



# CORNERSTONE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# TITUS

Growing the Church in Godliness



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

*14 January 2024*

# Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

Last week we wrapped up our Advent through Epiphany sermon series in Matthew, and today we begin a five-week series in the smallest of the pastoral epistles, Titus. 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus are lumped together in a category called **the pastoral epistles**. They receive the name “pastoral epistles” because their author, the Apostle Paul, is writing to two pastors, Timothy and Titus, respectively, about how to lead and serve the church.

Now, you might wonder, “Why is Nate preaching to the whole church from a letter that is intended for pastors?” Said another way, “What good can I expect to receive from a pastoral epistle since I’m not a pastor?” That’s a fair question. For starters, always remember that Scripture’s original audience is never you or me. For instance, since we just wrapped up a short series in Matthew 1-2, take Matthew. His original audience was Jewish Christians in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. He wasn’t writing specifically to you and me, 21<sup>st</sup> century Americans. And yet, didn’t you find the teaching of Matthew to be edifying, beneficial, even transformative?

The reason for that is that Matthew, along with every one of the Bible’s authors, are writing God’s Word. Notice how I said that. *Every one of the Bible’s authors are writing God’s Word*. God’s Word doesn’t drop from the sky with no human involvement, nor are the Bible’s authors simply writing human oracles with no divine superintending. *The human author under the inspiration of the divine author pens the Word of God* (see 2 Peter 1:21). As Paul says in one of the pastoral epistles, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Since this is the case, each Bible book has a historical setting and an original audience that figure significantly into the book’s message. Simultaneously, the Bible is a universally true and applicable book addressing all people at all times. Therefore, you can read Titus and receive sermons from Titus, and, even though you’re not a pastor, you can fully expect to receive tremendous benefit from it. As you overhear, so to speak, Paul instruct young Titus, you will gain profound insight into the call of church leadership, the threat of false teaching, the civic responsibilities of the church, and so much more.

Providentially, we’re beginning this series on the same day we install two new elders, Mr. Terry Cheney and Mr. Preston Brooks, into the leadership of Cornerstone. We will focus specifically on that theme today as we consider the role of godly leadership in the church.

## Titus: Growing the Church in Godliness

- January 14, Titus 1:1-16, “The Necessity of Godly Leadership”
- January 21, Titus 2:1-10, “Commands for Godly Living”
- January 28, Titus 2:11-15, “Grace for Godly Living”
- February 4, Titus 3:1-8, “Devote Yourself to Every Godly Work”
- February 11, Titus 3:9-15, “Discipline unto Godliness in the Church”

Your servant,



Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

## Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

### GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

#### Introit—O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Vs I

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "O Splendor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that bring - est light from light, O". The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Light of light, light's liv - ing spring, O Day, all day's il - lum - in - ing." The music ends with a double bar line.

Text: St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 34:I, 3-5, 8

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

Pastor: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

All: Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

All: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

## Hymn of Praise—Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;  
 He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 His love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish Melody, Arr David Evans, 1927.

## New Testament Reading—I Peter 5:1-5

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup>not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. <sup>5</sup>Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

## Sung Response—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.  
Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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## Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on Isaiah 1:4; Psalm 145:13-21

Leader: Lord, we confess that we are a sinful people, laden with iniquity.

All: **We are sinners and the offspring of sinners.**

**We act as evildoers, children who deal corruptly.**

Leader: We have often forsaken You, O Lord; we have despised You, O Holy One;

All: **We estrange ourselves from You by how we live.**

Leader: But You O Lord are faithful in all Your words and kind in all Your works.

You, O Lord, uphold all who fall and raise up all who are bowed down.

All: **Our eyes look to You, and You give us our sustenance in due season.**

**You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

**You O Lord are righteous in all Your ways and kind in all Your works.**

Leader: You, O Lord, are near to all who call upon You, to all who call on You in truth.

All: **You fulfill the desire of those who fear You; You also hear their cry and save them.**

Leader: You, O Lord, preserve all who love You, and You bring justice to the wicked.

