

# FAMILY UPDATES

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- Budgeted for week 3      \$27,405
- Accumulated income      \$16,238
- Encourage each other to give with a grateful heart
- Encourage each other to give regularly
- The ministry carries financial responsibility, and may even be burdensome at times, just like a family does. Because it is a real family.
  
- Leader's meeting, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>
- All leaders, leading women, and emerging leaders should attend



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What is the kerygma? What is the good news?

What is good about the good news?

What makes Jesus so special? Lots of people were crucified.



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What if I told you I knew of a leader that could rule and that he would bring hope and prosperity, justice and peace, and that there would be no more tears, no more weeping and pain and no more death, as the former way of life has passed away?

Most everyone would say that this is political talk and that I watched too much of the inauguration ceremony on Friday.

But, what if this story was actually true?



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You see, this story is true. This Jesus is the promised King, the promised Messiah, He is Jesus the Christ and he has inaugurated the new kingdom.

The beginning of this Story is that God inaugurated this plan through Abraham and his descendants that through them eventually all the families on earth would be blessed.

Fast-forward to today – The church is the family of God where eventually all the families on earth would be blessed, even heavenly and earthly rulers will be amazed at this.



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This is GOOD NEWS!



# TIES TO THEOLOGY IN CULTURE

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We, like all people before us, get confused and lose sight of “The Story”, we begin to think that being set apart means to protect ourselves from the “outside world”, we become more concerned about our personal piety than seeking the welfare of our city:

- Israel did this
- Pharisees did this
- Churches today do this

We like all people before us think that God ruling the earth will look like a political ruler – We must avoid creating a dualism where we become another community unto ourselves, a subculture.



# THEOLOGY IN CULTURE

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We are to bring theology, into our cultures

Theology in Culture is...

- ...becoming fully established in our faith, mastering the scriptures
- ...and understanding needs and problems of the time and place we live in, seeking welfare of our city
- ...so we can apply our faith to address those needs and solving problems and meeting pressing needs within our generation



# SEEKING THE WELFARE OF OUR CITIES

- As Christians, how do we think about our city – our involvement in it, and our commitment to its welfare?
- After all, we are building Christ's church, and we are aliens in this world. Are we really called to build cities? And to seek the welfare of the city?
- Or are we give a token nod the community in which our church communities reside? So that we might recruit people into our church communities? How does God intend us to live in community?
- Should we invest our time, talents and resources into our communities? Or mainly our churches?





# SEEKING THE WELFARE OF OUR CITIES

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Tie one arm to the scripture, tie the other to the  
culture



# MEETING PRESSING NEEDS AND BEING PRODUCTIVE

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- Devote themselves to good works
- Meet urgent/pressing needs
- Be productive in the community (so that they will not be unproductive)



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- Learn - we must be trained
- Good - beautiful, attractive
- Works - our activities, and occupations/jobs
- Urgent - necessary items, brings relief, also picks up the idea of needed business or work



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# IMPLICATIONS – A PROPOSAL

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From principle to implementation

- Devoted to Good Works
- Meeting Pressing Needs
- Being Productive in Community



# IMPLICATIONS – DEVOTED TO GOOD WORKS

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- Begins with always living a peaceful and quiet life –  
1 Tim 2, 1 Pet 1:15
- Your family life and church life should be attractive,  
healthy 1 Tim 5, 1 Thess 4:9-12, 2 Thess 3:10-13
- Able to entertain strangers and help those that  
cannot meet their own needs 1 Tim 5, 1 Thess 4:9-12, 2  
Thess 3:10-13



# IMPLICATIONS – DEVOTED TO GOOD WORKS

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- We should develop more dialogue in our work in the city, not dissension, not antagonize through political activism Titus 2, 3, 1 Tim 5
- Older men/women should mentor younger men/women in developing lifestyles of good works.





# MEETING PRESSING NEEDS

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Many people in our cities are trapped near the poverty line where the margins are so tight that even minor setbacks can cause devastating results.

- Avg income for Union Park - \$23k

I would like for everyone to be involved in an aspect of ReBuild or college students (beginning to build)

- Life Skill Development
- Faith Development
- Education and LifeWork Development



# MEETING PRESSING NEEDS

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- Life Skill Development
  - Some will live with our families – host
  - Some will integrate into our churches – hospitality, openness, family meals
  - A support team is needed to help them be resourced. i.e. budgeting, transportation, employment, parenting, cooking, cleaning, etc
- Faith Development
  - Some will need older men/women to teach them the first principles of Christ
- Education and LifeWork Development
  - Some will need to develop work skills
  - Need education/career guidelines, resume help



**RE:BUILD**

Life Rebuilding Programs

# IMPLICATIONS – MEETING

## PRESSING NEEDS

- Does it align with our overall church's strategies and initiatives? ReBuild? College focus?
- Does it align with our cluster gifting's, our church's gifting's or another church in our network?
- Are the leaders in my church or cluster encouraging us to participate in these things?
- Do we know of individuals in our church network that has the gifts to provide?



# IMPLICATIONS – BEING PRODUCTIVE IN COMMUNITY

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Being Productive in Community



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- We should choose jobs based on our Lifework
- We should choose our job based on the strategy of the local church, not primarily based on location and pay rate.
- We should choose our homes based on the strategy of the church, viewing our home as a base for our lifework, for the faint hearted, practicing generosity out of our homes. People of the community should say, “that is where those glad and generous people live!”
- Our business owners should engage with the city, and continually seek its welfare with its products and people.



# IMPLICATIONS – BEING PRODUCTIVE IN COMMUNITY

- Submission to employers isn't passive, it requires engagement in a way that will bring praise from you employer and other employees
  - People should say, “that is where that glad and generous person works...”
- Honoring people and kings implies giving respect and honor to them, giving them value in your service.

Daniel is a perfect example



# WE NEED TO BE CREATING TOOLS IN

## My Role in Theology in Culture

Ames – Des Moines CityChurch

[Insert Name]

### One Hand Tied to the Scriptures - Ordered Learning / Training

My current step in Ordered Learning: \_\_\_\_\_

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My Ordered Learning plan for 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ordered Learning completed to date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gaps I need to fill: \_\_\_\_\_

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Training I need: \_\_\_\_\_

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Plan to receive training: \_\_\_\_\_

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Plan to engage my children in Ordered Learning: \_\_\_\_\_

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### One Hand Tied to Our Culture

My plan for understanding our culture: \_\_\_\_\_

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How I will engage my children in understanding our culture: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Putting legs to my faith!

How I will use my gifts to support our network vision and goals: \_\_\_\_\_

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