

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us! If you're here for the first time, you are our special guest. Fill out the information on the other side of this card and visit The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) where we have a gift for you!

Welcome to Southside Baptist Church!

CALL TO PRAYER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 7:00 P.M.

Come gather with us as we support and encourage one another, and seek to change our church and community through the power of prayer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS! WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:00 P.M.

Celebrate Jesus' birthday at this family-friendly event for both AWANA and ESL & Citizenship Ministry with games, crafts, Christmas carols, and more!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- San Marco Arts Academy Concert - The Joy of Christmas (12/11)
- Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon (12/13)
- Christmas Eve Service (12/24)

For more details about these and other events, scan or visit ssbc.org



Thank you for your tithes and offerings and gifts to Advent Conspiracy and the Invested Initiative. As 2021 comes to a close, remember that your contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31 to appear on your 2021 contribution statement. To give:

- Visit www.ssbc.org/giving
- Mail to 1435 Atlantic Blvd., 32207
- Bring it to the church office (Place it in the locked mailbox if brought after office hours. We are closed on December 31.)



search **SSBCJax** to connect with us on social media!

Out of Egypt Gary Lee Webber December 5, 2021

From a group of nomadic refugees fleeing persecution in Egypt, to a young refugee couple forced to deliver their baby in a stable, the Bible tells the story of God working through aliens and strangers to bring about His kingdom. The subversive message of Christmas is that God Himself endured a self-imposed exile from heaven to deliver us from our exile in sin. Join us online or in person this advent season as we reexamine the Christmas story.

Passage:

Exodus 22:21; Exodus 23:9; Leviticus 19:33-34; Deuteronomy 10:19; Deuteronomy 27:29; 1 Chronicles 16:19-22; Jeremiah 22:3; Ezekiel 47:22; Luke 2; Matthew 2; Romans 12:13; Colossians 3:11; Hebrews 13:1-3

Principle:

Jesus lived as an _____ so we wouldn't have to. (See Luke 2 and Matthew 2)

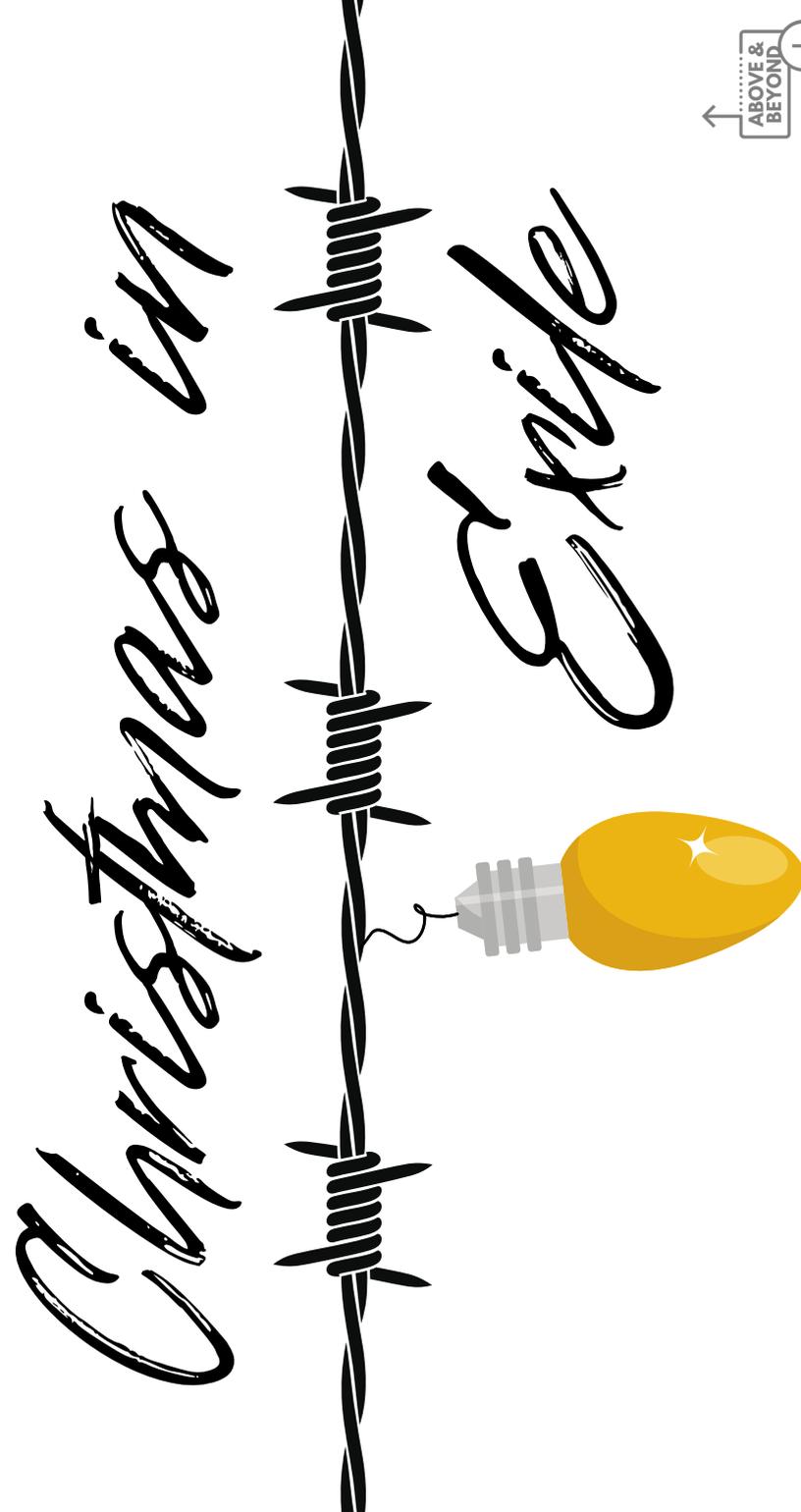
Practice:

