

1. Share about a time when you faced a “storm” in life, something that shook you, but you found yourself standing firm in your faith. What helped you stay grounded? When life feels unstable, where do you naturally turn first: prayer, planning, people, or panic?

2. Read **Colossians 4:2–4**

:: What does it mean to “devote yourselves” to prayer? How is that different from just occasionally praying? Paul mentions being both “watchful” and “thankful.” Why do you think those two attitudes are essential for a strong prayer life?

:: Notice that Paul doesn’t ask for release from prison but for “open doors” to share Christ. What does that reveal about his priorities and mindset?

:: What would it look like for you to “stand firm” in prayer this week? Maybe setting a time each day, journaling prayers, or starting each morning with gratitude.

3. Read **Colossians 4:5**

:: According to Paul, what does wisdom look like in the way we interact with those who don’t know Christ? What might it mean in practical terms to “make the most of every opportunity”?

:: Where is God asking you to make the most of an opportunity? Maybe in your workplace, home, or neighborhood?

4. Read **Colossians 4:6**

:: How would you describe “gracious speech”? What does it sound like in real life? Why do you think Paul emphasizes both grace and salt in our words? What happens when we lack one or the other?

:: Think about a recent conversation where you wish you’d spoken differently. How might “full of grace, seasoned with salt” have changed it? How can we speak truth without losing grace and show grace without losing truth?

:: Who in your life needs to hear words seasoned with grace this week? What will it take for you to initiate that conversation?

5. Which of the three areas [prayer, wisdom, or grace] feels hardest for you right now? What practical next step could help you grow stronger there? How can this group pray for one another to stand firm in Christ this week?



CURRENT SERIES

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE
COLOSSIANS

NEW TO NORTHAMPTON?

We’re glad you’re here! Take a moment to fill-out a **Connection Card** and let us know more about you! If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children’s & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: [www.NBchurchCF.org!](http://www.NBchurchCF.org)

MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY’S MESSAGE

Colossians

Standing Firm | 4:2-6

NEXT SUNDAY

Colossians

Grace Filled Community | 4:7-18

WORSHIP ORDER

I BELIEVE

WELCOME

GREETING

PROMISES

OFFERING

BUILD MY LIFE

FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON’T)

MESSAGE

FOLLOW

SEND OFF AND PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

SUNDAYS

Young Adults Class
Room 203

The Gospel According to John Study
Room 201 | 9:15am

WEDNESDAYS – 6:00PM
NBStudents (Grades 6-12)
Kidstown (Age 4-5th Grade)

THURSDAYS

7:00PM
Men’s Bible Study

VARIOUS DAYS
LIFE Groups
Real-Life Discipleship

NEXT STEPS

BAPTISM/PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, November 30

More info inside the bulletin.

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UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME!

We're glad you have decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and down-load the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

CHURCH CENTER APP

Interested in joining a team, a LIFE Group or signing up for an event? Download the **Church Center App** (from your app store), choose **Northampton** as your church, and you are all set!

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:30

If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other, join us in the Café.

PRAYER CHAIN

- Please contact Marcia Peters at care@nbchurchcf.org if interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain. If you have prayer request needs, please email them to care@nbchurchcf.org or if you don't email, www.nbchurchcf.org/prayer/.

CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, visitation, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to care@nbchurchcf.org.

NOISE-CANCELING HEADPHONES

Available at the Children's Check-In Desk for anyone desiring to use them during service for sensory reasons.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is looking for a volunteer to teach the 9:30 Sunday School class on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Please see Kellie Sturm if interested.

BROTHERS IN FAITH

Join us in our young men's group, which meets every other Saturday in the Overflow room at 7pm! Join us as we pray together, dive into God's word and encourage and uplift each other! Reach out to Christian for more details at christian91404@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT LIFE GROUP

Meets every Sunday at Northampton (lower level) following the morning service. Join in the Church Center app for questions, updates, events, and more!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Volunteers Needed to Load Trucks Sunday, November 23 and/or Monday, November 24
Sign up at the Operation Christmas Child table in the foyer. -*Thank you!*

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDSGIVING

Sunday, November 23; immediately following the service, lower level.
Theme: Potluck style; food that has business on a Thanksgiving table.

BAPTISM / PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, November 30
If you're interested in Baptism and/or Partnership at Northampton, please fill out the form in the Church Center App or on the church website.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

All are invited to help decorate the church for Christmas **following the service on Sunday, November 30.**

LADIES CHRISTMAS GATHERING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 6:00PM

See today's bulletin insert for details!

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

Big idea: Pray persistently, live wisely, and speak graciously so others see Christ in you.

Colossians 4:2-6

In an uncertain world, Kingdom people:

1. Stand firm through _____
(vv.2-4)

2. Stand firm through _____
(v. 5)

3. Stand firm through _____
(v. 6)

Where do you need to stand firm right now?