

## **“Ministry Celebration”**

### **1 Thessalonians 1:2-3**

Each year on the second Sunday in September we kick off our fall season with a worship service that celebrates the work of God in and through our lives as His church. We gather together this Sunday to worship God with a heart of gratitude for the life we have in Christ and God’s goodness in growing us in our relationship with Him. One of the ways this growth happens is through the ministry here at Living Word Fellowship church. Whether it is through the study of God’s Word or serving or discipling or loving each other throughout the year, as we focus on God’s ministry we grow in our faith, mature in our relationship with God and with others. So today we celebrate, thanking God for the ministry going on in this church family by His grace.

- 1) We give thanks to God vs. 2  
2 Thess. 1:3; Phil. 1:3-4; Col. 1:3
  
- 2) Constantly bearing in mind vs. 3  
Acts 20:35; John 15:20; 1 Thess. 2:9
  
- 3) A faith that works vs. 3a  
1 Thess. 1:5-8; 2:13-14; 2 Thess. 1:11-12, 2:16-17  
Heb. 11:7-8, 24-26; James 2:17  
Romans 6:16-18, 21-22; John 15:1-11  
Eph. 2:8-10; Phil. 2:12-13
  
- 4) A love that labors vs. 3b  
1 Thess. 4:9; John 14:15, 21-23; 1 Peter 1:22  
Gal. 5:22; Romans 8:28; 1 Cor. 8:3  
1 Cor. 13:4-7; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Gal. 5:13  
Heb. 6:10; 1 John 3:14; Psalm 119:40  
Gal. 5:14; Matt. 5:44; 1 Thess. 3:11-13
  
- 5) A hope that endures vs. 3c  
1 Thess. 4:13; 5:8; 2 Thess. 2:16  
Titus 1:1-2; 2:11-13; 3:7; Eph. 1:18-19  
Col. 1:27; Heb. 6:10-11, 18-20  
Romans 5:1-2; 1 Peter 1:3-7; 1 John 5:4-5  
2 Cor. 5:2-8; Romans 8:24-25