

Colossians: The Team

Colossians 4:7-18

The lie: God is looking for the few people that are specially gifted.

The truth: All people are gifted and useful to God.

The team:

Tychicus

Onesimus

Aristarchus

John Mark

Jesus Justus

Epaphras

Luke

Nympha

Demas

Archippus

**Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another.**

– Proverbs 27:17, ESV



Considerations for the week

Today's text is a thank-you note written by Paul. Consider several reasons why the Holy Spirit might have inspired him to do this.

Thanks are given to a varied group of team members. What does this say about the effect of the gospel and the practicalities of spreading the good news of Christ?

We minister together . . . and, as we do, friendships are formed and strengthened. How does shared ministry do this?

Explore what happens in us when we nourish ministry-based friendships.

This thank-you note gives specific messages for specific people, from Paul and God. And there are specific messages for each of us as well. What is God saying to you through this passage?

Whose life and ministry has benefitted you?

Before you leave the building today, be sure to thank someone for something! And again tomorrow and the next day, too!

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him — a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
– Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

1 Chronicles 29:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:58

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude

Open Our Eyes / Be Thou My Vision

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn 585 in the hymnal

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Great Things*

Hymn, *By Faith*

Offertory

Reading

Special music, *Many Gifts, One Spirit*

Message

Hymn of response

We Are Called to Be God's People

Benediction

Postlude, *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Wednesday

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm – usually, but not this week, due to Vacation Bible School

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Will resume in the fall:

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun

Kids' Music Class

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am.
Meets this week, June 14.

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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<https://rtbc.faith>


online giving



VBS Our Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow, as may be obvious by the many fantastic preparations around the church. We will welcome a host of children and pray that each will listen as the Holy Spirit ministers in and through them and their adult leaders.

CCSC volunteers are needed to help with back to school.