

Titus 1:1-13

What does it mean that faith is common? It is common because it is shared or the same for all those who have faith in Christ. The question is do you have this faith?

As Paul begins to teach on A Mentor Making Church, he lays out a plan.

1. A minister to the people you are with: Creteans. Vs. 5, 12-13
 - a. Liars
 - b. Evil Beasts
 - c. Slow Bellies
- d. Rebuke them sharply that they may be sound in the faith.
- e. Minister to those who God gives you.

2. Make ministers of qualified people. Vs. 6-11

- Elder - Presbuteros
- Bishop - Episkopos
- Deacon - Shepherd, Pastor

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders (presbuteros) of the church. 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock (Polymnos) over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers (episkopos) to feed (poimeno) the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Hebrews 13:7, 17

Rule - a duty to impart, teach, and carry out the truth of Scripture

- a. Blameless
- b. Husband of one wife (not a polygamist)
- c. Having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.
- d. Blameless as the steward of God. Knows how to take care of what God gives.
- e. Not self willed. One who persistently seeks the will of God.
- f. Not soon angry.
- g. Not given to wine. (Does not have a taste for wine.)
- h. Not a Striker, smiter, someone who uses their fists, solves disputes with physical aggression.
- i. Not Greedy of filthy lucre. Ambition derived from a lust for money. Extorts or embezzles.
- j. Love hospitality. Entertains both friends and strangers.
- k. Lover of good men. Not a companion of fools but one who enjoys the company of those who are good.
- l. Sober. In control of one's mind, not clouded or under the influence of outside control.
- m. Just. Innocent or Upright.
- n. Holy. Consecrated to Spiritual purity.
- o. Temperate. In control of one's self. Not given over to passions or desires.
- p. Holding fast the faithful Word, one who through sound doctrine is able to convince those who are contradictory.

*These ministers are not just qualified in conduct but in ability.

3. Master the call.
Vs. 3 "...through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour"

Vs. 5 "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things"

EVIDENCE OF CALLING:

1. It's in your heart. 2Corinthians 6:3-10, 2Corinthians 4:31, Ephesians 4:11-13
2. You can't get away from it. 2Timothy 1:6-8

KEYS TO A MENTOR MAKING CHURCH:

1. Examples.

- a. Leaders who others see evidence of the call of God in their life through the way they live.
- b. Followers who are willing to accept someone to lead them.

2. Leaders to feed the flock with sound doctrine who are given to the Word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUSINESS MEETING - Today following the morning service.

HE REIGNS MAGAZINES - Now available in the Welcome Center the cost is \$3. The magazine features our TAG Team event with Galilee Baptist Church this past fall. Great article and pictures! Be sure to grab one.

THE SINGING CRUSADERS OF WEST MICHIGAN - Will be at 12th Street this afternoon at 4pm with the Men of A-Chord of Chicago and the Heritage Men of Jenison. Enjoy 75 men's voices along with Proclamation Brass in a great afternoon of praise to God.

BRADEN'S CLOSET - Is a ministry in Otsego that gives clothing to families who are fostering children. They are in need of donations of new underwear and socks. They also could use clean, nice used clothing of all sizes. Next Sunday we will receive donations to take to them. They are looking for volunteers as well. Another way to help is through a July 12th fundraiser at a Kalamazoo Growlers Baseball game. For additional information please see Pastor Stout.

RICKMAN HOUSE SERVANT EVANGELISM PROJECT - 12th Street will be serving dinner to Rickman House residents on May 3 at 6pm. We are looking for volunteers (a great opportunity for families) to serve and/or donate dinner items. You will find list of dinner items needed and/or sign up to volunteer in the Welcome Center. Rickman House currently houses about 45 residents and a good solid meal is sometimes few and far between for them. Join us in making this endeavor possible. Come serve and/or donate food items and be blessed . . . you won't regret it.

LAC MOTHER, DAUGHTER & FRIENDS TEA - Next Saturday, May 4th from 11am - 1pm. Please bring a dish to pass for the brunch. MEN - we need your assistance this year! We will feed you and you can fellowship with the other men in the youth room while the tea is ongoing in exchange for breaking down the tables and helping clean up after the tea.

ANNUAL ADULT VBS - May 15th, 16th and 17th from 11:30am-2pm
Wed - Pastor Carl Wellborn Lunch: egg salad sandwich, chicken cordon blue soup, veggies/dip and cake.
Thurs - Pastor Thad Stout Lunch: cold cuts, salad and pie.
Fri - Pastor Tom Stout Lunch: steak, baked potato, salad, garlic toast and strawberry shortcake.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER - The Hogget and Windsor families request your presence at the wedding of their children, Jewel and Jimmy John on Saturday, May 11 at 6pm. Ticket price is \$25 or \$40 per adult. Stop by the youth table to get your tickets/rsvp. Don't miss out on the social event of the year. Proceeds go to the youth mission trip to Kentucky in July.

GRADUATION SUNDAY - May 19th we will recognize our 2019 graduates: Carter Meyers, Elise Vansparentak, Cayla Stout, Ely Moyer, and Kaitlyn McLean.

VBS JULY 7 - 11 - Volunteers needed. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or see Angie Layton.
YOUTH MISSION TRIP - To Kentucky on July 14 - July 20th.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesday, 1pm-2:30pm in the Welcome Center. We are continuing to study the "52" women of the Bible.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP - Sunday 5:30pm-7pm at Jim and Amanda Deters' home at 7585 Northport Avenue in Kalamazoo. Jim Deters 269-330-8893.

BATTER UP! - It's almost time for Men's Softball. If you are interested in playing this season please sign up in the Welcome Center.

PICKLE BALL - Every Thursday at 6:30pm.

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Last game this Monday evening at 6:30pm for ages 16+.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - Each Tuesday 8:30am at 12th Street Baptist Church Gym - Breakfast provided.

FOOD PANTRY - Help others in need of food. See Krista Asher or Lynn Anderson.

VISIT www.12thstreetbaptist.net for sermons, bulletins, upcoming events and other updated information. For Members only. Anniversary, birthdays, pictures and business meeting notes on line using the Password: 12thStreet (case sensitive)

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

BIBLE & PRAYER MEETING 6P-730P
CHOIR PRACTICE 730P-830P

SUNDAY EVENING EVENTS

YOUTH GROUP 5P-630P
YOUNG ADULT GROUP 5P-630P
SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MORE INFO

NURSERY

28 JUDY K, ARIANNA, NATE T
5 ADAM, DACEY WAKKENTEN, LEAH S
12 ANDREA BARBERE, GOLDIE LATTON
19 KRISTA ASHER, CAYLA STOUT

LAST WEEK

TTIHES & OFFERINGS. \$5,080.19
BENEVOLENCE - CARPENTRY 200.00
COFFEE DONUTS FELLOWSHIP 4.00
TOTAL \$5,284.19