

Welcome
**YOU BELONG
HERE**

SUNDAY
December 03, 2023

Building Relationships That Lead to
Gospel Transformation

10:45 AM SERVICE

Joy To The Word
(Unspeakable Joy)
O Come O Come Emmanuel
Noel
God With Us

Message by
Pastor Chris Watson
Colossians 4:7-18
"In It Together."

NURSERY 12/03

Bed Babies: Karlan Coleman & Ivy Coleman
Toddlers: Meghan Smith/NEED VOLUNTEER
Childrens Church: Kim Culbreth & Ellie Smith

WED. NIGHT MEALS

Meals will resume on January 10, 2024

STEWARDSHIP GOALS

2023 Offering Goal (YTD)	\$256,044.94
2023 Offering Received (YTD)	\$241,295.31
Offerings +over/-short YTD	-\$14,749.63

In It Together
Colossians 4:7-18
December 3, 2023

Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. 8 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, 9 with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here.10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), 11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me. 12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. 13 For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis. 14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. 15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that is in his house.16 Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. 17 And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it." **Colossians 4:7-18**

*How do you know if someone needs encouragement? If they are breathing. **S. Truett Cathy***

Everyone needs encouragement, even Paul and the early Church needed other faithful believers to encourage them. Paul, in his closing address to the Church at Colossae, mentions nine people, all who were an encouragement to Paul and/or would not encourage the Colossian Church. In Paul's list he mentions or refers to nine characteristics of the encouragers:

- 1. Beloved (Believers)**
- 2. Faithful**
- 3. Servant**
- 4. Comfort**
- 5. Helper**
- 6. Loyal**
- 7. Maturing**
- 8. Faithful prayer warrior**
- 9. Generous**

Prayer Focus:

- Who in your life is a faithful encourager? Would the Lord have you reach out to them with thankfulness and appreciation?
- Are you an encourager? Do you need to be? Who is someone in your life that you could encourage right now?
- How would the Lord have you encourage His Church?