

January 15—January 21

15 Sunday Don is preaching today.	16 Monday	17 Tuesday	18 Wednesday No Bible class.	19 Thursday	20 Friday	21 Saturday Happy Birthday, Zach Border
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1 birthdays and 0 anniversaries this week.
January 22 is our next family meeting/potluck meal.

January 08, 2023
Contributions: \$611.00
Attendance: 30

Campus minister: **Caleb Hughes**
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Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ

January 15, 2022



Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.

Why we need your input on January 22

As Congress struggles with deciding what to spend money on next year, there's a saying going around that "your budget reflects your values." And I think that is largely true. Over the next few months, on a national level, we'll find out what things we value based on what we agree to pay and how we agree to pay it.

But in your local church, your budget also reflects your values. And if you've never taken the time to look at where we're spending our money, we may learn a few things. (Adapted from <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/your-budget-reflects-your-values/>)

How about focusing our efforts on our children in 2023?

How about a 2023 focus on our youth? What can we do to prepare our children for a life of faith? How about purposing our budget to support what we value, following Christ? Begin to reflect and pray about ways to support our youth. Bring your ideas to our family meeting on January 22.

A Moment in History...

That a maker is required for anything that is made is a lesson Sir Isaac Newton was able to teach forcefully to an atheist-scientist friend of his. Sir Isaac had an accomplished artisan fashion for him a small scale model of our solar system which was to be put in a room in Newton's home when completed. The assignment was finished and installed on a large table. The workman had done a very commendable job, simulating not only the various sizes of the planets and their relative proximities, but also so constructing the model that everything rotated and orbited when a crank was turned. It was an interesting, even fascinating work, as you can imagine, particularly to anyone schooled in the sciences.

Newton's atheist-scientist friend came by for a visit. Seeing the model, he was naturally intrigued, and proceeded to examine it with undisguised admiration for the high quality of the workmanship. 'My! What an exquisite thing this is!' he exclaimed. 'Who made it?' Paying little attention to him, Sir Isaac answered, 'Nobody.'

Stopping his inspection, the visitor turned and said: 'Evidently you did not understand my question. I asked who made this. Newton, enjoying himself immensely no doubt, replied in a still more serious tone. 'Nobody. What you see just happened to assume the form it now has.' 'You must think I am a fool!' the visitor retorted heatedly, 'Of course somebody made it, and he is a genius, and I would like to know who he is.'

Newton then spoke to his friend in a polite yet firm way: 'This thing is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you know, and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer and maker; yet you profess to believe that the great original from which the design is taken has come into being without either designer or maker! Now tell me by what sort of reasoning do you reach such an incongruous conclusion?'

Sir Isaac Newton Solar System Story (from the book: 'The Truth: God or evolution?' by Marshall and Sandra Hall, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI)