

**CHRIST-EXPRESSED LIVING:
"An Interrelated Family" - Colossians 4:7-18**

We Are Called to Participate in an Interconnected Community, an Interrelated Family - Col 1:2-6

- Faithful hopeful, loving church - II Thess 1:3,4
...meaningful, personal sharing of life - I Jo 1:1-4
- Church may not always be a "happy" place, it can always be a "holy" place - Col 1:2; 2:19

Christ-Centered Interpersonal Connections - Col 4:7-18

- The relational embodiment of "deep personal concern" - Col 4:13
...that does not happen by accident - Ro 12:10-21
- Each contributing to a culture of growth, transformation, cooperation - Col 2:19
...through a Christ-centeredness - Col 2:19
- In a Christ-centered community, people welcome and accept one another - Col 4:10,15; Ro 15:7
...confers intrinsic value upon one and all - I Cor 12:18 (Message)
(Jesus Christ made room for us in His family - how can we refuse to do the same?)
- In a Christ-centered community, people communicate/reveal themselves - Col 4:7-9,16
...the church is no place to hide or pretend - Ro 12:15; I Cor 12:26; 13:7
(Jesus Christ is a safe place to go with our "story" - how can we not do the same for each other?)
- In a Christ-centered community, people give gifts - Col 4:8,10-12; Lk 24:15
...as we care and help, Christ is free to cure and heal - Heb 12:12-13; 10:24-25
(Jesus Christ gave us the gift of Himself - dare we keep Him to ourselves?)
- In a Christ-centered community, there will be accountability - Col 4:17; II Tim 4:5
...we speak the truth to one another when it is loving - Eph 4:15,25
(Jesus loves us enough to tell us the truth - will we be and do the same?)

**"Each person is given something to do that shows Who God is... the variety is wonderful"
- I Cor 12:7 (Message)**