

Romans: The Power of the Gospel (The Gospel Unites)
“Pillars of the Church”
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Romans 16

Paul adds a post scriptum to his letter.

Paul was more than a church planter. Paul was a people lover.

“When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship. After we had torn ourselves away from them, we put out to sea and sailed straight to Kos.” (Acts 20:36 – 21:1)

“You people are inscribed on my heart.” (Philippians 1:7)

1. All churches have problem people.

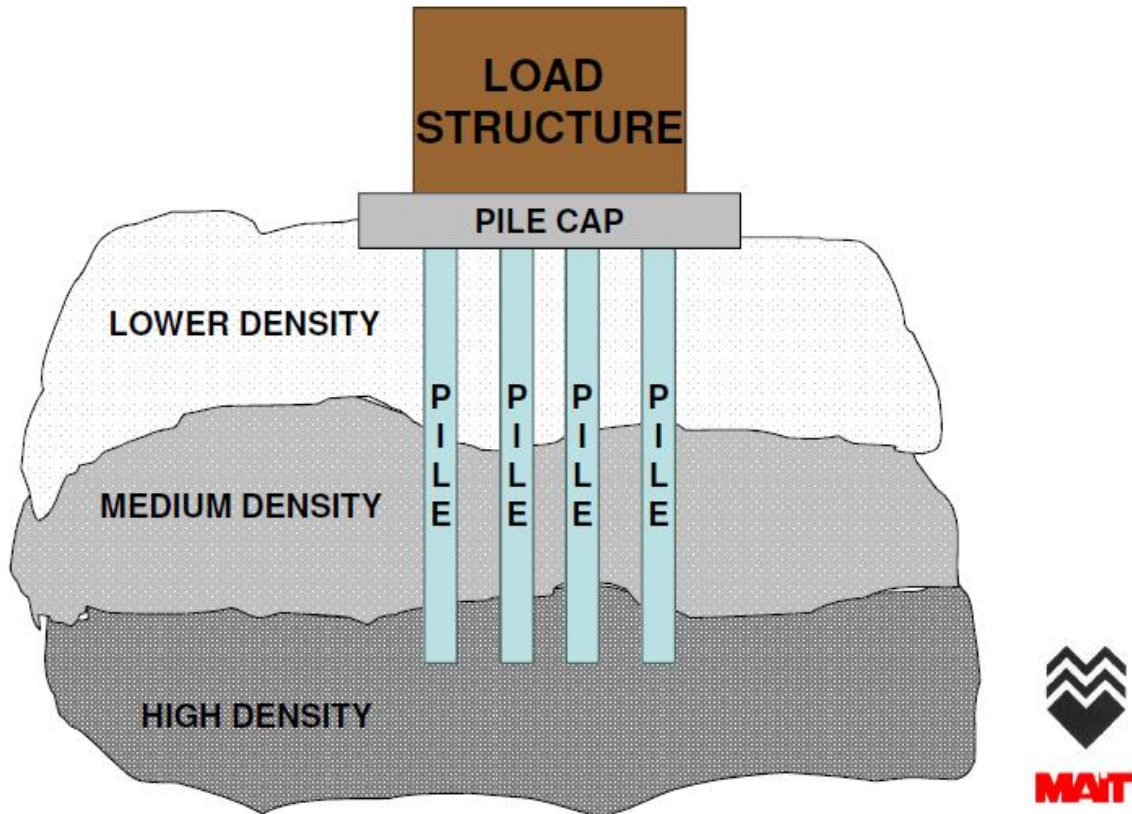
“Some preach Christ out of ENVY and RIVALRY, but others out of good will. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.” (Philippians 1:15-17)

Be careful to protect church unity.

Ephesians 4 “...make EVERY EFFORT to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

2. All churches have pillar people.

BASIC PRINCIPAL OF PILE FOUNDATION



a. Pillar people are servants of the Church.

Phoebe is a "pillar person" because she has established a track record of faithful servant-hood.

b. Pillar people aren't afraid of hard work.

c. Pillar people have a spirit of abandonment for the Gospel.

"When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." (Esther 4:16)