All: **We will speak the praise of You, dear Lord,**

**and let all flesh bless Your holy Name forever and ever.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—Hebrews 4:14-16

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Hymn of Praise—O Lord, How Joyful Tis to See

O Lord, how joy - - - ful 'tis to see The breth - ren  
How sweet with - in Thy ho - ly place With one ac -  
The world with - out may rage, but we Will on - ly  
O may we love, the house of God, Of peace and

join in love to Thee! On Thee a - lone  
cord to sing Thy grace. Be - sieg - ing Thy  
cling more close to Thee. With hearts to Thee,  
joy, the blest a - bode. O may no an - - -

their heart re - lies Their on - ly strength Thy grace sup - plies.  
at - ten - tive ear With all the force of fer - vent prayer!  
more whol - ly giv'n More weaned from earth, more fixed on Heav'n.  
gry strife des - troy That sac - red peace, that ho - ly joy.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736, Tr by John Chandler, 1837, based on Psalm 133; Music: American Folk Melody

## GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

### The Reading of the Word—Titus 1:1-16

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;

<sup>4</sup>To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

<sup>5</sup>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— <sup>6</sup>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,<sup>8</sup> but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. <sup>11</sup>They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. <sup>12</sup>One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” <sup>13</sup>This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, <sup>14</sup>not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. <sup>15</sup>To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. <sup>16</sup>They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: **But the Word of our God will stand forever.**

## Sermon—Titus: Growing the Church in Godliness, Part I

*The Necessity of Godly Leadership*

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

## Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system has the lyrics: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en." The second system has the lyrics: "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The music is in 3/4 time and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

## Installation of Officers

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### Officer Vows

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine,



you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

## Congregational Vows

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

## Prayer of Installation

### Sung Response—Christ Be with Me (*from St. Patrick's Breastplate*)

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me, Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: *Atomriug indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95;  
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

## Pronouncement and Declaration

I now pronounce and declare that the following men:

*Preston Brooks & Terry Cheney*

have been regularly elected and installed as ruling elders in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Exhortation to the Officers and the Congregation

### Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.*

### Words of Institution and the Lord's Table


#### Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.*


*If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.*

*At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. Proceed to the first table for the bread, and then on the second for wine/juice.*

# Psalm of the Month—Psalm 92: It is Good to Sing Your Praises




It is good to sing Your prais-es And to thank You, O Most High,  
You have filled my heart with glad-ness Through the works Your hands have wrought;  
But the good shall live be - fore You, Plant - ed in Your dwell - ing - place,



Show - ing forth Your lov - ing-kind-ness When the morn - ing lights the sky. It is  
You have made my life vic - to - rious, Great Your works and deep Your thought. You, O  
Fruit - ful trees and ev - er ver - dant, Nour-ished by Your bound-less grace. In His



good whennight is fall - ing Of Your faith - ful - ness to tell, While with  
Lord, on high ex - alt - ed, Reign - est ev - er - more in might; All Your  
good - ness to the right - eous God His right - eous-ness dis - plays; God my



sweet, me - lo - dious prais-es Songs of ad - o - ra - tion swell.  
en - e - mies shall per - ish, Sin be ban - ished from Your sight.  
rock, my strength and ref - uge, Just and true are all His ways.

Last Time



It is good to sing Your prais-es And to thank You, O Most High,



Show - ing forth Your lov - ing-kind-ness When the morn - ing lights the sky.

Text: Psalm 92, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2023

## Communion Hymn—Jesus Shepherd



Je - sus, Shep - herd of thy peo - ple, Lead us through this  
All thy sheep shall come to Zi - on; With them thou wilt  
In thy bos - om safe - ly lodg - ed, Thine shall rest from



des - ert land; We are weak, and poor, and fee - ble,  
nev - er part; Beasts of prey, nor roar - ing li - on,  
dan - ger free; They shall nev - er more be judg - ed,



Yet we trust thy might - y hand; Great Pro -  
None shall pluck them from thy heart; All thy  
Nor shall con - dem - na - tion see; Bless - - - ed



tec - - - tor! By thy power a - lone we stand.  
cho - - - sen Cost thee wounds, and blood, and smart.  
Je - - - sus, Let us thus re - joice in thee.

Text: J. Adams; Music: Cathy Steere, ©2008 [www.restassuredhymns.com](http://www.restassuredhymns.com)

### Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. *Amen*

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. *Amen*

*Prayer of Commitment.* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. *Amen*

# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

## Hymn of Praise—Ye Servants of God

Ye ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, And pub-lish a-broad His  
God rul-eth on high, al-migh-ty to save, And still He is nigh, His  
“Sal-va-tion to God, who sits on the throne!” Let all cry a-loud and  
Then let us a-dore and give Him His right, All glo-ry and power, all

won-der-ful Name; The Name all vic-tor-ious of Je-sus ex-  
pres-ence we have; The great con-gre-ga-tion His tri-umph shall  
hon-or the Son; The prais-es of Je-sus the an-gels pro-  
wis-dom and might; All hon-or and bless-ing with an-gels a-

tol, His king-dom is glor-ious and rules o-ver all.  
sing, As-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our King.  
claim, Fall down on their fac-es and wor-ship the Lamb.  
bove, And thanks nev-er ceas-ing and in-fi-nite love.

