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BAPTIST CHURCH

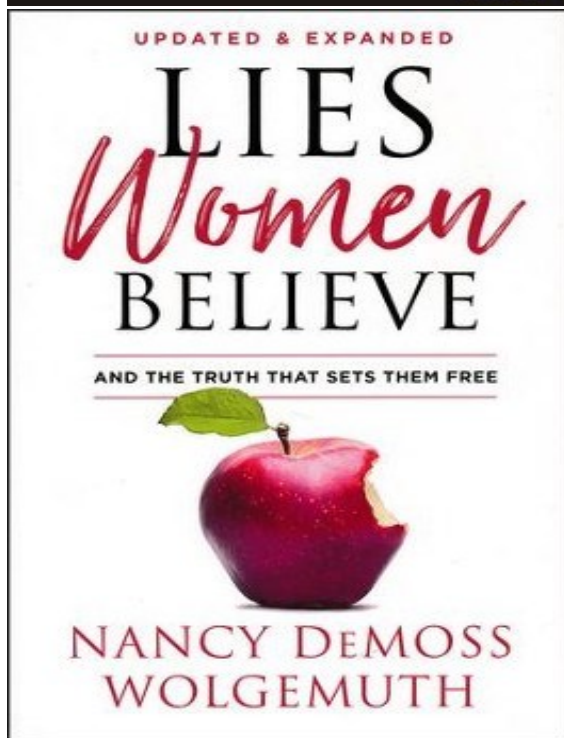
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Discipleship

Knowing & Sharing



We are like Eve. We have all experienced defeats and failures, trouble and turmoil. We have all experienced a selfish heart, a shrewish spirit, anger, envy and bitterness. And we ache to do things over, to have lives of harmony and peace. In her book, Lies Women Believe, author Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth exposes those areas of deception most commonly believed by Christian women:

- *Lies about themselves*
- *Lies about sin*
- *Lies about marriage*
- *Lies about their emotions*
- *Lies about their circumstances*



and how we can be delivered from bondage and set free to walk in God's grace, forgiveness, and abundant life. Come join us and bring a friend! Facilitated by Angie Melton. Sign up in the foyer of the FLC.

Wednesday Discipleship Begins

January 12 at 6:15pm

In addition to our Women's class we will offer discipleship for men, students and children. Childcare is provided for preschool aged and below.

Kingdom Life by Steve Boyd

Biblical Fellowship, the Way God Intended!

Do you love your Church family? If you don't know your church family or know the purpose of your church family, you will have a hard time loving your church family! The Bible teaches a special purpose of love within the Church Family: *"A new commandment I give to you that you love one another. Even as I have loved you, so shall you love one another. By this will all men know that you're my disciples in that you love one another."* (John 13: 24-25)

The American church culture seems to have little understanding of the meaning of Biblical fellowship that enables a church family to stay strong and united through holocaust, war, persecution, moral failure, disagreement, and more. The Bible says that we are to experience Biblical fellowship, and here's what it looks like.

Unity. Many of the one-another commands deal with the unity of the church. Be at peace with one another. Don't grumble among one another. Be of the same mind with one another. Accept one another. Don't bite and devour one another. Don't boastfully challenge or envy one another. Gently, patiently tolerate one another. Be kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving to one another. Bear with and forgive one another. Seek good for one another, and don't repay evil for evil. Don't complain against one another. Confess sins to one another.

Love. Many of the one-another commands instruct Christians to love. Love one another. Through love, serve one another. Tolerate one another in love. Be devoted to one another in love.

Humility. An attitude of humility among believers is presumed. Give preference to one another in honor. Regard one another as more important than yourselves. Serve one another. Don't be haughty: be of the same mind. Be subject to one another. Clothe yourselves in humility toward one another.

Here's a few more: Do not judge one another, and don't put a stumbling block in a brother's way. Bear one another's burdens. Speak truth to one another in love. Don't lie to one another. Comfort one another concerning the resurrection. Encourage and build up one another. Stimulate one another to love and good deeds. Pray for one another. Be hospitable to one another.

This is the true meaning of Biblical fellowship. We are a community of faith with Jesus as our Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit of God. We hold no man too highly, but we trust and obey Jesus and we choose to love one another.

