

Fruit

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Matthew 7:17-18 “So every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, not can a diseased tree bear good fruit.”

Jesus calls us all to produce fruit, but we must be aware of the kind of fruit we are going to produce.

Matthew 7:23 “depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.”

Matthew 23:27-28 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

1 Samuel 9 - The Story of Saul chosen as King

vs.2 “And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.”

1 Samuel 10:18-19 “But though I have rescued you from your misery and distress,, you have rejected your God today and have said, ‘No, we want a king instead.’”

Though Saul looked good on the outside, when difficulty, trouble, and pressure came, the fruit of his heart was revealed.

1 Samuel 16 - The Story of David chosen as King

vs.7 “Don't judge by his appearance or height...The Lord doesn't see things they way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

We spend too much of our lives trying to produce an outward appearance of fruit, yet our fruit will be determined by the position of our heart.

What kind of fruit have we been producing?

How is God calling you to change the position of your heart to better model him?

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 **No Service Tonight!** Enjoy the Super Bowl... we'll be back next week!

ONLINE WEDNESDAYS **Wednesday at 7pm** Join us again for a new round of Online Wednesdays on Facebook Live and YouTube. This week Tony Ramsdell will be talking about Momentum!

MOPS & MOMSNEXT **Thursday at 10am or 6pm** All moms are invited to come out and support one another and be encouraged!

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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