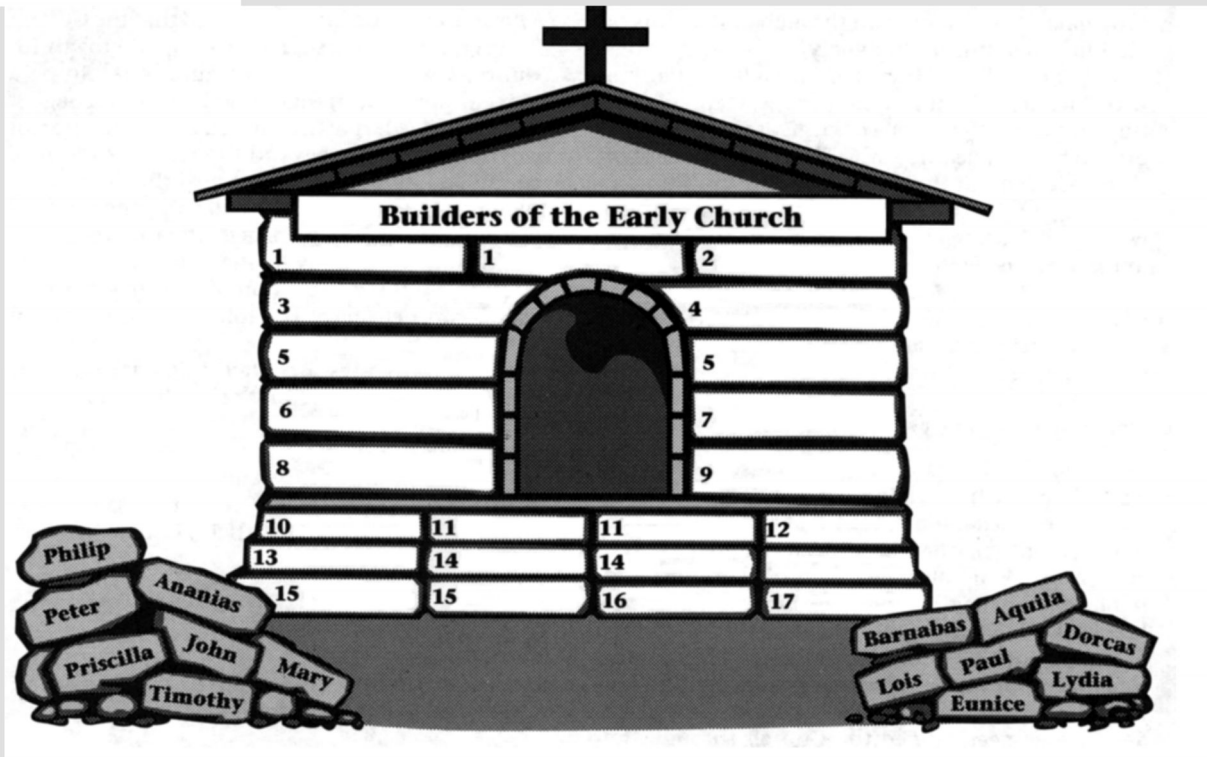


Builders of the Early Church



A. God called certain men and women to labor strenuously in building his Church. Find names from the rock piles to match the descriptions, and then write the names in the blocks in the building. Some names will be used more than once. Refer to the Scriptures when necessary.

- Were marched off to prison by the authorities after the healing of a man who was crippled and begging at the Temple gate (Acts of the Apostles 3:1–10; 4:1–10)
- Sold his land and gave the money to the apostles for the needs of the Church (Acts of the Apostles 4:36–37)
- Testified in court that “We must obey God rather than men” (Acts of the Apostles 5:27–32)
- Joined in prayer with several other women, the apostles, and the brothers of Jesus in the upper room (Acts of the Apostles 1:13–14)
- Laid hands on the Samaritans and prayed that they might receive the Holy Spirit (Acts of the Apostles 8:14–22)
- Explained the Good News to a government officer during a journey along the desert road to Gaza (Acts of the Apostles 8:26–40)
- Was chosen to take the Good News to the Gentiles as well as to the Israelites (Acts of the Apostles 9:14–17)
- Was never tired of doing good and was raised from the dead by Peter (Acts of the Apostles 9:36–43)
- Baptized Cornelius and his entire household as the first Gentile members of the Church (Acts of the Apostles 10:34–49)
- Escaped from prison when an angel released his chains (Acts of the Apostles 12:6–11)
- Were mistaken for gods after the cure of a man lame from birth (Acts of the Apostles 14:8–18)
- Proved to be a lifelong friend and companion of Paul’s; eventually was entrusted with leading the Church of Ephesus (Acts of the Apostles 16:1–5)
- Invited Paul to stay in her home and opened her heart to accept his message (Acts of the Apostles 16:11–15)
- Instructed Timothy from his youth in Sacred Scripture (2 Timothy 1:5)
- Worked with Paul and gave him lodging; instructed Apollos (Acts of the Apostles 18:1–3,26)
- Was a devout follower of Jesus; gave sight back to Paul and baptized him (Acts of the Apostles 22:12–16)
- Was about to be scourged when he asked the centurion if it was legal for him to whip a Roman citizen (Acts of the Apostles 22:25)



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- B. Jesus showed faith in Peter's strength when he said: "[Y]ou are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18) Look back over the answers for Peter in Part A. List three ways that Peter was like a firm, steady rock.

- C. Saint Paul wrote: "[Y]ou are . . . God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation." (1 Corinthians 3:9-10) Look back over the answers for Part A. List three ways that Paul helped build the Church.

- D. Paul tells us: "[Y]ou are . . . built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:19-22) Put your name on the blank stone on BLM 43A. List four ways that you can build up the Church in your parish.

