

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip - October 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Forensic Faith Conference - Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am
    - CityTeam Outreach - Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>
    - VBC Basketball Starts - Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland - Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
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- Women's Harvest Brunch - Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:30 am
  - Kids Against Hunger Food Packing Event - Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>
    - Goodguys Church Service - Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10am
  - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week - November 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

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### SONGS & SERMONS

"Found In You" - Paul Baloche, Andi Rozier

"Everlasting God" - Brenton Brown, Ken Riley

"Lord, I Need You" - Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher

"O Praise the Name" - Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings

"Cornerstone" - William B. Bradbury, Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan, Edward Mote, Jonas Myrin

"Oh Our Lord" - Paul Baloche, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00  
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,377,360.00

Giving Last Week.....\$92,409.00  
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,353,105.00

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SUNDAY 10/13/19 | MUSIC: BEN WONG | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

### MESSAGE NOTES

Paul & Titus: a team building up Jesus' church  
Titus 1:1-5

Paul's self-introduction: what makes apostles so special (1:1-3).

Paul is an apostle for the sake of the faith of believers, for the gospel & its pragmatic implications for living, and for instilling the hope of eternal life.

**Titus 1:1** *Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,<sup>2</sup> in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began<sup>3</sup> and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;*

Titus: Paul's partner in expanding & establishing Jesus' church (4).

**Titus 1:4** *To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.*

**2Cor. 8:16** *But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you. . . .<sup>23</sup> As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. . . . **12:18** I urged Titus to go, and sent the brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not act in the same spirit? Did we not take the same steps?*



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## Paul's overall reason in writing to Titus (1:5a).

**Titus 1:5** *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—*

## Paul's foremost reason in writing to Titus (1:5b-9).

### The necessity of qualified & functional leadership.

1. There's a bunch of them (5b).

**Titus 1:5** *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—*

**Acts 14:21** *When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, <sup>22</sup> strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. <sup>23</sup> And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.*

2. They're appointed by other elders (5b).

**Titus 1:5** *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—*

3. They have multiple names/titles (5, 7).

**Titus 1:5** *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— . . . 7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,*

4. They can't have "ugly" issues in life (6, 7).

**Titus 1:6** *if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. <sup>7</sup> For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,*

5. Their family must be working (6).

**Titus 1:6** *if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.*

6. They can't be characterized by . . . (7).

**Titus 1:7** *For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,*

7. They must be characterized by . . . (8).

**Titus 1:8** *but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.*

8. They must be firmly committed to God's Word & able to use it (9).

**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.*

## What does leadership look like among Jesus' people?

**Heb. 13:7** *Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. . . 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.*