

## God's Team Plan for His Church

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Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)

Colossians 4:7-18

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Onesimus - slave; Col 4:9; Philemon 10  
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Nympha – hosted church in her home; Col 4:15. Masc/fem question.
2. God's plan uses men & women from varied backgrounds  
Cultural, racial, free/slave Colossians 3:11
3. Paul's teaches us to view the church as a family  
Col 4:7, 9, 15. John 1:12-13 (Jn 3:5; 1 Pt 1:3)  
Adopted Rm 8:15-17; Eph 1:5  
Church is NOT a building, but God's people saved by Christ!
4. Paul is fellow slave of Jesus Christ  
Col 4:7; Col 1:1; Rom 1:1 We ALL serve Christ's Church
5. Church to use Word & prayer  
Col 4:12; Col 1:9; Col 3:16. Devote ourselves to Word & prayer.
6. Church is full of sinners  
who will sometimes disappoint  
Sometimes that will be you... sometimes that will be others!  
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