# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- Women's Harvest Brunch Saturday, November 2nd @ 9:30 am
  - EXTOL: Prayer & Praise Thursday, November 7th @ 7 pm
- Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland Friday, November 8th & 22nd @ 11 am
  - · VBC Food Packing Event Saturday, November 9th @ 10am
  - Goodguys Church Service Sunday, November 10th @ 10am
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week November 18th 25th

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## **SONGS & SERMONS**

"Everlasting God" - Brenton Brown, Ken Riley

"The Lion & The Lamb" - Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring

> "Come Thou Fount" - Chad Gardner, Robert Robinson

"Great Are Your Lord" - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"Before the Throne of God Above" -Shane & Shane

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# **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly Operating Budget Need......\$34,434.00 Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,446.228.00

Giving Last Week.....\$20,596.00 Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,424,538.00



### **MESSAGE NOTES**

False Teachers Titus 1:10-16

**REVIEW:** 

#### Leaders in the local church must be firmly committed to God's word & able to use it.

**Titus 1:9** He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

- 1. They use it to build believers up in the Apostle's Teaching.
- 2. They use it to counteract false teachers/teachings.

#### False teachers posed an immediate and dangerous threat to the churches in Crete.

1. Many of them came from the Jewish tradition.

**Titus 1:10** For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.

- a. They exercised independence.
- b. They used impressive words with little or no content of truth.
- c. They seduced people away from sound doctrine.
- 2. Their teaching was influential, yet self-serving.

**Titus 1:11** They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.





3. Even natives of Crete recognized their own insincerity.

**Titus 1:12** One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

4. They must be exposed and trained.

**Titus 1:13** This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

#### An evaluation of false teachers:

- 1. The inner quality of our lives determines how we interpret the same "data".
  - a. Those whose hearts & minds are clean can enjoy God's creation with a clear conscience.

**Titus 1:15** *To the pure, all things are pure,* 

**1Tim. 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, <sup>2</sup> through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, <sup>3</sup> who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup> For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, <sup>5</sup> for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

b. Those whose hearts & minds are corrupt interpret everything corruptly.

**Titus 1:15b** but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.

2. As a consequence of their spiritual corruption, nothing these false teachers do is pure.

**Titus 1:16** They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

#### This Week:

ns week.
1. How are you committed to increasing in Christ-likeness (purity)?
2. Is there excitement in knowing that as you grow in purity you will increase in your enjoyment of "all things"?
3. Are you growing in your reception, understanding, and implementation of the Apostle's Teaching in your own life?