

## FOUR YEARS AGO THIS SUNDAY...

1. My commitment as a Pastor is first and foremost to the \_\_\_\_\_ regardless of my past, your past, new ideas, old ideas, traditions, innovations, feast, famine, provision, or poverty.

- A. Hebrews 4:12 God's word is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Psalm 119:105 God's word is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_
- C. 2 Timothy 3:16 Scripture is God Breathed and \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Matthew 4:4 God's word is our \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual nourishment
- E. Psalm 119:9 God's word is a \_\_\_\_\_ to a good life
- F. Ephesians 6:17 God's word is our \_\_\_\_\_ against Satan
- G. I Timothy 2:15 God's word is to be \_\_\_\_\_ as a means of spiritual confidence and source of truth

2. Our Churches expectation of \_\_\_\_\_ as part of this church family.

- A. That you participate in the worship service faithfully, both as a ministry \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. That you \_\_\_\_\_ to the church physically, spiritually, and financially.
- C. That you \_\_\_\_\_ for fellow members, church leaders, and staff.
- D. That you \_\_\_\_\_ God's Holy Word above all other sources of truth.
- E. That you are a light in this dark world and an ambassador of God – \_\_\_\_\_ a righteous, sanctified, \_\_\_\_\_ Holy life through the help and leading of the Holy Spirit.

### 3. The Possibilities for our future together vary greatly.

- A. We may stay a small, \_\_\_\_\_ but never increasing body of believers who serve the people God has given us and the community God has placed us in.
- People move into Cathlamet and move out of Cathlamet
  - Babies are born and people of all ages pass away
  - All people need to hear the Gospel and some will hear it here.
- B. We may \_\_\_\_\_, move into a larger facility, increase of ministries and opportunities, and may even hire more staff; but we are still committed to continue serving the people God has given us.
- We grow as we bring more people to a saving knowledge of Jesus
  - We grow as we stick close to our doctrines and attract like-minded believers who are seeking a church home.
  - We grow because of ministries like AWANA, U-th Group, Children's Church, Heritage Luncheon, Craft Connection, Ladies Bible Study, Small Groups meeting in homes, Operation Christmas Cookie, and WND.
  - We grow because \_\_\_\_\_ has plans for us that require it.

### 4. Application:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_: "an association of two or more autonomous bodies who have formed a trusting relationship and fulfill agreed-upon expectations by sharing complementary strengths and resources, to reach their mutual goal."  
(Luis Bush and Larry Lutz, *Partnering in Ministry*)

*Working together with whatever skills and resources God has given us  
- to accomplish shared tasks, goals, and spiritual calling.*

- B. \_\_\_\_\_: To officially join into a church partnership by fulfilling all membership requirements, publically requesting to be counted as such a partner, and committing to follow the doctrines and practices the HBC has found to be Biblical and applicable as explained in our church documents.