

**Meeting Minutes:** January 28th 2009

**In attendance:** Hal Pawlowski, Ken Pritchett, Eugene Pongratz, Mark Savarese, Ed Willekens, Harry Abby, & James Hodson

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting began at 7pm in the nursery of St James. Mark used the ACTS prayer format and focused on Mary. He started the session with the scripture reading Rev 12: 14-19 then went into the song "Holy is his name". We ended the prayer format with "Our Lord he reigns".

**Scripture:** We moved in to the Sunday scripture readings: 1st reading: Dt 18:15-20 2nd reading: 1 Cor 7:32- 35 Gospel: Mk 1: 21-28 After a lengthy discussion we couldn't find a common thread. This set was very tough.

**Witness on Scripture:** Hal Pawlowski gave the witness talk on scripture. He talked about the differences between the Catholic and Protestant bibles. He also talked about the divisions of the bible and when the new testament books were written. He discussed the difference between Paul and the other gospels. He left the following challenge questions: 1) How do you read the bible? 2) Which translation do you prefer? Why? 3) Have you read other versions/translations? What did you note as differences? Which do you prefer?

**Book Review:** What Paul meant by Gary Wills Intro & Chapter 1: Explains why people have a hard time understanding Paul. How Paul shaped the early Church and differences between him and the other gospels. Next assignment: Chapters 2 & 3

**Closing Prayer:** Mark Savarese closed the meeting with a final prayer.