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THE ALLIANCE: “*Living the Call Together*”

Matthew 28:18-20

One of my favorite Bible verses and a life verse – is found in Matthew 6:33 as it gives to me faith and instruction as the years roll by. “Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.” We live in a self centered, materialistic world. It is my desire to speak and to live before God and you, with a pure heart. And I resolve to put God first in my life and my family’s life.

It is my hearts desire for myself and the church, that we would go forth in 2009 with renewed love and unity. It is very easy to say “I love God, I love you” and quite another matter to show our love in a very tangible way. 1 John 3:18 says “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with action and truth.” As we have this “agape” divine love, action love – we will see our church go forward in unity to reach as many as possible for Jesus! May our hearts be pure and blameless before God in 2009 as we work together to bring back the King – JESUS!

Churches only move forward when large numbers of the congregation accept the vision and mission the Lord has given to the church and embrace God’s power and grace to accomplish it. In so many ways Riverwood reflects that reality today. Your efforts have mattered as we have seen people come to know Jesus. Your grace of giving was glorifying to God during this past fiscal year. I rejoice that we continue to support our missionaries though the Great Commission Fund and the needs of our community through our Benevolent Fund. There are challenges that lie ahead, as we use our building and various programs for God and His glory, and to buildup one another in our faith and to share the Good News of God’s love through Jesus, with our community.

It is an exciting time to be a part of Riverwood Community Church. A church where people love one another. A church that has known past blessing. A church in an area where many need Jesus! It is a time to look ahead with confidence. A time to expect the best and a time to build for the future. May God work powerfully though us and give us His passion and love for ministry.

God has been so faithful in allowing us to join Him in what He is doing – in so many lives. Thank you for serving God and Riverwood in evangelism, exhortation and edification.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward **love** and **good deeds**.

Let us not give up meeting together ... but let us encourage one another –
and all the more as you see the Day approaching,”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Respectfully Submitted,
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