**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.**