

Prayer

Your Life Group, and all of the others meeting this week, are the prayer meetings of our church. How cool is that!
Please spend time praying for each other and our church.

Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with others.

Each other:

Church

- *For our Interim Youth Director to find housing*
- *For our 4 anchors to be firmly set this year*
- *Pastors, Staff and Leadership*
- *Stampede and Round Up*
- *God to provide the financial resources we need.*
- *Life Groups meeting around the area this week*



God is a Finisher
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Getting Started

When was the last time you handwrote a letter?

Paul remembers them and prays giving thanks for all of them, and his prayer is filled with joy. Why?

Walking Through the Burrs—Let's see what sticks!

Read Philippians 1:1-6

How does knowing that this is a letter (a friendship letter, and a moral exhortation letter) change how we read this?

Paul uses the word "koinonia" which is translated as partnership (literally business partners). But this same word is translated as "fellowship" elsewhere in the New Testament to describe the rich fellowship of worship, prayer and community that believers have together. These two concepts "business partners" and "fellowship" need to be combined. Spend some time reflecting on the idea that the local church is both a fellowship of believers, and a partnership in the business of the gospel. What might that all mean?

*To whom is Paul writing this letter? How does he address them?
What sticks out to you about how he refers to them?*

What is Paul confident about? What do we have to be confident about?

Paul always points everything back to God. Read through this passage and write down the different ways he refers to God. What sticks out to you about this?

Looking at the burrs:

Spend some time with God talking about the things from this letter that stuck out to you. How might you put one of those things into practice this week? What do you have to be confident about?