Text: Charles Wesley, *Hymns in Times of Trouble and Persecution*, 1744;

Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806, Arr. In William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815.

# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

## Benediction—Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians 1:10-11)

Women  
May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives

Men  
May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy May you lead lives

wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His

wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er,

ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

And find joy May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

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### Please Pray for:

- All students and teachers for diligence during the cold winter months
- The seniors to finish strong
- God's blessing in student and faculty recruiting
- Financial support for planned growth
- Wisdom as we plan for growth

Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here!  
We invite you to fill out a visitor form by scanning this QR code so that we may welcome you personally.  
Alternatively, visitor cards are available at either entrance to the chapel  
and can be placed in one of the offering boxes as you leave.



## Focus on Church Ministry

### Exploring Cornerstone

Want to learn about the history, beliefs, vision, and ministries of Cornerstone, as well as meet key ministry leaders? Exploring Cornerstone is the class for you. We will meet on Friday, February 2, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 3, from 8:00 a.m.-noon. Childcare will be provided. Please visit the website to register.

### Men's Ministry New Year Kickoff

Calling all Cornerstone men! At 6:00 p.m. this Thursday, January 18, come join your brothers for an evening of warm food and fellowship at Cornerstone. We will explore opportunities together to grow this year in the Lord. Register online or in the Cornerstone app.

### Childcare for SGI in Nashville

Colleen McGarry is in need of additional help for the childcare program that runs during SGI's Women's English program. Most of these women would have no place to learn English without their program because they are the only ones that offer childcare. Helping with childcare usually looks like playing hide and seek, doing puzzles, and lots of coloring and blocks! The commitment is two hours once a week on either Monday or Wednesday morning from 10:15-12:15. Contact Colleen at [colleen@servantgroup.org](mailto:colleen@servantgroup.org) to learn more.

### Midweek at Cornerstone—Save the Date

Starting February 14 (Ash Wednesday) and continuing each week leading up to Holy Week, we'll gather on Wednesday evenings for Midweek. Join us for a fellowship dinner and then stay for Vespers, Youth Group, Kid's Club, and Choir. Make sure you're subscribed to our emails so you don't miss details or registration for dinners! You can sign up on the homepage of the church website.

### Epiphany Devotional

Pick up the new devotional at either entrance to the chapel and read along with your Cornerstone family during our new series.

### Sew for Hope

This Wednesday morning, from 9:30-12:00, Cornerstone women have been invited to go to Servant Group International to help the Sew for Hope ministry prepare sewing kits for their spring classes. SGI will provide a Kurdish breakfast for us, then we will spend the remainder of our time cutting fabric and fellowshiping. Please register on the website and join us on Wednesday!

### Let's Study Acts!

Brothers, starting on January 23 (Tuesday) or January 25 (Thursday) at 6:45 a.m. at the Corner House, the Cornerstone men will study *Acts: On Mission with Jesus Christ in the World*. You can register for either Tuesday or Thursday morning's study by going to the Cornerstone website or app.

### Listen More in 2024

Did you catch Pastor Nate's *Life at the Corner* podcast episode last week? If not, go check it out. You can find *Life at the Corner* on Apple, Spotify, or anywhere you listen to podcasts. Don't forget to leave a review! Contact [lifeatthecorner@cstonepres.org](mailto:lifeatthecorner@cstonepres.org) with questions or feedback.

### Gathered In to Cultivate Beauty

Please join with other Cornerstone women on Wednesday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. for desserts, coffee, and a very special make-and-take evening! We will enjoy a time of fellowship together and learn about cultivating beauty in a simple way that honors the Lord. The cost for this evening is \$20. Space is limited for this event. Registration is open online.

### Cornerstone Youth—Middle School Caving Trip

All Cornerstone 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us on Saturday, February 17, for a day trip to Cumberland Caverns. We will do an adventure tour of a cave—hiking, crawling, and climbing together. We'll leave Franklin in the morning and return in the early evening. The cost is \$65 per person. Registration will open on Wednesday.

## *Taking the Message Home*

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Today's message, "The Necessity of Godly Leadership," is taken from Titus 1:1-16. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- Paul speaks of Titus as his "true child in common faith." Why does Paul refer to him in that way? Who else in the Scripture does Paul call a true child in the faith?
- Read through the qualifications of elders again. What sticks out to you about the qualifications? Anything unclear to you about the qualifications?
- In the context of Titus, why are elders needed? What problem are elders meant to address in Crete? Is this usually how you think of elders?
- The title of this series is "Titus: Growing the Church in Godliness." Did anything from today's message encourage you toward godliness? In light of today's message, spend some time praying for Cornerstone's growth in godliness.

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