

The Letter to the Philippians

Writer: the Apostle Paul
Author: the Holy Spirit
Origin: Rome
Date: A.D. 61

Addressed to: The church at Philippi

- Founded by Paul on his second missionary journey
- First converts were Lydia and a Roman jailer
- Grew to a significant congregation, having "bishops and deacons"

Purposes:

- To express Paul's heartfelt thanks
- To promote joyful witness
- To strengthen unity

Messenger: Epaphroditus



My Church, A Place To Serve

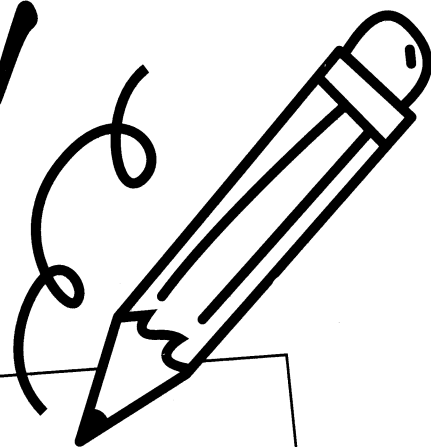
The Philippian church was comprised of “all the saints . . . with the bishops and deacons” (Philippians 1:1). You can pray and serve more effectively in your church when you know how it is organized and how it functions. Answer each of the following questions, then ask the Lord to use your spiritual gifts and talents in your church.

What leadership positions does your church have?

Select one of the above leadership positions, and write a brief “job” description for it.

How might you use your spiritual gifts and talents in your church?

Thank You!



Compose a brief but sincere thank-you note to someone who has encouraged you in the Christian life. Just fill in the blanks and sign your name. Use this note as a guide for a thank you that you will actually send.

(today's date)

Dear :

Thank you for _____

I greatly appreciate your _____
(ministry)

and your _____
(character trait)

Yours in Christ,

(your signature)

Thank You!



Write inside the church below the qualities you find in Philippians 1:1-11 that make a church strong.

The church outline consists of a central steeple and two side wings. The steeple has three arched openings. The side wings are rectangular with a gabled roof. Each of the three main sections (left wing, steeple, right wing) contains seven horizontal lines for writing.