

# Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal



**Sermons for the Lord's Day**  
**The book of Philipians**  
**A.M. - Rejoice as Christ is Preached !**

## Announcements Alisal Weekly

1. **Romans Class This Wednesday at 6:30 pm** - Chapter 13 #2
2. **Wednesday Invitation** - Kerry
3. **Today** - We will *only* be meeting for class and the morning worship service. -no afternoon service.

## Prayer List

1. **Rosemarie and Kerry Johnson** - for rest and safety on their cruise.
2. **Don Blackwell** - for continued healing progress and less pain.
3. **Norma Decker** - for better health and determination to be with us.
4. **Beverly Pereira** - for improved physical health.
5. **Loyd Barry** - for finding other Christians to worship with in Elko, Nevada
6. **Bobby Glover** - for peace and wisdom in his difficult situation.
7. **David and Patty Kirby** - for peace and comfort in their life.
8. **Austin McCollum, Nina, and little Maverick** = for a safe and enjoyable vacation at Bass Lake.

*We are praying for you!*

## 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 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?

## DEAR OLD DAD

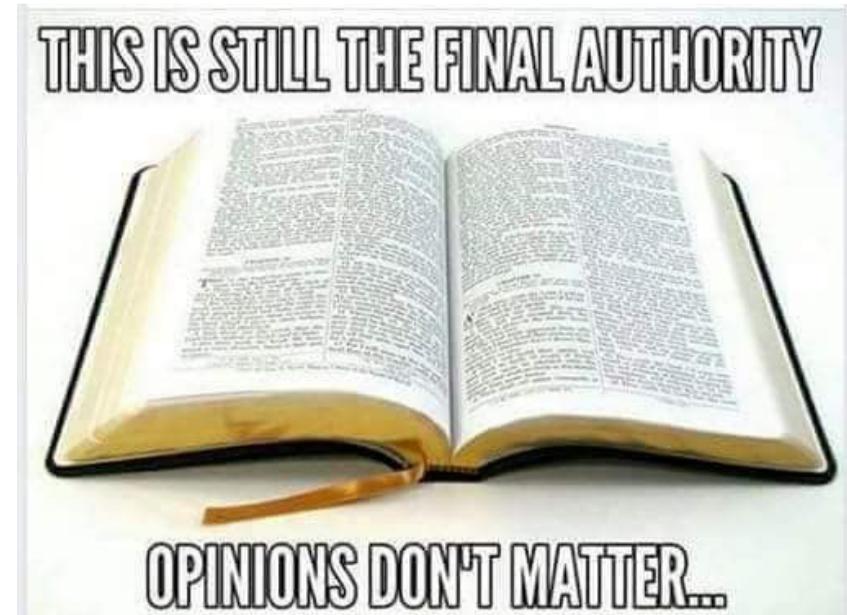
"So often we praise our mothers here and merit all their ways.  
We so ignore the fact that Dad he, too, deserves some praise.  
Who strives to earn the daily bread? To keep all healthy—glad?  
Isn't he that gets so little praise and that is dear old Dad.  
To praise our mothers, that is good (this they may deserve)  
Yet why so slack in praising Dad and keep in reserve?  
Let's measure their equalities—give merits, praise, when due.  
Start pinning laurels on your Dad, He's done a lot for you."

(Eva Gilbert Shaver)

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Psalm 19:1-2

*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.*



### Meeting Days and Times

Sunday ..... 9:00 am Class - 10:00 am & 5:00 pm Worship

Wednesday ..... Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:30 pm

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And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

— Romans 8:28 (KJV)

Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. — Hebrews 3:13

#### Thought

How serious are we about sin? The Bible reminds us how seriously God views it. The power of sin to entice us, entrap us, and ultimately engulf us in its power can be offset by loving Christian friends who encourage each other daily.