

## BEGINNING A GOOD WORK

**Scripture:** Philippians 1: 3-11

Saturday, December 8, 2018

*Verse 5: I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now. I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus.*

Our church is a small country church. We celebrated our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our Homecoming this past August. We often say that we are “an incubator church”. We can't afford a full-time pastor with benefits but we have started some on the road of service and helped to begin a good work in their lives. When I read of the good work that Dan and Sue Lowther do for our Disaster Relief program, I was proud that they started on our charge.

As Paul was unable to be with churches that he started, our charge isn't always in touch with Dan and Sue. But we are always proud of their work for Christ and willing to pray for their needs. Unlike Paul we don't always remember them in our weekly prayers. We are trusting God to put loving, supportive people in their lives to help bear their burdens and multiply their joys.

In the short time that we have these pastors we are able to build a foundation with them. A strong foundation is based on personal knowledge of their strengths and weaknesses. We are able to encourage them and help them connect to the community.

Someone, before these people arrived at our church, saw the hand of God in their lives. That person or persons encouraged them to take Lay Speakers' classes and through those classes, others helped them find their way to us.

Look around your church and see what potential you can find. Pray for God's eyes to see the person that He has begun the good work in today.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord help us to see others with open eyes. May we see in them the love and compassion that will allow them to do your good work.

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