Our strength and unity lie in our priority of God's Word and the Spirit's direction in our life. We best find our community within small groups of the church where we pour into one another's lives and do life together. In small groups, we find the community of love that our heart desires.

Biblical fellowship will help a church family withstand both Covid and chaos. This Biblical fellowship will create witness, strength, encouragement, unity, truth and, not least of all, endurance within the church family. Will you pray our church attains and strives for Biblical fellowship? Will you work and invest yourself in the Biblical fellowship of our Church family?



Let's gather together intentionally as the Lord instructs us! In the Word, we are instructed to gather together like it says in Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

We Gather Together is an opportunity for you to get to know some of the new faces you have seen on a Sunday morning and some that you may have seen for years, but have not yet gotten to know!

How will this work? We will put groups of 5-8 people together to gather for a meal. We will assign one person/family to be in charge of contacting the rest of the group and setting a time and place to meet. We will change up the groups for each month so everyone has an opportunity to meet 15-20 new people by Easter!

When will this take place? We will leave that up to each group, but we would like a commitment to gather one time for each of the months of January, February and March.

Where will you gather? We will also leave that up to each group. We would highly encourage you to meet in someone's home, as a restaurant doesn't lend itself to having great conversations.

What will you eat? We will also leave that up to the group. You can choose to have the host family cook the meal, you can have everyone bring a dish to share, you can order pizza and split the cost or you can just have dessert and coffee!

Who gets to gather? Anyone and everyone! We want to see as many people connect as possible. To sign up or if you have questions, please email WegathertgetherSBC@gmail.com.

Christmas Report

We share our Christmas report, not to boast about ourselves in any way, but to give glory to God for the great things he has done in and through our SBC family.

Hispanic Thanksgiving Meal—Our Vineyard Sunday School class hosted a Thanksgiving meal for the new Hispanic church meeting in our Fellowship Hall. It was exciting to have members of the Hispanic congregation share samples of their traditional Thanksgiving recipes with us. We met in a spirit of one accord and enjoyed great fellowship!



Advent Devotionals—We gave out 250 Advent devotionals to our community and church family. We hope that they helped to bring a spirit of Christmas joy to each family which received one.



Thanksgiving Meals—This year, due to Covid concerns, we were unable to provide a nice Thanksgiving meal to our community and Homebound families. In lieu of the meal, we sent Cracker Barrel gift cards to those in need and our homebound not living in an assisted living home.

Cookies and blankets—One of our members encouraged her family to participate in community ministry by baking. Her whole family gathered one Saturday to bake cookies and they took cookies and blankets to 27 families in our community.



Colonial Hall—Residents at Colonial Hall Personal Care Home in Shelbyville enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party, including a baked spaghetti meal, hosted by our Truth4Life Sunday School class. Class members also purchased gifts for all of the residents!

Afterschool Community Party—We had 19 children from area apartments gather for a fun Christmas party. Thanks to Linda Ashby, Lorna Robinson, Bill Wells, Andy & Shannon Windhorst, Bobbie Erlandson and Matt Garner for hosting and Jeffrey Barnes from Raisin' Canes Chicken for the food!



Christmas Caroling—Suellen Barnes led an energetic group to participate in Christmas caroling in the neighborhoods. "2021 Christmas caroling is in the books! A group of us caroled on a beautiful sunny afternoon at Meadowridge apartments and Station Place patio homes. We ranged in ages from 7 to 75. It was a delightful time of singing, laughter and smiles! Through the generosity of SBC, we were able to hand out candy canes and more importantly, *The Case for Christmas* by Lee Strobel.

Having built a relationship with many of the families at Meadowridge was a sweet blessing as Dixie Taylor knew the names of many of the residents so they felt comfortable coming to the door and listening to us carol! We got to pray for Nick and his family on the day before he started his cancer treatment! One young lady in her twenties said that we made her day and this was the first time she had ever been "caroled." We decided that "caroled" is the new "punked," LOL!

We saw several of members at the patio homes and the smiles on their faces was the best Christmas present! This is the second year that I have been out caroling in Shelby County and it will definitely be an annual event until Christ takes us home!"



