

Welcome to our worship on this last Sunday of 2007! Christmas day is past, but God's blessings remain. As we look to the coming new year, let us praise God joyfully for His unique gift of Christ our Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: My brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

CONGREGATION: *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

PASTOR: And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

CONGREGATION: *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

PASTOR: Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

CONGREGATION: *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,*

PASTOR: I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

PASTOR AND CONGREGATION: *Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

Philippians 4:1, 4-9; 3:13-15

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 AM, Morning Worship 11:00 AM, Evening 7:00 PM
— WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM — FRIDAY: Women's Meeting 10:00 AM*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- **This Evening- 7:00 PM** - Our Annual Singspiration
- Our sister church to pray for this week is **Marcy**. The pastor is John Musser, Sr.
- Continue to pray for:
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - Our young people in college, including **Lyndsay France, Seth & Isaac Owens**, and **Keith Posson**.
 - Our service personnel, especially **Ryan Mills** and **Jacob Eggleston** (in Iraq), **Anthony & Joyce Willey** (Italy), **Wesley Lum** (Germany), and **Eric Wells**.
 - Our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.



Monday, December 31 - 8:00 PM at the parsonage fellowship room. Bring finger food, etc. Homemade soup will be provided.

- **January 6** - Communion Sunday
- **January 18-20** - **Mid-Winter Youth Convention** in Schenectady
- **January 20 - 7:00 PM** - Heritage Quartet (from GBS) will be ministering to us.

*Once again, many thanks to all of you from the pastor and family for your countless kindnesses to us through the past year. You are an unusually generous people!
Many, many thanks, too, for the Christmas gifts to our family. They will be put to good use!*

Again this year I am throwing out the challenge to read the Bible systematically. If you have followed the suggested readings found in each Sunday bulletin this past year, you have had the joy of reading the entire Bible. Some may have read only the Old Testament portions, some the New Testament, and some only the Psalms and/or Proverbs. Now it is time to start afresh. You may have your own tried and true system of

reading, but the important thing is to get into the Word regularly and methodically. It would be good for our church if every one of us would follow this practice. Will you take the challenge for 2008?



BIBLE READERS UNANIMOUS

PASTOR OWENS

For the New Year

Hold fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
Pray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)
Pray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Neglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)
Examine yourself thoroughly (2 Corinthians 13:5)
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11,16)
Exercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
Aim at perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)
— Gus Nichols

The man who goes into the new year without some priorities governing his life and without some principles guiding his behavior, is prey to the tempting, unimportant and destructive things in life.

The new year is an opportunity to sort out the useless tasks and plan for the important; to review the failures and resolve to be successful; to take an inventory of causes and pledge life to purpose and service. These being done, the new will truly be new, different and better.

-C. Neil Strait

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

Sunday
OT Malachi 1:1-2:17
NT Revelation 21:1-27
PSA Psalm 149:1-9
PROV Proverbs 30

Monday
Malachi 3:1-4:6
Revelation 22:1-21
Psalm 150:1-6
Proverbs 31

***Congratulations
on reading the
Bible through
this year!***

Tuesday
Genesis 1:1-2:25
Matthew 1:1-2:12
Psalm 1:1-6
Proverbs 1

Wednesday
Genesis 3:1-4:26
Matthew 2:13-3:6
Psalm 2:1-12
Proverbs 2

Thursday
Genesis 5:1-7:24
Matthew 3:7-4:11
Psalm 3:1-8
Proverbs 3

Friday
Genesis 8:1-10:32
Matthew 4:12-25
Psalm 4:1-8
Proverbs 4

Saturday
Genesis 11:1-13:4
Matthew 5:1-26
Psalm 5:1-12
Proverbs 5