

# What You Do Best in the Body of Christ

## St. Paul Episcopal Church

Congratulations! You've made it to the final Spiritual Gifts worksheet. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to finding your gifts, thinking about your skills and talents, reflecting on the life experiences that have contributed to who you are today and acknowledging your personal preferences and style. Now that you've completed all the components it's time to review all you've done and learned and find your place in the Body of Christ.

Remember...

**S = Spiritual Gifts**

**H = Heart or Passion**

**A = Abilities**

**P = Personal Style**

**E = Experiences in Life**

Your spiritual gifts tell you **what** you should do as you serve; your heart/passion tells you **where** you should serve; and your personal style tells you **how** you should serve. Your talents, abilities, skills and experiences in life all contribute to your unique God-given design.

What is **THE** most important thing to remember about our SHAPE? No one SHAPE (or aspect of SHAPE) is more important or better than another! We are all "SHAPE'd" differently because God made us uniquely this way – and we need each other to fully be the Body of Christ!

Now that you know your SHAPE, you'll be better equipped to find your place in ministry – whether here at TRUMC, in the community or around the world!

Fill out the **Personal Profile** sheet - this is your SHAPE summary based on what you've discovered about yourself on this journey.

Now think about your gifts, passions, style, and abilities – all that you've written down. Are you serving in the ministry area that matches your SHAPE? If not, where do you think you should be serving? Take some time to reflect on your own SHAPE, look through the "**Ministry Menu**" to see if there is another ministry more suited to your SHAPE. Or, is there a new ministry you should consider starting based on your SHAPE?

If you're still uncertain and would like to talk about it more or have any questions you'd like to talk about one-on-one, please contact our parish administrator so she can put you in touch with someone in the right areas who can help you.... [ParishAdmin@stPaulsNewnan.org](mailto:ParishAdmin@stPaulsNewnan.org)

Serving God comes down to a matter of personal choice and willingness. What matters most to God is not how much you know, but what you are willing to do with what you know – what you are willing to do with what God gave you – with how God gifted you – with the SHAPE God created you to be. The most important thing is to be faithful to God's call in your life.

Philippians 1:6 says "He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it in the day of Christ Jesus."

Step out in faith and use the knowledge you have gained about yourself. You'll spend the rest of your life "fine-tuning" your personal profile as God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, continues to reveal His plan for your life. A ministry you serve in now might not be where you'll still be serving in 6 months, 1 year or several years from now. But that's OK! You'll know when you are in the right place – for you'll have a real JOY about your ministry. You'll look forward to being involved in your ministry and you won't experience burn-out.

We can trust that God has placed each of us in the body – the church – in the right place, at the right time, to perform a ministry that will contribute to God's work in the world. For that we celebrate and give thanks!

Serve God with all that you are created to be, and celebrate the purpose God designed for your life. Follow Jesus, lose your life for Him and make a difference in the world!

### **Prayer:**

*Loving God, thank you for your saving grace in each of our lives. Serving for a lifetime, as a body, and in love, is not always easy. But you have called us, gifted us, empowered us and promised us that you will always be with us. As a result of our knowing, more fully, what our unique SHAPE is, may we more effectively glorify you and build up others. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior, AMEN.*