RECREATION MINISTRY



Intro to Pickleball was a hit, literally and figuratively! Our night started out with Bob (the pickleball ambassador to Shelby County) walking us through how to effectively tape the lines for the courts. We were able to line three courts for play so a total of twelve people could play at any one time.

Bob and some of his associates then gathered the newbies (some of whom had never touched a pickleball paddle) and taught them the basics of the game. They all picked up on it quickly and by the end of the evening, most of them were hooked!



Adult Open Play Volleyball

Begins Thursday,
January 6
at 6:30pm.

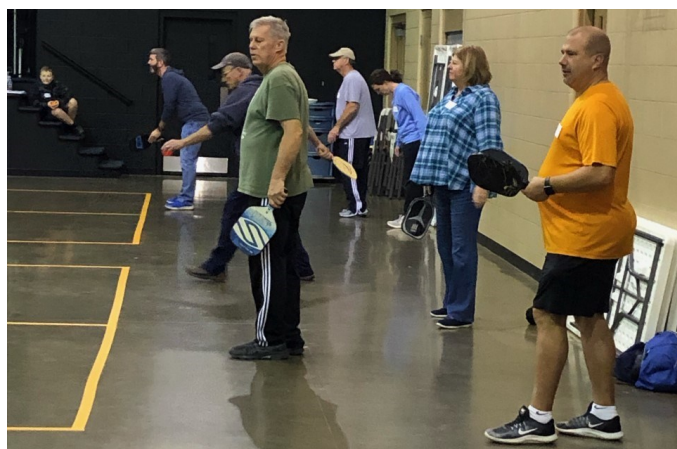


Please note that childcare is not provided and parents will be responsible for children which accompany them.

PICKLEBALL BASICS

- A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong.
- Played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net.
- Played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes.
- Played as doubles or singles.
- Can be enjoyed by all ages and skill levels

**Mondays at 6:30pm
Beginning January 3**



On Monday, December 27th, we will have another Intro to Pickleball night so if you missed last week, never fear, you can still learn! We will have sign in starting at 6pm and some instructional time and, then, "Play ball!"

Monday, January 3rd will be the official start of Monday night pickleball from 6-9pm. It will be \$2 per evening per person (13 and up) and you are welcome to come for all or part of the evening. This is a great way to invite friends from the community to join in on the best game around! On a side note, we will always have someone there to introduce you and a friend to the game so don't let lack of knowledge or experience hold you back.



SIMPLY LOVE

Meadow Ridge Blessings Box

The Blessings Box at Meadow Ridge is used every day of the week.

Donation requests: cereal, oatmeal, cereal bars and PopTarts, canned meats, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, dried black beans, soup mixes, white rice, sugar, corn meal, toilet paper, paper towels, dish liquid, tuna helper-type products, vegetable oil, canned fruit and vegetables, bags of apples/potatoes.

Cereal and canned fruit are high priority items.

Donations of food can be dropped off at the church office or placed directly in the box.

Monetary donations can be taken to the church office.



Although our Christmas Toy store is a one-day affair, it actually takes a whole year to pull together. This includes a year of our Toy Store team shopping at sales and clearance events and then storing it all! There are so many volunteers involved in the weeks beforehand, moving and sorting toys to our campus that we can't name them all. Nevertheless, we are only able to do this ministry, because of them. We have been greatly blessed by the generosity of our church family in both gifts and time.

We helped 134 families shop for 423 kiddos!

Community Needs

Our community has two families that have been hit hard by life. We ask for prayers on their behalf, and if you are able, for your generosity.

Nick Staley, a member of our community ministry in Simpsonville, has Stage 3 seminoma testicular cancer. The cancer has spread to his lower spine, lymph nodes, lung and spleen. He has had surgery but further surgeries are too dangerous. Nick will undergo weeks of aggressive chemotherapy in Indiana. Nick and Lyric have 2 teen daughters, a 7 year old son and twin 2 year old boys. Nick will work as much as he can but that will soon come to an end. Bills will continue to come in, there will be extra fuel expenses due to driving daily to Indiana...and it's Christmas and winter. A contribution can be made through SBC.