Worship fully this Christmas by _____ the _____ and _____ among us.

1. Minister to Afgan refugees living in two of our church houses.
2. Support the Advent Conspiracy: \$55,000 for North American and International Missions
3. The Fisher Family: Give to the "Making Change" jar or support the "30-1-12 Campaign".



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Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

Southside's small groups focus on the neighborhoods in which we live. We have groups that meet on campus, online, and in homes across our city. Visit ssbc.org/SmallGroups to find yours!

HANGOUT (warming up to the topic):

1. Share experiences you have personally had with immigrants in the United States. Have you ever been a foreigner or stranger in a foreign land? If so, share your experience. Why is it important to personalize this topic?

2. Based on your current understanding, what is a biblical perspective on the issue of immigration? How does current US policy align or misalign with the Bible's teaching on this subject?

3. Does this topic relate to the Christmas story? Why or why not?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):

4. Read Isaiah 53:1-4.

- What comes to mind as you read this passage? Is there anything about this passage that stands out to you? If so, what is it and why?
- To whom is this passage referring? What makes you believe it refers to that person?
- What does it mean to bear someone's grief and carry their sorrows? Has anyone ever done that for you? Have you ever done it for another?

5. Read Isaiah 53:5-12.

- According to these verses, what price did God pay for our peace and healing?
- What was the penalty for our sin? What was the Suffering Servant's response to this injustice?
- Verse 12 speaks of giving him "a portion" and diving "the spoils"? How do you interpret this?
- What is ironic about this passage? Why is this so often read at Christmas time?

6. Read 1 Peter 2:21-25.

- Peter was referencing Isaiah 53. How does Peter interpret this passage?
- In the context of 1 Peter 2 and Isaiah 53, what does it mean to "follow in His steps"?
- If we were aliens living in exile from God, and if Jesus became an exile to rescue us, then how should the church respond to those who are aliens and strangers among us?
- Do you understand this as a political or biblical question? Why?

7. What will you, your family, your small group do to welcome the alien and stranger among us this Christmas?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together - in huddles):

8. How were/are you alienated from God and His Kingdom? How is God calling you to walk in His steps this Christmas season? Talk about it, invite accountability, and pray together.

Daily Readings:

Use this chronological reading of the Christmas story for your personal quiet time or with friends and/or family through Advent.

- Day 1: Hosea 11
- Day 2: Colossians 1:15-20
- Day 3: John 1:1-14,
- Day 4: Matthew 1:1-17
- Day 5: Luke 1:1-25
- Day 6: Luke 1:26-38
- Day 7: Matthew 1:18-25

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Suggested Resources:

Welcoming the Stranger,

by Matthew Soerens & Jenny Hwang

Undaunted, by Zoya Phan

From Every People and Nation,

by J. Daniel Hays

The Music of Christmas,

by Gary & Sheri Webber

Saving Christmas, www.ssbc.org/sermon-series/saving-christmas/

Let's Connect!

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Fill out the information below and place it in the offering basket at the end of service or **connect with us digitally** by texting VIP to 904-441-8650.

GUESTS: Bring this card with you and join us at The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) following worship today. We'd love to meet you!

Name:

Phone:

Email:

I would like more information about:
