

Sermon Listening Guide (January 30, 2026)

Scripture: Colossians 1:1-8

Sermon Title: “Marks of a Healthy Church”

Introduction

“As You Go” through life, will you share your Jesus story with people nearby? Matthew 28:18-20 tells us to “GO” into the world and tell others about Jesus. In Colossians 1:1-8, Paul describes a healthy church.

Who We Are

In verse 1, Paul summarizes who he is.

In verse 2, he reminds the church who she is.

In describing the church, Paul uses the language of family.

At FIFBC, we have a heavenly Father and many brothers and sisters.

Church families do not have to wonder where we come from and why we are here.

Faith, Hope, and Love

In Colossians 1, Paul thanks God for the faith, hope, and love shown by the church.

Faith sees us through fear and pain, and it opens a door for us to accept Christ.

Love binds us together even when we disagree.

Their faith and love come from their hope.

In these hopeless times, we can look to Christ because he overpowers the world.

The Result

Paul is aware that the Colossians are famous for their faith, hope, and love.

The world was drawn to what the church at Colossae had.

How do we at FIFBC give the world the faith, hope, and love that we know?

As we give away our faith, it only grows stronger within us.

Final Thoughts

The beautiful message of the church is enough to drown out the chaos of this world.

Who are you sharing your Christian story with?

Who are you inviting to “Friend Day” on February 15, 2026?