

*Welcome*  
**YOU BELONG  
HERE**

**SUNDAY**  
**November 26, 2023**

Building Relationships That Lead to  
Gospel Transformation

**10:45 AM SERVICE**

Build Your Kingdom Here  
Boast In The Cross  
It Is Well With My Soul  
Hark! The Herald Angels  
Sing/King of Heaven

Message by  
Pastor Chris Watson  
Colossians 4:1-6  
"Continue In The Faith."

NURSERY 11/26

Bed Babies: NEED VOLUNTEERS

Toddlers: Holly McElwaney & Sarah Phillips

Childrens Church: Lisa Carroll/NEED VOLUNTEER

WED. NIGHT MENU 11/29

Hawaiian Chicken, sides, dessert & tea

STEWARDSHIP GOALS

2023 Offering Goal (YTD)	\$250,710.67
2023 Offering Received (YTD)	\$238,719.77
Offerings +over/-short YTD	-\$11,990.90

## Continue in the Faith[1]

Colossians 4:1-6

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Last week we looked at the Christian family and how each person had a role and instructions; be it husband, wife, mom, dad, or children.

In our passage this week Paul challenges and encourages believers to continue in the faith. How?

### 1. Prayer

#### a. Faithful prayer

*These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.* **Acts 1:14**

*16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*  
**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

#### b. Watchful prayer

Watch and pray!

*Nevertheless, we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.* **Nehemiah 4:9**

*"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.* **Mark 13:32-33**

*Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."* **Mark 14:38**

*And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints* **Ephesians 6:17-18**

#### c. Thankful prayer

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* **Philippians 4:6-7**

**Sincere gratitude to God is one of the best ways to put fervor into our praying.**

#### d. Purposeful prayer

I often say my prayers but how often do I pray. ~ Leonard Ravenhill

### 2. Proclamation of the Word

**Paul didn't ask for a door to be opened, but the doors of ministry to be opened.**

*Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.* **Acts 14:27-28**

### 3. Prudent prayer

Wisdom - wisdom, insight, skill (human or divine), intelligence.  
Share the Gospel?

- Live it out
- Be interested in your faith and whose why it's interesting
- Treat the person as an individual
- Make the most of every opportunity[2]

#### **Prayer Focus:**

**That under the direction of the Holy Spirit, I would be a faithful person of prayer, a proclaimer of the Word, all while being prudent (wise).**

[1] Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary*. (Vol. 2, pp. 145-148). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

[2] <https://www.dustinthelight.org/expository-1/2022/11/10/colossians-42-6-filling-others>