

Discussion / Application:

1. Using your left hand, recite together the 5 points in the Apostle Paul's philosophy of ministry. Discuss each point and why they are critical to us fulfilling our mission as a church: "Our mission is to glorify God by multiplying mature disciples and healthy churches that know Jesus Christ and make Him known." Discuss how you are currently helping and intend to help going forward in carrying out this philosophy of ministry.
2. What are some biblical reasons why prayer should be a focal point of our church? See Acts 1:14; 2:42; 4:31; 6:4; 12:5, 12; 1 Tim. 2:1-2; Col. 4:2; James 5:16; Lk. 10:2; 1 Thess. 5:25; John 15:1-7.
3. Many followers of Jesus find praying consistently to be difficult. What are some reasons that might contribute to making it difficult? What can you do to make it a greater priority and become more consistent in your prayer life?
4. Discuss your current habits in your private prayer life. When, where, how often. Use a list? How might you improve your private prayer life this year?
5. Discuss your current habits in your household prayer life. Do you find it easy or difficult to pray out loud with others? How might praying with and for others in your household positively impact your relationships? Do you regularly pray for your neighbors? Do they know that you do? What is currently going well praying with others in your household? How might you improve this year?
6. Discuss your current habits in your corporate church prayer life. With whom and how often? Is prayer a vital part of your small group? If not, why not? How might prayer become more integral to your relationship with others in the church?
7. Do you ever forget to pray for others after you say you will? What are some ways to help you not forget?
8. How might fellowship in our church be enhanced if you had a prayer journal and asked at least one person each Sunday for a prayer request? What if you prayed with them right then? What if you called them later to find out how God was answering prayer?

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The Bridge Bible Fellowship - Annual Business Meeting

Pastor Paul S. Brown

Colossians 1

"The Business of the Church 2026-2027"

I. Paul's P P P P P P Philosophy of Ministry – Colossians

A. P _____ / P _____ of Christ (whole book of Colossians)

B. P _____ (24-25)

C. P _____ (25-26)

D. P _____ / P _____ (28-29)

E. P _____ (3-20)

II. TBBF's Focus for 2026-2027: P _____

A. Passion – 9a (WHY / HOW)

B. Purpose – 9b-14 (WHAT)

1. Request / Content (9): be filled...

2. Result / Conduct (10-14): walk

So What?

1. Private Prayer

2. Household Prayer

C. Person (15-20) (WHO – Hymn)

1. Preeminent in Creation

3. Corporate Prayer

2. Preeminent in Re-creation (redemption / reconciliation)