

New Year's Eve 2008

**Ustick Baptist Church
Message – Brad Lloyd**

**“Honoring the Past
Rejoicing in the Present
Trusting God with the Future.”**

F – Fixing our eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 12:2 (New International Version)

2Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

U – Unwavering Commitment

Hebrews 10:23 (New International Version)

23Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:39 (New International Version)

39But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

T – Thanksgiving

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (New International Version)

18give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

U – Understanding the Times

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (New International Version)

1But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. **2**People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, **3**without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, **4**treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— **5**having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

R – Rallying Together

Hebrews 10:25 (New International Version)

25Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

E – Enduring until the End

Romans 15:5 (New International Version)

5May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,

Hebrews 10:23 (New International Version)

23Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:35-39 (New International Version)

35So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. **36**You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. **37**For in just a very little while,

"He who is coming will come and will not delay.

38But my righteous one^[a] will live by faith.

And if he shrinks back,

I will not be pleased with him."^[b] **39**But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.