Aaron Shirley has been diagnosed with a large brain tumor. The tumor is in the left frontal lobe down into the insulae and toward the temporal lobe and there are risks in having it removed.

Aaron is unable to drive, cannot work and will need to be taken to appointments. He has applied for short-term disability and is awaiting approval which will help some but will not be his full pay. Alexis had already started a second job.

Alexis's Venmo, PayPal, and Cashapp account information/ links here and it will go straight to her:

PayPal: wootiecharlee@gmail.com

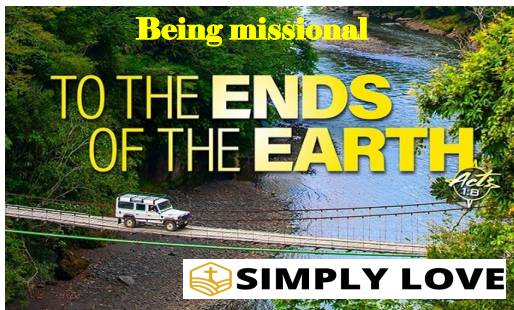
<https://www.paypal.me/alexisshirley>

Venmo: Alexis Wootie Shirley @wootie-wootie

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We are excited to report that we now have 9 children in the rescue center. They are pictured here with some of their new clothing they received for Christmas.

The building with the wooden door is the new poultry house. This will benefit both the rescue center and the community.

Khadija is young woman of 17 raising her 9 siblings due to the death of both parents. Two of the siblings have been taken to the rescue center to help her out as inflation has caused havoc with her ability to feed the family. Recently her house was blown down and Ultimate Wings built them a new two-room block house.

We have been extremely blessed by the response from our SBC family to sponsor the orphans. We have 21 families whom have made yearly commitments to 24 children. AND 6 children have been sponsored by four Sunday School classes: Joy, Bible Truth Seekers,

Truth4Life and SONrise Women's. The sale of SBC t-shirts supports three children.

We would love to report that the orphanage is quickly filling up but we have had some setbacks. Although there are many, many children in need, the issue now is that some guardians will not allow the children to go to the center as they are being used as house servants. Other guardians will allow their own children to attend but not the actual orphans. And still others want remuneration for allowing the children to leave. One guardian hid one of the orphans three times and will only release him if she is given a job at the center. We continue to thank God for Nathan and his integrity and leadership as he works with community leaders to reach the most needy children. We covet your prayers for these children which have already been rescued: Penina, Pendo, Nema, Helen, Ann, Isaac, Frida, Diana, Henry, and for those whom God will bring in His timing.



In December we had a moving and meaningful Deacon Ordination service to ordain Troy Fulkerson and Marilyn Rhoads. Thank you to everyone that attended and encouraged them in their faith walk. Special thanks to Becky Straub who provided a wonderful reception following the service with help from Rhonda Jones and Carolyn O'Daniel.

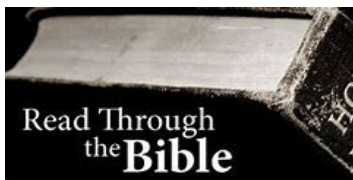


With winter upon us, we would like to remind you of ways that you can check for weather-related service cancellations.

- You may watch WHAS, WLKY, or WAVE 3 weather cancellations.
- You may check our website: simpsonvillebaptist.com.

If school is cancelled on Wednesday, we will cancel Wednesday evening ministries.





JANUARY

1. Isaiah 37-38
2. Isaiah 39-40
3. Isaiah 41-42
4. Isaiah 43-44
5. Isaiah 45-46
6. Isaiah 47-48
7. Isaiah 49-50
8. Isaiah 51-52
9. Isaiah 53-54
10. Isaiah 55-56
11. Isaiah 57-58
12. Isaiah 59-60
13. Isaiah 61-62
14. Isaiah 63-64
15. Isaiah 65-66
16. Jeremiah 1-2
17. Jeremiah 3-4
18. Jeremiah 5-6
19. Jeremiah 7-8
20. Jeremiah 9-10
21. Jeremiah 11-12
22. Jeremiah 13-14
23. Jeremiah 15-16
24. Jeremiah 17-18
25. Jeremiah 19-20
26. Jeremiah 21-22
27. Jeremiah 23-24
28. Jeremiah 25-26
29. Jeremiah 27-28
30. Jeremiah 29-30
31. Jeremiah 31-32



Women's Ministry

A Women's Christmas party was hosted by Becky Straub, Nancy Williams, and Jenny Huff, and everyone had a delightful time and enjoyed lots of food and fun!



