

2008: Looking Back, Looking Ahead

Scripture Reading: *Revelation 3:7-13*

Introduction:

A. Our lives are full of challenges.

1. Jesus wasn't afraid to challenge His disciples.
2. We are up against an exceedingly shrewd and subtle Adversary.

B. This week is a natural time for resolutions in the face of our everyday challenges.

C. Consider some challenges we must meet in 2009 as a congregation.

1. **We must** _____ **our** _____.

A. *Matthew 13:3-9,18-23*

B. *1 Corinthians 3:6*

C. *1 Thessalonians 1:8*

2. **We must** _____ **above** _____.

A. *Philippians 2:1-16*

B. *Philippians 4:6-9*

C. *Philippians 1:27*

3. **We must** _____ **that we can make a** _____.

A. *Revelation 3:8*

B. *1 John 4:4*

C. *Romans 1:16*

4. **We must maintain** _____ **for our** _____.

A. *1 Corinthians 1:4-9*

B. *Ephesians 1:3-6*