



Announcements

Wubbena family is out of town until 5/17.

May 09-May 15

09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday Charles- Bible class Caleb- sermon Wubbenas gone	Monday College class in annex	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Game night 7 p.m.	Saturday

No birthdays and no anniversaries this week.

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

May 02, 2021
Contribution: \$1,381.00
Attendance: 29

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Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ


May 09 and 16, 2021



Ordinary people serving an
extraordinary God.



On Monday evening, the college-age students met for the last time this semester. The Monday night class will resume in June, as many of the participants live in Alpine. Most of our students leaving for the summer anticipate a return to Sul Ross this Fall.



2020-2021
Alpine church of Christ
College-age students

Rock

the congregation with
inspiring behavior.

*Thank you Caleb, Charles, Elisabeth, Halie, Kayla, Sean, Chris, and Granger.
Your spiritual encouragement is an example of what a local church provides
through commitment to fellow Christians.*

Plan on attending our next family meeting on Sunday, May 23, at noon
in the annex.

Family meeting topics for consideration:

1. How long do we maintain our current meeting schedule? Currently, we meet for Bible class on Sunday morning at 9:45 and Worship at 10:45. Last month we met each Sunday at noon for a working lunch. Curtis conducted a 4-week class on "First Principles."
2. Do we add a Sunday evening worship time? Do we move our Sunday evening Worship time to 1 p.m. as we did in 2020?
3. Do we add a Wednesday night Bible class?
4. Will we have a Vacation Bible School this year? Do we continue the "Drive-through" concept, or do we meet in person?
5. Do we have a Gospel meeting this year? If so, when?
6. Do you have any ideas for improving the Alpine church?

Diotrephes — A Nice Guy by Joe Fitch

"I met Diotrephes the other day. Do you imagine him dark of visage, loud voiced, arrogant, and mean? Well you are wrong! He is handsome, middle aged, soft spoken, well educated. He knows a lot about most every subject and is especially interesting to talk to. In fact, he is a very nice guy. A lot of the problem is that people just don't understand him — and he has gotten a lot of bad press lately.

"Now I know he is opinionated. I frankly asked him about the church trouble — and I admit he did get a little upset. He is a man of deep conviction; he really believes what he believes. And he is worried about the church. He is afraid the church will really get messed up if he fails to keep a tight rein on things.

"Oh, about John, he and Diotrephes have a real personality clash. He has a thing about John — and maybe he is partly right. He says John is getting old and senile. Besides John is just a little uppity because he was a personal friend of Jesus — at least that is what Diotrephes says. And..." Does this imagined interview sound strangely current? Well, Diotrephes is not dead. I have met him — and I have heard this report from several interviewers who later became his devotees. Several observations might help our evaluations.

First, evil people are not without commendable traits. It would be nice if bad people were entirely bad —and thoroughly unlikable. It just is not that way. Recall lovable but rebellious Absalom (2 Sam. 13:23-)? And look again at Esau — a real man's man, but completely carnal minded (Gen. 25:27). Evil people have some good traits but are in rebellion to truth; good folk have some faults but are trying to overcome and do right.

The objective of the devil is to get us looking at the commendable, appreciating the friendliness, and admiring the knowledge and devotion. Then we may well ignore the rebellion and finally disregard the truth. We must not be ignorant of his devices (2 Cor. 2:11). How many people have selected a congregation based on its "friendly people" rather than its stand for truth.

Second observation. No excuse ever changes doing wrong. Noble motive (Robin Hood), extenuating circumstances, other people did not do as they should, -- the sin is still sin. Do not be deceived!

Third observation. Diotrephes did not learn about "rule" from the word of God. That rule is being a leader, an example of one who does right. He inspires the confidence and respect of believers and they follow. An army general must have trained Diotrephes. He only knows rule by coercion, mandate, force, and exclusion. No one questions the elders' right to decide but Diotrephes sees every suggestion as a challenge to his authority. Each criticism or disagreement is an insult to his position. Diotrephes will always be puzzled over Moses who was given charge of Israel but was the meekest of men (Num. 12:3).