Sunday, January 23

**All are welcome to attend
but you must be a
member in order to vote.**



**Thursday, January 6
6:30pm**

**Refreshments provided!
Please sign up in the foyer
of the FLC.**

Homeless Ministry



The homeless community suffers from weather in both summer and winter but winter conditions are often life-threatening.

Donations of blankets, warm socks, AA batteries, tents, sleeping bags, and sterno fuel are being accepted. Items can be taken to the church office.



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Thursday, January 6

Guest Speaker

Jon Caranna

Pastor of

**Burks Branch Baptist Church
Gather at 9:30am for fellowship
with worship at 10am.**



Rick and I would like to extend our thanks to all of our Goodtime Travelers and folks from Classic Worship for your friendship, support and generous gift of appreciation. We are so blessed to serve and worship with you.

Dixie

Good Time Travelers will take a break in January while Dixie is healing from total knee replacement.

January

- 1 Michelle Whited
- 2 Megan Evans
- Melissa Sangster
- 4 Nick Pecora
- Bell Tindall
- Lily Tindall
- 5 Donna Harmon
- Brent Hinton
- 6 Regina Shields
- 7 Brooke Hammond
- 8 Tim Pardee
- 10 Kevin Nickel
- 12 Larry Curry
- 13 Denise Miller
- 17 Lisa Wyatt
- 21 Mattie Johnson, Anne Waterman
- 23 Tamryn Crombie
- 25 Cheryl Sipes
- 26 Marsena Vaughan, Yarah Vissepo
- 28 Richard Walker
- 29 Aiden Perkins



Contact the church office if your name is missing or incorrectly listed.

Kentucky Today

Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief Director Ron Crow has been amazed at the response from those wanting to volunteer and help with the cleanup efforts in tornado-stricken western Kentucky. It's also going to be a mighty task. "The destruction we have seen is extreme," Crow said in the aftermath of Friday's tornadoes. "But God is still good." Approximately 140 trained Kentucky Disaster Relief volunteers have responded and are ready to serve in the hard-hit Mayfield area. They are currently assessing the damage to know what kind of equipment and resources are going to be needed. Teams of workers will be assembling in the days ahead to begin the work of cleaning up. Many untrained volunteers have expressed a desire to help as well. If you're an untrained volunteer, Crow first thanks you for your desire to help those in western Kentucky who are rebuilding homes and lives and is looking for a way that they can help. Kentucky Disaster Relief provides training five times a year throughout the state to make sure workers understand how to use the equipment properly and safely.

There is still an abundance of opportunities to serve in the Mayfield and western Kentucky areas.

More than a dozen Kentucky Baptist churches have said they could use volunteers and gift card donations as they serve their community. That list is continually growing and is a great starting point for those looking to help. Find that and more at www.kybaptist.org/tornado.

Volunteering:

--Kentucky State Police have set up a hotline for those who want to volunteer. The volunteer hotline can be reached at 270-331-1979.

--Kentucky State Parks will need volunteers who can help staff the parks and complete tasks like washing dishes and doing laundry. The parks are open to people who need shelter as a result of the tornadoes. Volunteers can contact Andy Kasitz, assistant director of resort parks for Kentucky State Parks, at 502-418-3581 or by email at andy.kasitz@ky.gov.

--Volunteers are needed at the Mayfield-Graves County Fairgrounds to help load and unload donations and help organize donations.

--Mayfield Mayor Kathy O'Nan said if you have supplies, equipment or labor to offer, call 270-727-5114 for guidance.

--The Mayfield Messenger has set up a link for volunteers to register and to list their skills. That link is available at surveyhero.com/c/viuf4h7p.

