

## Good Things

By Kevin Rutherford

Some people love bad news. They like to hear about terrible things that have happened to other people, or they enjoy hearing of other people's sins. If this were not true, then there would be no rack at the grocery store for the tabloids. If you like to hear about bad things, then you won't like this article. This article deals with those good things that were said about churches in the first century.

### Good things about the church at Rome:

1. They were beloved of God (Romans 1:7).
2. Their faith was spoken of throughout the whole world (Romans 1:8).
3. The church at Rome had many hard workers (Romans 16:1-16).
4. Some in the church there had even risked their lives for Paul. (Romans 16:3, 4)

### Good things about the church at Ephesus:

1. They trusted in the Lord (Ephesians 1:13).
2. They had a strong faith (Ephesians 1:15).
3. They loved the saints (Ephesians 1:15).

### Good things about the church at Philippi:

1. They fellowshipped Paul in an encouraging way (Philippians 1:3-7).
2. God had begun a good work in them (Philippians 1:6).
3. One of their members had worked so hard for the cause of Christ he had nearly died (Philippians 2:25-30).
4. They supported Paul in his preaching (Philippians 4:10-20).

### Good things about the church at Colossae:

1. They had great faith (Colossians 1:3).
2. They had great love for the brethren (Colossians 1:3).
3. The gospel was bearing fruit among them (Colossians 1:5, 6).

### Good things about the church at Thessalonica:

1. They were commended for their work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope (1 Thessalonians 1:3).
2. They received the word with joy and were examples to others (1 Thessalonians 1:6, 7).
3. The word of the Lord went out from them into many places (1 Thessalonians 1:8).

Let us do everything we can to see that these good things that were said of first century churches could also be said of the church today.



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## WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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### Today's Sermon: *How to Have Joy*

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**Scripture:** Matthew 28:18-20

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Annual Corporation meeting:** We need to spend a few minutes after services to re-elect trustees.
- **Ladies Class:** We will resume with Day 4 of Lesson 7 on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will most likely meet at Sandy's house at 10.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** January 16<sup>th</sup>. Arthur will be teaching Ephesians, continuing in chapter 1.
- **Horseheads Ladies' Day-** Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Sandy will be the speaker for the day.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing-** the next one will be March 31<sup>st</sup> at Horseheads.
- **Sojourners** here- July 8-18. We are planning a Gospel meeting at this time and Kittanning may decide to do the VBS then, also.

**Next Potluck: January 20<sup>th</sup>. Try something new for the New Year!**



- **Guest Speaker today:** Paul Cowles will be leading our worship service this morning.
- Sam's brother, Joseph, is visiting from Nigeria! We are hoping to have him worshiping with us some Sunday morning.
  - **We have launched our community prayer ministry. The mailbox is installed at the foot of the steps near the sidewalk.**

## PRAYERS...

- **Mark Elsbree**, Doug's older brother, has been put on the national list for kidney donors. Please pray that he finds a donor match soon.
- **Darlene** has been sick with a very sore throat and a bladder infection. She is not feeling very well.
- **Sandy and Arthur** are under the weather with flu-like symptoms.
- **Patty asked for prayer for her daughter, April**, who is suffering headaches, probably from allergies.
- **Sam** is trying to secure an internship in our area while he finishes his last semester at Corning.
  
- Pray for **Marilynn Patrick** who is battling metastatic colon cancer. She has been in and out of the hospital with afib despite the fact that she is wearing a "life vest" to control that condition.
  
- Pray that **Jackie** will have a smooth move from her home in Endicott to her new place in Athens, and that she can live comfortably there on her income. Keep her safe while Darlene is away.
  
- Continue to pray for **Pat Gutherie** who came through his lung cancer surgery well two weeks ago. We are praying that all the cancer was removed.
  
- Pray for **Karolyn**, who works with Tim, and is recovering from a head on collision with a drunk driver. She is home now.
  
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** – lung cancer.
- **Erin Beiber** - metastatic breast cancer.
  
- Pray for our new prayer ministry.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.