

# STUDY NOTES

Scripture: Colossians 4:7-18

What are the closest friendships you have ever experienced- and were they believers? Why or why not? Do you think it is easy or difficult to build community in the church?

Read Col. 4:7-11. Paul uses the terms "fellow" to describe many of these men- fellow slaves, prisoners, workers, etc. Why do you think this idea of "fellow-ship" is so important to Paul? How is it different then our modern idea of "Christian fellowship?"

Read Col 4:12-14 & 1:3-7. Describe Epaphras' relationship with the Colossians. Have you ever had anyone in your faith life like that? Have you ever *been* like that to someone?

Read Col 4:15-18. Why does Paul insist on the mutual "greetings" and "sharing" between these churches? How might that have continued to grow the Christian church at large- and even given us our Bibles today? In what ways might God want us to still have that kind of connection with other churches?




Why does Paul end with the 3 statements in v.18? What impact does it make? How have you been impacted by the Colossians letter?

## AROUND THE TABLE

What other churches do your friends go to? Have you been to them? Have you been blessed by them? Read Col. 4:15-17. Explain why God wants believers and churches to be connected together and how we can do that!

*Pray: Thank God by name for believers that have blessed you- locally and around the world!*



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# MESSAGE NOTES

**Colossians: A Church Alive in Christ #14**

**Sermon: Connected in Christ**

**Scripture: Colossians 4:7-18**

**Think about it:**

**Knowing and Consoling 4:7-11**

**Praying and Laboring 4:12-14**

**Sharing and Remembering 4:15-18**

**Scripture Memory Verses Colossians 4:8 ESV:**

**I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts.**

July 7, 2024

# COLOSSIANS

## A CHURCH ALIVE IN CHRIST

Join Us Sundays!

Services at

9:00 am & 10:30 am

In Person or Online on  & 



Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church

# NEW HERE? WELCOME!

We warmly welcome you to Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church (GREFC)! We're so glad you've joined us today. If this is your first visit, please check out our Welcome Center and grab a few brochures to learn more about us.

We would love to connect with you! Please fill out a **blue Connect Card** and drop it off in an Offering Box so we have a record of your visit, we can thank you for coming, and give you some next steps. We sincerely hope you will come back to visit us again next Sunday. Relax and enjoy the service.

## OUR VISION

### We strive to be...

Together, living with purpose, by:

- Building a community that loves everyone deeply;
- Developing personal relationships that lead others closer to Jesus and;
- Equipping each generation to follow Jesus and become disciple-makers.

## KIDS @ 9:00 AM

Please check in your kids **BEFORE** the service starts.

Check-in stations are located in the Foyer, the Nursery and at the KidZone Check-In Desk. You may check in all your kids at any of the stations. Pathfinders kids start in the Worship Center with their families and are dismissed to classes after the 3-song worship set.

Nursery (0-36 months) ..... Room 108

No Pathfinders Classes Today. See You Next Week!

Summer Pathfinders classes are for kids ages 3-1st Grade in June and July at 9:00 am. Full Pathfinders classes through 5th grade and BRICK Bible Foundations for grades 6-7 will resume in the fall.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements & Prayer - Elder Zac Preble

Worship Music

Message - Micah Labovitch, Lead Paster

Worship Music

Benediction

## COMING SOON!



Bring the entire family for prayer on Sunday, July 21 at 6:00 pm. We will be using the ACTS method of prayer that night: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. We'll pray for all that's going on in our church, community, and the world.

For more details on any event, visit [grefc.org/events/](http://grefc.org/events/)  
Register for events at the Welcome Center or at [grefc.org/register/](http://grefc.org/register/)

## THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY

Women's Summer Bible Study - When You Pray// 6:00-8:00 pm/ Room 106

### WEDNESDAY

Men's Summer Social - Brats & Bags// 6:00-7:30 pm/ Parking Lot

## EACH WEEK [Visit grefc.org/events for schedules!](http://grefc.org/events)

- MONDAYS:** Men's Church Softball League/ 6:00-10:00 pm/ Portage Park
- TUESDAYS:** Young Adult Ice Cream Social / 7:00 pm / Nelson's home
- WEDNESDAYS:** Summer Family Park Dates// 9:00 am-Noon/ Various Parks
- WEDNESDAYS:** Women's Wednesday Walks// 5:00-6:00 pm/ Mesabi Bike Trail
- WEDNESDAYS:** Men's Wednesday Pickleball// 5:00-6:00 pm/ YMCA
- WEDNESDAYS:** Allies Summer Games// 5:30-7:30 pm pm/ Various Locations
- THURSDAYS:** Worship Team Practice// 7:00 pm/ Worship Center



Join us for the quarterly business meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm. We will hear reports from our ministry leaders, an update on the Pastor Search Process, and we'll be voting in new members. We encourage everyone, but especially members, to attend.

## STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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### Board of Elders

Chris Brown	Quintin Legler
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### Executive Board

Quintin Legler - Church Chairman  
 Dan Carlson - Secretary  
 Kara Lundin - Treasurer  
 Lisa Mrnak - Financial Secretary  
 Scott Schwake - Facilities Coordinator

## Pray With Us For...

**Family:** Dan & Patty Gebhart

**Missions:** Valerie Beck - Marginal Mission Network

**Ministry:** Angie Smith - Welcome Team

## LAST WEEK @ GREFC

### Attendance

9:00 am - 10:30 am -

Online - Total -

### Giving

Last Week Actual Weekly Budget

-- \$9,531.35

YTD Actual YTD Budget

-- \$247,815.00

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