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- Women's Day at Cityteam - Friday, August 23rd @ 11am
- Church at the Fairgrounds - Sunday, August 25th @ 10am
- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, September 5th @ 7pm
- Women's Ministry Create Day 2019 - Saturday, September 7th @ 9 am
- Cityteam: Feeding & Chapel Service - Saturday, September 21st
 - Altamoms - Thursday, September 26th @ 7 pm
 - Altamont Church Potluck - Sunday, September 29th
- Forensic Faith Conference - Saturday, October 19th @ 9am

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"Your Grace is Enough" - Matt Maher

"Be Thou My Vision" - Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Russell Mauldin

"From the Inside Out" - Joel Houston

"Goodness of God" - Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,101,888.00

Giving Last Week.....\$26,000.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,054,830.00

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THE APOSTLES' TEACHING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: TIM J

MESSAGE NOTES

The Apostles' Teaching: Our Foundation for Life

The New Testament Church focused on learning & living out the Apostles' Teaching. (Acts 2:42)

Acts 2:42 *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

What is the "Apostles' Teaching?"

1. Jesus delivered a body of teaching to the Apostles after his resurrection. (Acts 1:1-3)

Acts 1:1 *In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.*

2. Jesus then commanded the Apostles to deliver this body of teaching to all disciples. (Mt. 28:19-20)

Mt. 28:19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*



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3. The Apostles obeyed Jesus' command, delivering this body of teaching to the churches they planted. (1 Cor. 4:17, 11:2; see also 1 Cor. 15:1-4, 1 Thess. 4:1-3)

1Cor. 4:17 *That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of **my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.***

1Cor. 11:2 *Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain **the traditions even as I delivered them to you.***

4. Church communities were expected to master this body of teaching and pass it on in perpetuity. (2 Tim. 2:2)

2Tim. 2:2 *and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*

Four Essential Characteristics: The Apostles' Teaching...

1. ...comprises the core of the New Testament. (2 Pt. 3:15-16)

2Pet. 3:15 *And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, **just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,**¹⁶ **as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters.** There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.*

2. ...includes and emanates from the gospel message, teaching believers to live godly lives. (Ti. 2:1ff; see also 1 Cor. 15:1-8)

Ti. 2:1 *But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine...¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age...*

3. ...provides role-based instructions for believers and their local leaders. (1 Tim. & Titus, esp. 1 Tim. 3:14-15; Eph. 5:22-6:9)

1Tim. 3:14 *I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that,¹⁵ if I delay, **you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God,** which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.*

4. ...is not subject to personal or cultural reinterpretation. (Jd. 1:3-4)

Jude 3 *Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.⁴ For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.*

How might we benefit from an awareness of the Apostles' Teaching?

1. We may commit ourselves to a lifelong process of learning & living out the Apostles' Teaching. (Acts 2:42)

Acts 2:42 *And **they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.***

2. As we engage in this process, we move toward maturity in our faith. (Col. 1:28)

Col. 1:28 *Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*