

“When A Church Gets It Right”

Sunday, April 18, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

about their growth in Christ? In an age without mass media, how do you suppose their faith became so “legendary”?

DO: What kind of model are you in matters of faith: Still on the drawing board? A work in progress? Secured in a private collection? On display at the National Museum? Which of the Christian virtues in v3 do you most wish to see developed in your life now?

BIG IDEA: A good church makes a pastor’s heart glad.

*“We always thank God for all of you,
making mention of you constantly in our prayers.”
1 Thessalonians 1:2 (CSB)*

THANKS FOR:

☞ **An ESTABLISHED Church.** (v1-3)

☞ **An ELECT Church.** (v4, 5)

☞ **An EXEMPLARY Church.** (v6, 7)

☞ **An EVANGELISTIC Church.** (v8)

☞ **An EXPECTANT Church.** (v9, 10)

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THINK: Think about something, then ask yourself these questions: *What teams did you belong to (or aspire to) as a child? What are some of the details you recall about Paul’s experience in founding the Thessalonian Church (see Acts 17:1-10)? What convinced Paul the Thessalonians were indeed chosen by God? How did they first become imitators of, and then models for, the faith (v6-10)? What does this tell you*