

Partners in the Gospel
Wylie United Methodist Church
Pastor Jeff Hatcher - November 2, 2008

Philippians 1:1-11

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God.

MY HEART FOR WYLIE UMC:

1. **I THANK GOD FOR YOU.**

v. 3 **I thank my God** every time I remember you.

2. **I PRAY FOR YOU.**

v. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always **pray with joy**

3. **I CONSIDER YOU MY PARTNER.**

v. 5 **because of your partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now

v. 7 **...all of you share in God's grace with me.**

4. **I DESIRE MATURITY FOR YOU.**

v. 6 being confident of this, that **he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion** until the day of Christ Jesus.

We are a work in progress.

We can hurt and disappoint, but we can also bless and encourage.

MY PRAYER FOR WYLIE UMC:

1. **THAT WE MAY BE A LOVING PEOPLE.**

v. 9 this is **my prayer**: that **your love may abound** more and more in knowledge and depth of insight

2. **THAT WE MAY BE A HOLY PEOPLE
(KNOWING GOOD FROM EVIL).**

v. 9 this is **my prayer**:

v. 10 ... that you may **be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless** until the day of Christ,

3. **THAT WE MAY BE A FRUITFUL PEOPLE.**

v. 9 this is **my prayer**: 10 ... that you may be

11 **filled with the fruit of righteousness** that comes through Jesus Christ...

4. **THAT WE MAY BE A PEOPLE THAT BRINGS HONOR TO
GOD.**

v. 9 this is **my prayer**:

[that we may bring] v. 11 ... **glory and praise of God.**

GOD'S PROMISE TO WYLIE UMC:

The "great commission" is also the "great promise".

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** 19 Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely **I am with you always,** to the very end of the age."

- WE SERVE IN THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF CHRIST
- HE IS ALWAYS WITH US