

## **Sermon Summary – January 4, 2015, Pastor Alan Smith**

### **“God’s Plan”**

God has a plan for us and the church. He promised Abram in Genesis 12:2-3 that through Abram God will bless all. God fulfilled that promise through Jesus. Now God has a plan to build His church.

We see this in 1 Corinthians 3:9 and Ephesians 2:21-22. Peter writes in 1 Peter 2:5 that we are the living stones that God is building into His spiritual temple. We, as the church, are part of God’s plan to challenge Satan and be at war against the evil rulers (Ephesians 3:10-11 and 6:12).

In God’s plan we are given the task of reconciling people to Him (2 Corinthians 5:18). The best way to reconcile people to God is to love them, do good to them, and take care of them (Galatians 6:10, James 1:27).

Another part of God’s plan for the church is that we grow and mature spiritually so that His work will be complete in us (Philippians 1:6).

Make a plan this year to follow God and do what He has called us to do.