



The Church as an established tree.

John 15: 5

*“I am the vine, you
are the branches.”*



The result of the pandemic.

Everything stopped!

Like a pollarded tree.

“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” John 15:2



Q. Were the branches taken away or pruned?

Q. What can we take from this severe pruning?

What did we do?

Some new things began including:

- Online services
- Delivery of paper copy of services
- Phone buddies
- Personal discipleship
- RBR Connection groups . . .

Q. What things have helped you, or others, in discipleship over the last year?





What do we do next?

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

John 15: 7-8



What does it mean to abide in Jesus?

3 things implied...

Connection, dependence, & continuance

These are interwoven...



Q. Should we expect to grow back as a very different looking tree?

Q. What are the plans and purposes that God has for us as individuals?

Q. What are the plans and purposes that God has for His Church here?

Avodah- the Hebrew word meaning work *and* worship.

Everything we do should be both work and worship. All of these are born out of, and covered by prayer.

Q. What should we do next?



A photograph of a stone church with a prominent round tower on the left. The church has Gothic-style windows and a dark roof. In the foreground, there is a cemetery with several gravestones. To the right, a tall, slender stone monument stands. The background shows green trees and a clear blue sky.

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