--There are over a dozen Kentucky Baptist churches who have affirmed that they could use volunteers and gift card donations as they serve their community. That list is continually growing and is a great starting point for those looking to help. Find that and more at www.kybaptist.org/tornado.

--There is also a volunteer coordinator handling volunteers in Princeton. His name is Harrell Riley (270-625-0405 or 270-963-3561).

Donating:

--Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief is accepting donations at www.kybaptist.org/tornado

--Send Relief donations can be made at sendrelief.org

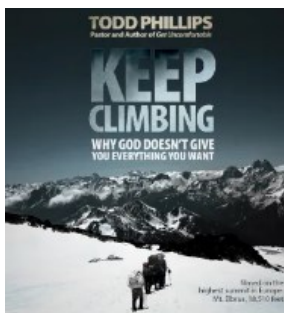
--Kentucky State Police donation hotlines can be reached at 270-297-7772 or 270-331-0945.

--Mayfield Community Foundation has set up a GoFundMe fundraiser for people to donate to.



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KEEP CLIMBING: Why God Doesn't Give You Everything You Want

By Todd Phillips

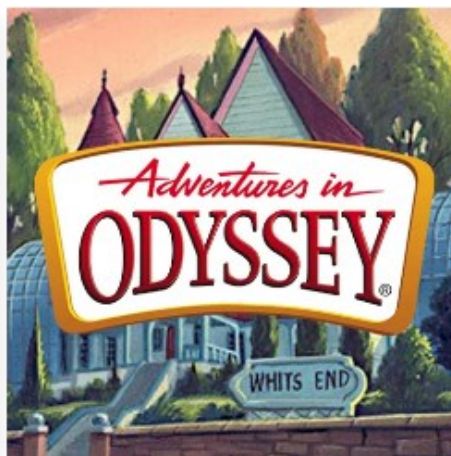
Why isn't God making my life easier?

Life is hard. We pray and ask God to help, but many times it seems like he's not there. We know God can perform miracles, yet our problems often remain. Is God listening? Does God care?

In these four Bible study sessions, Todd Phillips leads a team to Russia to climb Mount Elbrus, the tallest mountain in Europe. Todd uses their perilous trek as a backdrop to explore how God works with us through the challenges in our lives.



Preschool-8 yrs
6 episodes (avg 58 minutes)



For Kids 8-12 yrs
7-28min episodes



For Kids 8-12 yrs
Sixteen 7-minute sessions

TENSIONS BETWEEN FAITH AND CULTURE

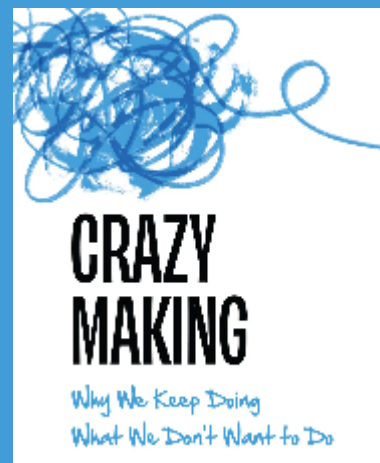
It's no secret that there can be tension between what our faith teaches us and what we see in culture. What do you do when faith and culture are at odds? It's easy to distance ourselves from culture or to be overly critical. But Jesus modeled a better way.

In this two-session study called Tensions, your group will explore how to move toward people who see things differently—instead of moving away from them.

Have you ever kept doing something you don't want to do?

We all have these patterns in our lives that we just can't seem to shake. No matter how disciplined we are, how much willpower we drum up, or how many times we seek accountability, eventually we find ourselves sucked back into repeating the same patterns again. It's crazy-making!

Everyone's struggle is different. For you, it might look like criticizing, substance abuse, over-working, sexual sin, people-pleasing, or hundreds of others. Jesus has given all of us a way out of these crazy-making cycles, and it has nothing to do with white-knuckling our way to freedom. Join us in this four-week study as we explore where these patterns come from, why we keep repeating them, and how to stop the crazy and live in the freedom Jesus makes possible.





Mark's Gospel, the earliest and shortest of the four, is a fast-paced account of how Jesus came as King.

We are excited to begin a 16-week sermon series beginning in January.

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