

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

The year is quickly coming to an end. Please note the last day to give in 2021 will be Sunday, December 26, if you would like your giving to be included on your 2021 Giving Statement. You may contact Jalyane Van Gorden with any questions.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The church office will be closed on December 24 and December 31. Please be aware that even when the church office is open, it will not be fully staffed as the Pastors, Jalayne and Jessica take various vacation days. Please call ahead to ensure that your visit to the church will be successful. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we take time to celebrate our Savior's birth with our family and friends.

Capital Campaign Update

Praise the Lord, \$1,692,820 has been committed to the DBC/DCS Capital Campaign of our \$2,000,000 church goal with the school campaign just beginning and already having commitments of over \$500,000! The school campaign will end towards the end of January so we will provide updates as they come in. **Please note that all Campaign Donations should be marked Capital Campaign on your check or envelope**(and not Building Fund as that is a separate fund used for other building projects and maintenance). **Brand new envelopes that include Capital Campaign**as a printed line item are now available at both giving stations. If you would like a stack of these new envelopes please contact Pastor Brad.



The People Around Jesus' Birth: The Wise Men

Matthew 2:1-12 | December 12, 2021

Big Question: Who were the wise men and what does it mean that they arrived after Jesus' birth?

- 1. Seek _____ (v1-2)**
 - a. Magi were likely men of _____ and _____ and _____ and _____
 - b. They're quest for learning _____ them to Jesus

- 2. When we seek _____, it can be _____ to those who are operating according to _____ (v3-8)**
 - a. Herod had to confront the reality that he was a _____, and a _____ king had come
 - b. Micah 5:2
 - c. The _____ of Jesus Christ can be a difficult thing to accept.

3. Those who _____ seek _____ will often find _____ (v9-12)

- a. Jeremiah 29:13
- b. Ephesians 2:8-10
- c. The proper response is _____ and _____

NOTES

Answer: The wise men represent humankind's pursuit of _____. In their pursuit, they found the very _____ in the flesh.

Possible application:

- 1. _____
- 2. Understand that God's way of doing things will be troubling to those operating according to the flesh.
- 3. This life is impossible to _____ based on what we can _____ alone.