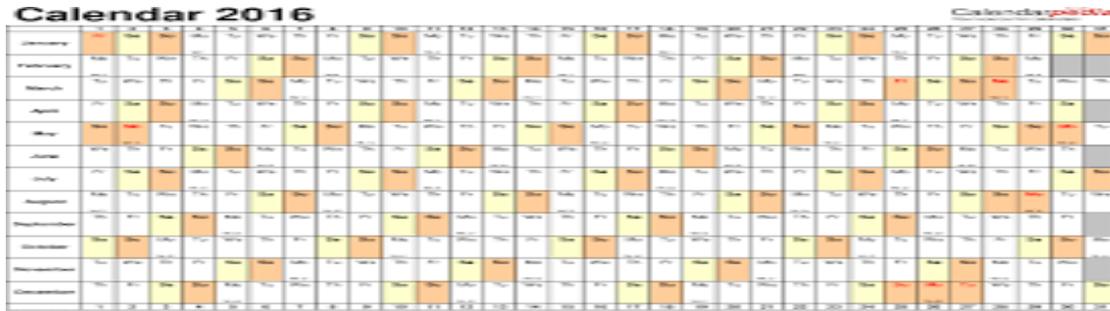


# From the Family Room

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## **Wha'cha Go'n Do?**



***But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*** Matthew 6:33

Well there it is. A brand new year with a lot of blank spaces. These spaces are waiting to be filled with appointments. Some blanks will be filled with cheers - moments of celebration and happiness. Some may be filled with tears – occasions of saying good-bye or experiencing disappointments. **Time.** What a great gift from God. What will we do with this gift in 2016?

What we do with our time depends on our priorities. Our priorities depend on our purpose in life. Purpose serves as a principle around which we can organize our lives. Many people do not know their purpose in life. As a result, they have no list of priorities. Their activities are driven by whim or by the people with whom they associate.

Why are we alive? What is our true and meaningful purpose in life? Solomon wrote the following in Ecclesiastes: *The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.* (Ecclesiastes 12:11, 12) He continued in the next verse to conclude the purpose of the book:

***The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*** Ecclesiastes 12:13

In the Epistle to the Romans, Paul finalized his great theological treatise found in the first eleven chapters with the following verse.

***For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.*** Romans 11:36

The meaningful purpose for our lives is to glorify God. Wouldn't it be great if we all dedicated our lives to loving God, bringing glory to Him, and obeying Him in all that we did in 2016? Then we could fill the blank spaces in our 2016 calendar with meaningful activities. Activities in which we served others, activities in which we worshipped God, activities in which we taught the Gospel to others, activities in which we encouraged and built up other members of the church and activities where we built up our faith by studying God's word and praying to Him in privacy.

***“...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*** Matthew 5:16

Wouldn't it be great if all of us in our spiritual family at Creekwood organized all of our activities around the purpose of glorifying God? Let's all focus our calendar on doing just that. Wha'cha go'n do?

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