

## **Welcome and Invocation:**

**As President of the Beaver-Area Ministerium, this year, we welcome you to Baccalaureate services for 2008. Tonight, it is our purpose to provide an opportunity for worship and thanksgiving. You, as students, and even families of students have dedicated your lives over the past years to the obtaining of knowledge and hopely wisdom.**

**Students, after you graduate this year your vocation will not change, in fact for some the process may actually intensify.**

**Let us this evening dedicate ourselves to our only significant vocation. May we remember whose we are, and in whose image we have been made. May we share with everyone we meet that knowledge that was so perfectly lived out in Jesus' life.**

**Let us pray: Father of us all, as we approach You this evening, may we not be anxious about the days ahead because You are with us. Help us not to grieve the loss of old relationships, but to look ahead with anticipation to what You have prepared for us. We are never seen as orphans because we have you as Father. We are never without family because you are our Brother. And we are never truly alone because You are our constant Companion and Friend.**

**Prayer is sometimes the first thing that is considered disposable in our often too-busy lives. Help us to always find time for You. May we always see prayer as an essential activity like eating and drinking is deemed necessary for our physical lives.**

**Lord, bless this time of worship this evening. Help us to focus on what You have achieved through us and let our accomplishments always be to your honor and glory and for your sake. In the name of the One who has never failed us, even Jesus, AMEN**

## **Closing Prayer:**

**Father, thank you for your worship leaders - Sons of Thunder. Thank you for all those who helped with this program. Lord, as we leave this gathering tonight, may we take your Holy Spirit with us as a witness to Your love and presence. May we realize that love is shown in service. I pray the waiting world will see You in us. Whatever we become or achieve in this world, help us to realize that our greatest vocation is to be your children and to worship you. Bless us all. Grant us your peace!**

**In Jesus Name-AMEN**