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**Philippians 1:3-8 (CSB)**  
<sup>3</sup> I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you,  
<sup>4</sup> always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer,  
<sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

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**Philippians 1:3-8 (CSB)**  
<sup>6</sup> I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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**Philippians 1:3-8 (CSB)**

<sup>7</sup> Indeed, it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

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**Philippians 1:3-8 (CSB)**

<sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how deeply I miss all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

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Membership implies, "What do I get out of this relationship?"

Partnership implies, "How can we serve one another?"

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**Philippians 1:3-5 (CSB)**  
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<sup>4</sup> always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer,  
<sup>5</sup> because of your *partnership in the gospel* from the first day until now.

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1) The local church is a family who are partners in the gospel.

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**Luke 2:49 (NLT)**

“...Did you not know that I must be about **My Father’s business?**”

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**Ephesians 4:11-12 (CSB)**

<sup>11</sup> And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> **to equip the saints for the work of ministry**, to build up the body of Christ....

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PARTNERS ARE COMMITTED

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“Beyond our wandering eye on Sunday mornings, we might also fear the costs of major commitment. Meaningful membership in the church is undeniably costly...

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As in a marriage, we don't know what the next months and years of church life will bring — for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. We can't now anticipate how conflict will upset and perhaps even divide the body....

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We can be sure, in any church, that we will sin and be sinned against. Committing to a church means committing to sacrifice, to show up, to confess, to confront, to forgive.”  
~ Marshall Segal

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**Acts 2:43-47 (CSB)**

<sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.  
<sup>44</sup> Now all the believers were together and held all things in common.

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**Acts 2:43-47 (CSB)**

<sup>45</sup> They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need.

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**Acts 2:43-47 (CSB)**

<sup>46</sup> Every day they devoted themselves to **meeting together in the temple**, and broke bread from **house to house**. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts,

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**Acts 2:43-47 (CSB)**

<sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord **added to their number** those who were being saved.

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2) When partners are all-in, and united in purpose, the church will experience the kind of growth it was made for.

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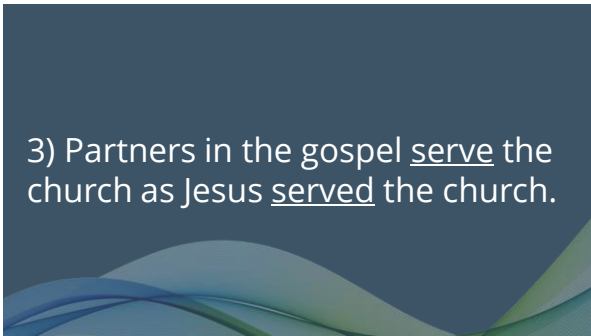
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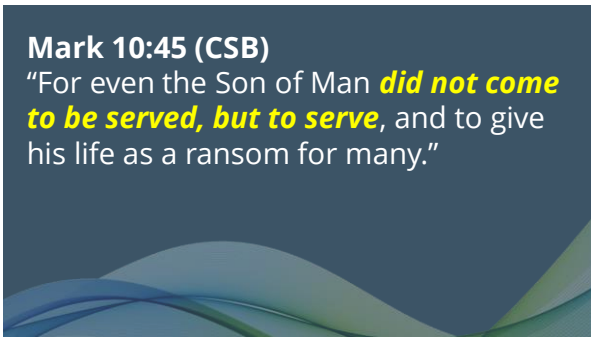
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**Philippians 2:1-4 (CSB)**

<sup>1</sup> If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,  
<sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, ***intent on one purpose.***

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**Philippians 2:1-4 (CSB)**

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility ***consider others as more important than yourselves.***  
<sup>4</sup> Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the ***interests of others.***

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**Romans 12:10-13 (CSB)**

<sup>10</sup> ***Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters.*** Take the lead in ***honoring one another.***  
<sup>11</sup> Do not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit; ***serve the Lord.***  
<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer.

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**Romans 12:10-13 (CSB)**

***13 Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality.***

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4) Partners in the church love and honor one another by relieving their fellow brothers and sisters of their burdens.

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**1 Peter 4:10-11 (CSB)**

***10*** Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

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**1 Peter 4:10-11 (CSB)**

<sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words; **if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides**, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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5) Partners in the gospel grow closer together and closer to the Lord as they serve together.

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**Ephesians 4:16 (CSB)**

<sup>11</sup> From him (Christ) the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the **growth of the body for building itself up in love** by the proper **working of each individual part**.

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6) Every opportunity to serve at church should be seen as an opportunity to advance the gospel.

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**Acts 6:2-3 (CSB)**

<sup>2</sup>The Twelve summoned the whole company of the disciples and said, "It would not be right for us to give up preaching the word of God to wait on tables.

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**Acts 6:2-3 (CSB)**

<sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, **full of the Spirit and wisdom**, whom we can appoint to this duty...

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**ORBIT (Kids Ministry) Volunteers:**

1) People are needed to run the tech booth for the kids service, about once a month.

2) We need people to be Shepherds for grades 1st and 2nd, or 3rd and 4th. The lesson is taught by Pastor Kobi, but the Shepherds reinforce the lesson with their class the last 25 minutes. Everything is prepared for the Shepherds ahead of time.

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**ORBIT (Kids Ministry) Volunteers:**

3) Pastor Kobi is looking for someone he could train to do the bible lessons. I would still prepare the lessons, they would be trained in doing the teaching.

4) Teenagers are needed: We would love more older kids to play and be role models for the young children.

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**ORBIT (Kids Ministry) Volunteers:**

5) BA56 - We need 2 couples to teach 5th and 6th grades once a month. All materials are prepared for you. This position involves more direct instruction than the Orbit grades.

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**First Impressions Ministry:**

- 1) Greeters
- 2) Ushers
- 3) Welcome Center
- 4) Parking Team

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**Coffee & Crayons:**

- 1) Child Care
- 2) Child Care Coordinator

**The Well:**

- 1) Sound/Tech

**God Reaching Out to Widows:**

- 1) People to share encouraging teachings, pray with and coordinate activities

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**Sunday Services:**

- 1) We could use one or two more people on the Meet & Greet Team. People should arrive around 8:15. Set up takes a half hour.
- 2) Also, tear down/clean up after the service and restock for following Sunday.

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**Fusion Youth Group (Middle/High School):**

1) We could use a couple more leaders for ages 12-14. One male and one female would be ideal. Preferably people who get excited about leading large group games as well.

2) We need more women to help with the high school group.

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**Fusion Youth Group (Middle/High School):**

The following would be opportunities for those not willing to come out on a Wednesday night:

1) We could always use people willing to feed us for our leader and student leader meetings so Pastor Nick can focus on the leading part.

2) We are looking for people to create mentoring relationships with our teens outside of youth group to expand our discipleship capacity.

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**Stream Team:**

Stream team needs camera people. It's simple. It's a once or twice a month, Sunday morning only commitment, depending on their choice. Training is provided.

**Video Announcement Team:**

We could use some people who are comfortable in front of a camera to share the weekly announcements with the church.

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If you want to serve, one of the best ways to do so is to simply visit our website and click on the "Serve" tab.

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**Galatians 5:13 (CSB)**  
For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters. Only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love.

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