

The Fig Tree

February 6, 2022

John 15:11 “ I have told you these things so that your joy may overflow...”

vs.8 “...you are my true disciples when your produce much fruit”

John 4:36 “...the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life...”

Jesus calls us to be **fruitful** because that was our design from the *beginning of time!*

Genesis 1:11 “...let every seed bear fruit after its own kind”

Genesis 1:28 “be fruitful and multiply”

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives

Matthew 21:18-22 - story of the fig tree

vs.19 “...he noticed a fig tree...He went over to see if their were any figs , but there were only leaves.”

Luke 13:6-9 - Parable of the barren fig tree

Genesis 3:7 “...they suddenly felt shame...so they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.”

“when we don’t give any kind of spiritual fruit we are in fact left with nothing but “leaves,” a “barren” outward appearance that tries to “cover” the fact that we are not producing anything for God or our neighbor.”

In what ways have we produced leaves and look good but remained fruitless in our lives?

Who is God calling us to care, coach, and cultivate this year?

READ TOGETHER IN 2022 Read with our NTC Family It is not too late to start! Go to our website or Facebook to join our 2022 Reading Plan for 2022. **Or pick up a paper copy of the plan in the lobby!**

2022 VISION OFFERING **What part will you play?** So far just over \$134k has been pledged from our NTC Family of Churches toward our goal of \$200,000 for our building renovations, repaving our parking lot, and contributing to Mannahouse Global’s church planting fund. Pledge cards are in the backs of the seats.

WELCOME ROOM MEET AND GREET **Stop by for refreshments!** Have any questions for us or just want to learn how to connect beyond our Sunday Service? Stop by the welcome room after the service for a meet & greet where we have a selection of goodies and refreshments.

LIVING OUTWARD OPPORTUNITIES IN 2022 **Visit our website!** We have put together a number of local missions opportunities and short term missions trips for you to consider joining. Go to ntcmassena.com/livingoutward to learn more and let us know you are interested!

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO **After the service!** Stop by the Photo Booth either today or one of the next two Sundays to get an updated photo taken for ChurchCenter and help keep our kids checkin secure.

GET CONNECTED IN 2022 **After the Service!** Peruse our tables in the lobby which display various opportunities to join a group, attend a class, join a Sunday morning serving team, or learn more about our living outwards opportunities in 2022. We will also have a photo booth so we can update our directory and keep our kids secure through checkin.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm** 7th-12th graders gather weekly for an evening just for them.

ONLINE WEDNESDAYS **Wednesday at 7pm** Join us again for a new round of Online Wednesdays on Facebook Live and YouTube.

BRIDGE **Thursday at 6pm** 5th-7th graders gather every other week for fun and games and message just for them.

MEN’S PRAYER **Saturday at 8am** Men gather every week to pray together and support one another. All are invited!

coming up....

LENTEN MISSION WEEK **March 29th-31st** We will be gathering together with other Christians in Massena and Malone as we seek to live out Jesus’ prayer in John 17. Joe Tosini and some other special guests will be joining us again. More information coming soon!

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