



Give Thanks

By Pastor Jeff



We learned two weeks ago that the Apostle Paul expressed continual thanks in prayer for the believers at Colossae. In the same way, Lorie and I are expressing continual thanks for all of you! Thank you for calling us to partner with you in the planting of Mountain View Bible Church. Thank you for the care and acceptance that you have expressed to us. Thank you for your commitment to God's Word and for your desire to grow in it. Thank you for trusting enough to try CARE groups. Thank you for your faithful ministry, love and generosity to each other. Paul's words about the believers at Thessalonica express our heart toward our church family,

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater; (II Thes.1:3)

Thank you for being a joy to pastor!

But not only do we express thanks for each of you personally but we also express thanks for what the Lord is doing in our church corporately. Rejoice and give thanks as you consider how far God has developed Mountain View. A year ago, we had no formal core values or constitution. But today, we are a biblically organized New Testament Church, with charter membership of 63! We are a church that is growing in the reality of God's grace with a promising future for impacting our community for the Lord Jesus Christ.

So as we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving Day, please join Lorie and me in expressing a heartfelt thanks to our Heavenly Father for all He is and all He has blessed us with this past year!

Looking Ahead

- **Wednesday, Nov.26 - Thanksgiving Praise Service at 7:00 PM at the church building.** You will not want to miss this unique service that will be structured around the four fold order of service used in the second century by local churches.