**A Lifestyle of “Thanks Living”**

The practice of giving thanks was never intended to be a once a year activity for faith-filled people. The Apostle Paul penned these words in his letter to a group of new believers in which he described his sense of joy and gratitude for their lives of faith-filled influence. He says he prayed continual prayers of gratitude for these fellow believers.

### *“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always*

### *pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,*

### *being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to*

### *completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:3 (NIV)*

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These past months have evidenced God’s abundant blessings on our Arden Church family. The answers to prayer and “God-incidences” are too numerous to completely list and describe in the time we have in this newsletter or at our annual Thanksgiving gathering.

Too many focus only what they don’t have instead of the blessings they seemingly take for granted. The desire to acquire has robbed our culture of the satisfaction of enjoying and being thankful for the many blessings we experience every day.

There’s a new strength and hope that fills our hearts when we begin to live of a lifestyle of thanksgiving. We all have so much for which to be thankful. It’s time to begin to express our gratitude to the Lord, each and every day. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones as you rediscover the many blessings in this season of thanksgiving.

  *- Pastor Jim*