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Happy 2009!

My word for this new year is "FOCUS". As we have a new President bringing his focus to bear on our country's economy, so should we focus on what is important to each of us. Should our focus be on the ethereal? Should we feel guilty about concentrating on being able to take care of our families and ourselves? Wouldn't it be great if we could focus with laser-like precision on what is going to be most important for an eternity? Isn't our relationship with Christ what we should be focused on? Well, here's some of my thoughts on focus.

Here's how Webster defines it: "adjustment for, or the condition of, distinct vision or sharpness." Adjustment for sharpness. Distinct vision. That's a lot to shoot for. What, did you think focus was going to be easy? This year I will be adjusting toward the things that matter most to me. My young son and my beautiful wife. My ministry, which includes my volunteerism and my community. The health of the 501c3 nonprofit Tanya and I have worked so hard to build over the last ten years. We need to make certain that the work of Tanya's Adoption Network 4 Young Animals, Inc. (T.A.N.Y.A.'s) goes on and on. For longer than that, I have been an officer in the Elks. For longer than that, I have been a minister of The Word.

Honing your vision, obtaining a clearer focus in some areas, probably means others will blur or become less sharp. As our interests expand or change into new areas (or renew in old) they naturally lapse in others. For instance, as I assume a statewide position in the CA Brigade of the United States Corps of Chaplains, I will no longer be active in a statewide office in the VFW Department of CA. I know some of you are adjusting your focus also this year.

So, although I will continue to be faithful to the folks who have been faithful to Phelan Bible Fellowship; we are already gathering less frequently. I wish that there was enough momentum and some other leadership for it to thrive, but that is not the case. PBF is not going away, by any means. It is just re-focusing. We will continue to reach out and make a difference where we can. Our volunteerism continues. Our love for Christ and each other, our commitment to community continues. For those of us who do continue to meet as a congregation, I pray that those times are made even more meaningful and special. I know that God will continue to use each of you as you focus on your individual ministries. Your vision must always include Him.

With Love, Alex

"That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." -1 John. 1:3