

A photograph of a church building with a prominent steeple, set against a clear blue sky. The church has a white facade with yellow accents around the roofline and windows. The steeple is white with a blue cross on top. The image is slightly blurred, giving it a soft, ethereal feel.

# **A Church for which God is Thankful**

- **Acts 17:1-4**
- **What does a church so described look like?**
- **For an idea consider First Thessalonians.**
- **Paul speaking on behalf of God in this epistle discusses:**
  - **What he appreciates about this congregation.**
  - **That for which they seemed to excel.**



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- *Thankful for a church that.....*
- **Is Living its Faith**
  - I Thess. 1:2-3,9
  - I Thess. 4:1
- **Is Steadfast in its convictions**
  - I Thess. 1:5-6
  - Acts 17:1-13
  - I Thess. 2:14-16



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- *Thankful for a church that.....*
- **Is Mission Minded**
  - I Thess. 1:6-8
- **Honors the Bible**
  - I Thess. 2:13
- **Excels in Brotherly Love**
  - I Thess. 4:9-10

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- *Thankful for a church that.....*
- **Gives thanks in all circumstances**
  - I Thess. 5:18
- **Admonishes and encourages those with spiritual struggles**
  - I Thess. 5:14
- **Is Prepared for the Return of Christ**
  - I Thess. 5:1-3
  - Eph. 5:25-27