



Announcements

Next "Constitution Live" is 3/28/21 @ noon.

March 14-March 20

14 Sunday	15 Monday College class in annex	16 Tuesday	17 Wednesday "Constitution Live" moved to Sunday at noon Pearson's anniversary	18 Thursday	19 Friday Game night 7:00 p.m.	20 Saturday
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No birthdays and **one** anniversary this week.

Campus minister: **Caleb Hughes**
 Youth/young adult minister: **Charles Fox**
 Minister: **Curtis Wubbena**

March 07, 2021
 Contribution: \$2,160.00
 Attendance: 27

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Welcome Home to Alpine church of Christ

March 14, 2021



Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



Remember the time-machine from "Back to the Future"? You can actually project what you will be doing 10 years from now, 20 years from now, or 50 years from now. How? Unless something changes the course of your life, you will be doing about the same things you are doing now. Like what you see in yourself? Keep doing what you are doing.

THE BARREN BRANCH

"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh it away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit." (John 15:2) When I meditate on this passage, I can't help remembering a practical illustration from my childhood. Oh, how I can remember the joy of helping to plant our annual garden. It was such a thrill to be able to watch the gradual growth of God's creation. Then came the time to reap the reward. What a joy to eat home-grown food! I remember one year when it seemed that we were going to have an exceptional potato crop. Never had the plants been as big and green. But much to our dismay, when harvest time came, the potato plants were barren. I just couldn't understand why the plants were not productive. They were so *big* and *green*. Later on, my father helped me to understand that the soil was lacking proper nutrients.

Similarly, how often I come in contact with individuals who outwardly seem like they should bear much fruit, yet do not. Once again, it is the result of a lack of proper nutrients. Until the nutrients are provided the individual will remain unfruitful and useless. Thus Christ said the branch must be taken away. God has given the true seed which will yield a productive servant (Luke 8:11). But, we must prepare our soil to receive this seed of eternal life. If our soil is sterile and unreceptive, obviously the seed will not grow. If the soil is receptive yet lacks proper nutrients, the seed will grow but will not be prolific. And, "...every tree therefore that bringeth not good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." (Luke 3:9) Therefore, we must take special care to be sure our soil is fertile at all times.

If we allow it to do so, the Word of God will serve as both a seed and a fertilizer. It will imbed itself in our lives and by daily application will also keep our soil fertile. May we continually strive to "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..." (2 Peter 3:18). All we must do to be fruitful is accept and live the Word of God. May our Creator be praised!

Curtis Wubben

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Sound Doctrine, Volume 2, Number 3, July 1979. Carol and I had been married for 7 months (we are going on 43 years this year).