

# **COLOSSIANS**

***Mature in Christ***

*Faithful Friends in Christ*

***Colossians 4:7-9***

## **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

Almighty Father, Maker, Sustainer, Good Shepherd, Refuge for our weary souls. You lavish your good gifts on us everyday: our steadfast love, your faithfulness, your mercies new every morning, your Spirit to comfort and accompany us in every trial, the truth of your Word sure and abiding, this congregation that we might worship together and enjoy the regular blessings of friendships in Christ and communion with Christ. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! Help us see our deep longing for independence this morning, Father. Reveal our hearts, Lord. We spend far more time acquiring and organizing our stuff than we do in deepening the relationships you have given to us and seeking the good of others. May we see by your Spirit this morning the amazing gift we have in the friendships and relationships we have within this congregation, Lord. And may we live our lives with renewed fervor to encourage and stir one another up toward strong confidence in Christ and a sure hope of heaven to come and a sacrificial love for one another as fellow saints. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in this church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, forever and ever. *Amen & Amen.*

## **OUTLINE**

1. Tychicus ~ A Man with a Message (vv. 7-8)
2. Onesimus ~ A Man with a Past (v. 9)

### ***Central Textual Truth***

*Paul calls the Colossians to receive his messengers of Christ's preeminence.*

### ***Central Sermon Aim***

*I want SGBC to befriend one another in Christ's preeminence.*