



From the desk of Jim Ziser

2024, a new year, a beginning of sorts. But in reality, it's just a continuation of a cycle. A time set up so many years ago to start anew as we count our days to eternity. It's used as a time for reflection, or as a starting point for a commitment we'd like to keep. A hope for the weak hearted, that maybe this is the year. But as Solomon so plainly put it:

"Meaningless! Meaningless! ...Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless. What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever."

Ecclesiastes 1:2-4

And in summation he says:

"Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body. Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil."

Ecclesiastes 12:12-14

So, as I struggle through life, all I can count on is the one constant in my life. That is God. For me, a man of limited ability, all I can do, is trust that God has my back. Some good advice given to Solomon form his dad King David was to:

"Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished."

1 Chronicles 28:20

Upon completion of the temple Solomon wrote:

"Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses. May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us. May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in obedience to him and keep the commands, decrees and laws he gave our ancestors. And may these words of mine, which I have prayed before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel according to each day's need, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is no other. And may your hearts be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time."

I take these words and apply them to the Rally. This is the reason I do this; "so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is no other." And my hope is that you would be committed with me, to share the Gospel here in the Mahoning Valley to someone that is weak hearted and not eager to walk into your church.

Respectfully,

James Ziser

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April 27, 2024
9am - 2pm
Stambaugh Auditorium

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"Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone."

Romans 12:16-18

The Men's Rally made a strategic move in 2023. After thirteen years at the Covelli Centre, the 2023 Rally was held at Stambaugh Auditorium. 2023 has now been touted as one of the best, not degrading the past but striving for more excellence.

Change is inevitable. In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul says "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."

I believe we hit the mark in 2023. Now the bar is set a little higher. As we move forward in planning for 2024 the challenges are even greater. In this ever changing social, political, and economic climate we now live in, we must adjust how we present the Gospel. We must present the Gospel in a manor that those that have ears may hear.





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