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**January 2009    Pastor Randy Richards**  
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Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has had a good start to 2009. The beginning of a new calendar year should bring us joy and hope because it is a reminder that time is a gift of God for us to use to get ready for eternity. I believe the passing of each year and each day is meant to be an experience with God. He gives us time, and we give our days and years back to Him in service and love, in an effort to bring as much good as possible into the world and into the lives of those around us. The New Year is an opportunity to resolve, above all, to serve God faithfully: to believe more firmly, to hope more eagerly, and to love more generously. That is what makes a new year "happy," and that is what leads us to the kind of happiness that never ends. It is my prayer and desire that 2009 be a year of happiness and fulfillment in all of our lives. May we face what lies ahead: the good and bad times, the smooth and rocky roads, and the uncertainty of the future, with faith in our Heavenly Father that he is always watching over us with his unseen, protecting hands. Remember, as the song says, ***"The God on the mountain is still God in the valley, and the God of the day is still God in the night!"*** Let us be diligent in our ministry to witness and share the joy of our salvation with everyone. I sincerely believe, now more than ever, that time is truly of the "essence." God Bless you all in 2009.

In Christ's Love,  
Randy