**Orientation for New Board Members**

**Closing Prayer**

**Psalm 34**

**I will never stop thanking God,**

 **with constant words of praise.**

**My soul will boast of God;**

 **the poor will hear me and be glad.**

**Join me in praising the Lord,**

 **together tell of God's name.**

**I asked and the Lord responded,**

 **freed me from all my fears.**

**Turn to God, be bright with joy;**

 **you shall never be let down.**

**I begged and God heard,**

 **took my burdens from me.**

**God's angel defends the faithful,**

 **guards them on every side.**

**Drink in the richness of God,**

 **enjoy the strength of the Lord.**

**Live in awe of God, you saints:**

 **you will want for nothing.**

**Even if lions go hungry,**

 **those seeking God are fed.**

**Come to me, children, listen:**

 **learn to cherish the Lord.**

**Do you long for life,**

 **for time to enjoy success?**

**Keep your tongue from evil,**

 **keep lies far from your lips.**

**Shun evil, go after good,**

 **press on, seek after peace.**

**God confronts the wicked**

 **to blot them out for ever,**

**but turns toward the just**

 **to hear their cry for help.**

**The troubled call out; God hears,**

 **saves them from all distress.**

**God stays near broken hearts,**

 **heals the wounded spirit.**

**The good endure great trials,**

 **but God comes to their rescue**

**and guards their every bone**

 **so not one is broken.**

**Evil kills its own kind,**

 **dooms the wicked to death.**

**God saves those who keep faith;**

 **no trusting soul is doomed.**