words.

After reading this, I asked my students, "What is missing?" Without hesitation, one bright young lady said, "He didn't mention God! He thanked everyone but Him."

That is exactly the answer I was looking for. I don't know anything about the faith of Lou Gehrig, but I know he missed an opportunity. If you watch the black and white footage or you read the transcript, you are left feeling like something is missing. In times of triumph or times of despair, it is always good to acknowledge the blessings of God (Phil. 4:12-13).

I would much rather be blessed than to be lucky!

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Looking Unto Jesus

Edd Sterchi

If you have ever watched a choral group or orchestra, you will note one thing each member always does: they look at the conductor. This is to insure that they are in harmony and performing in accordance with the conductor's directive.

As members of the church, we make up a group that is performing before God. And as such, we must look to Him and His word for proper guidance concerning practice and harmony. When we turn the whole focus of our attention to our Lord and acknowledge that He is in command, and perform in spirit and truth in accordance with His will, our lives will give forth a song that is beautiful music to His ears. Sadly, too many people (and churches) focus on the world and let worldly influences lead them. Doing so is a recipe for disharmony and disaster. Let us be reminded of the need to follow Christ and His will only in everything we do.

"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" (Col. 3:1-2).

"...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." (Heb. 12:1-2).

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Big Sur Lighthouse, Big Sur, California

Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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