



# Lincoln Association of Baptists

## March 2023

### A Church Mentoring Ministry

"But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women, likewise, are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, so that the word of God may not be reviled. Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching, show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us." (Titus 2:1-8, ESV)

I recently read of a church that created a mentoring ministry from Titus two. The pastor encouraged those under a certain age to stand if they wished to be mentored by a spiritually mature member. These members completed forms matching them with those spiritually mature members who would mentor them. He created a mentoring ministry atmosphere.

Beloved, creating a mentoring atmosphere in your church is biblical, Titus 2. To illustrate, when you arrive at a new job or attend a new school, they usually give you a tour of the facility, an overview of the policies and procedures, guidance, a list of expectations, and training or mentoring.

It is prudent to have a course to orient new members about the church. The course teaches new Christians how to live the new life in Christ.

Titus 2 overviews how the church can conduct a mentoring ministry. Paul offers guidelines on how to mentor. However, Paul mentioned one phrase several times in vs. 2-6. He said, "self-control." Your translation may translate the phrase, sensible or discreet. Paul wants us to curb our desires and be sound-minded.

How can we curb our desires? Confession time. I love Oreos. Yet, I do not keep Oreos around me if I want to lose weight. I physically remove them from my home or office. I do not stop and stare at the Oreos when I am in the grocery store. I change my direction in the store. If I see an Oreo Cheesecake (yum, yum) to resist temptation, then I might visualize it as a block of marble and walk away from it. (Sorry, Cheesecake Factory)

We practice self-discipline. We can achieve a goal when we make up our minds. In this context, one of the goals to achieve is self-control. Curbing our desires is essential to become the Christians and the mentor God wants us to be.

According to Paul, this church-wide mentoring ministry's goal is to become models of good works (v.7). We are to live in such a way that our enemies can sincerely have nothing evil to say about us.

The spiritually mature Christians mentor others with this self-control value and the other values listed in this passage. Our mentoring ministry will assist new Christians to pass on biblical Christianity when done biblically.

### Upcoming Events & Announcements:

**Lab Recovery Team**— If you feel God leading you to be apart of this ministry, please reach out to Silas Session at [sjsession@yahoo.com](mailto:sjsession@yahoo.com)

**Pastor Prayer Meeting**— Join us each Wednesday at 9:30 for fellowship and prayer. (Location will be emailed weekly until renovations are complete at the LAB)

**Baptist Campus Ministry** —3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 Every Tuesday at ECTC, contact Tanner Royalty to sign up or ask how you can get involved! [tanner.nhcc@gmail.com](mailto:tanner.nhcc@gmail.com)

**LAB Executive Board Meeting** – Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30pm at Severns Valley.



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Together With God,  
We Can...

**For I know the plans I have for you,”  
declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give you  
hope and a future.**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

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**Children's Camp—June 19-23, 2023**

**Youth Camp - June 25-30, 2023**

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