

## September 17—September 23

17 Sunday	18 Monday	19 Tuesday	20 Wednesday	21 Thursday	22 Friday	23 Saturday
		College Bible study @ 6:30 p.m. Happy Birthday, Doris	No Bible class. Begins again in October.			

One birthday and no anniversaries.  
Tricia and Zach have an anniversary next Sunday.

September 10, 2023  
Contribution: \$.492.00  
Attendance: 31

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

September 17, 2023



Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



The college-age students are a vital part of the Alpine church of Christ. Last Sunday, local church members honored each student with a CARE box filled with snacks and other highly used items. Following the morning assembly, ladies in the congregation and Mark fixed a meal in their honor. In October, the students are hosting a retreat.

# Are You Hungry?

*Robert F. Turner*

"Righteousness" of God (Rom.1:17) is "the quality of one pronounced "righteous" by the eternal judge according to His norm of right" (Lenski). It describes the state of a man in an acceptable relationship to God; a state made possible by forgiveness, hence dependent upon Jesus Christ. It embraces, then, all that God requires a man to be, and makes possible for him to be, through Christ.

And Jesus says, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteous -ness: for they shall be filled" (MAT.5:6). Hunger and thirst are used here to express longing desire. Jesus reverts to the fundamental driving forces in man to describe the urgency, the impelling nature of this craving to be as God wants us to be. Further, the grammarians tell us that these words are "durative present tenses" signifying that the hungering and thirsting continues. Continual longing for an acceptable standing before God — even as we are being "filled" — is required of all who would have the Lord's blessing.

Reread the first column, and give it some careful meditation. If you have an ounce of perception, this should make you shake in your boots.

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Are we hungering and thirsting for righteousness?. There is no need to ask the "oncer", the socialite or sportsman who serve God when it is convenient, the traditionalist who is a "Church of Christer" because "all my people were 'Church of Christ'". Don't bother the sleeper; his answer is as loud as his snoring. But the question reaches out to another class of professed Christians.

Many who give freely of their time and energy "hunger and thirst" for a better nursery school, or greater humanitarian services, or a "church image" of which they can be proud. Some give great sums of money, "hungering and thirsting" for a beautiful "sanctuary". Reread, and carefully check the meaning of "righteousness"!!

The digression that prevails among "us" today did not develop among people hungering and thirsting for righteousness. It answers "our" question!!



## **Updates from the ministry of Wissam**

Wissam is continuing to teach Muslims and those interested in sharing the Gospel. Recently Wissam traveled to the location of his first visit to the United States. "Not even the sirens of the severe weather that Saturday evening could overwhelm the fanfares of our hosts, and the high winds that flapped the pavilion's metal walls could not hinder people coming from as far as North Carolina from hearing how joyful noises sound in Arabic. The next day I spoke at a Mennonite school."