

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By the time you read this 2015 will be in the history books, and everything that will have taken place in 2015 has happened and no amount of wishing will allow us to go back and change things. One of the things that I like to do each year is to think about what I have accomplished and the things that did not get accomplished, as well as the events of the past year both good and bad.

I believe while we should not live in the past that this is a good practice and even a biblical practice. Psalms 90:12 says, "So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom." It takes a person thinking honestly about their life to see if he is moving forward or not.

I believe also as we think soberly about ourselves and how we have spent the time God gave us in 2015 we should contemplate 2016 and how we would like to spend it. Jesus asks the question in Luke 14: 28, what man who intends to build a tower want set down first and think about the cost before he starts to see if he can accomplish his goal? This question is asked in relationship to becoming Jesus' disciple. I just don't think we put enough emphasis on the high cost of discipleship. Recently my wife and I were watching a TV program and a man said, "we are all just marking time". In context, he was telling another person not to waste their time following his group. This got me

thinking, "what could I say about following me."

So I am going to ask you to do something this very week, get alone, think about how you spent your year God entrusted you with in 2015. Are you content with the results? Do you think God is rejoicing about the results? If you knew by the end of this week you would stand before God, would you say with Paul you are looking forward to that? Or would you be ashamed and like Adam and Eve trying to hide from Him? You may have accomplished all you set out to do and more, and if you have you should be grateful that God allowed you to get all the things done you wanted. But maybe you are like me and there are things you did not get done, or they were not the quality you would have liked. There may be good reasons or there may be sinful reasons.

Now, I am going to ask you to do something else, make a list of three things you would like to do better in 2016 than you did in 2015. With this list, write one major goal you would like to achieve for God if He would allow. Now, write one thing you would like to do to minister to someone in 2016. Lastly, ask God to help you. Happy New Year!!

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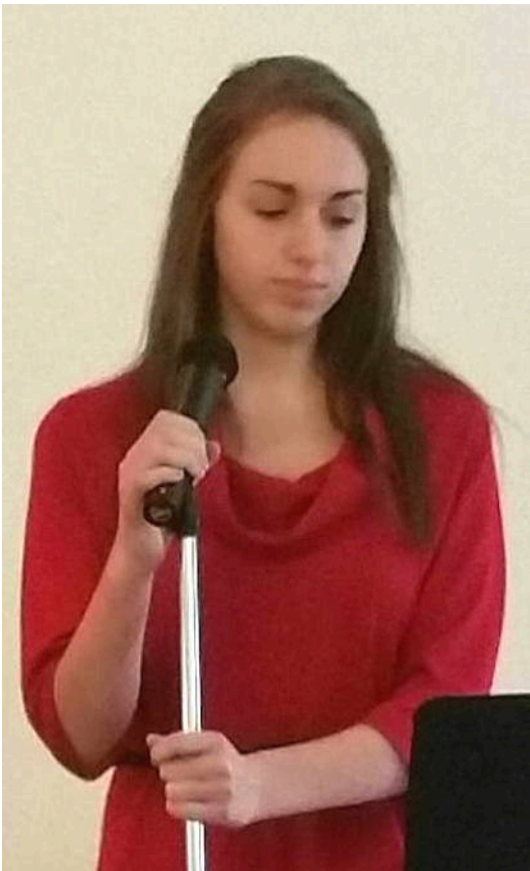
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