

Pastors Letter November 29, 2008

Dear Friends,

I can't believe another year is almost gone. Where does the time go? Seems like we just get used too writing 2008, and its time to look at 2009.

By the time you read this letter it will be December already. I hope this time finds you thankful to be here. Thanksgiving Day has just past and I hope yours was great.

I hope you took the time for each of you to say what you were thankful for, as you sat around the dinner table and then said your blessing over your dinner. If not maybe it is a new tradition for next year.

We had the opportunity to go to West Virginia to my brother-in-laws' for Thanksgiving and spend a few days there. We have been blessed because the last few years it has become a ritual. It's my wife Shirley's oldest brother. He's 75, so we try to get together a couple times a year. We take the youngest brother down with us, and their half brother drives in from Delaware. They have lost one brother and a sister already, so they want to keep this going as long as they can. They're hoping that there half sister will be able to start coming down because she is planning to move from the UP to Kalamazoo this coming year.

I would love to hear some of your traditions that you do or share at Thanksgiving time. E-mail at the church address and I will get them. I will respond and let you know I got them. Thanks.

We are about to begin a new year and there is new things coming for the branch as we begin part II of our new journey 2009. We all know things don't look so good for our country financially right now and maybe you personally as well. But if we keep our trust in God and faith in our hearts. We will be surprised what will happen as time goes on. If we ask, God will sustain us. That's his promise to us.

If you have not had the opportunity to come and share with us in awhile, come and see us. There have been some neat things happening and new things to come.

If you are searching for a church, we invite you to try us. You will find us growing. Our mission is to bring Jesus Christ to the people".

Time 10:00 Sunday school, 11:00 AM Sunday Service.

God Bless
Your Pastor
Richard Blair