

**CHAPTER 13**  
**SETTLING**  
**IN THE LAND**

The King Who  
Had It All

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# THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

For forty years King David led the nation of Israel and established her firmly in the Promised Land. Upon the death of David, his son Solomon succeeds him as king. Solomon asked for wisdom to lead, and God was pleased to grant this request and gave him wealth and honor as well. Solomon's story began with great promise, incomparable wisdom and magnificent achievement. However, his closing chapter reveals that while starting well is easy, finishing well is a lifelong project that many do not complete.



## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a time for remembering and rejoicing, watching and waiting. On the Sundays leading up to Christmas, we rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ. To celebrate, we light the candles of the Advent wreath. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World. The evergreens remind us that He brings life and are in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

The LORD says to his servant,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be  
my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations, that  
my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
—from Isaiah 49:6, NRSV



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### THIS SUNDAY AT CROSSPOINT

King's Kids  
(grades Kinder-6th)

Nursery  
(ages 1-5)

11:00 AM  
The Story Bible Study  
Worship Center

11:00 AM  
Christmas Choir  
Rehearsal-Music Room

## WELCOME GUESTS

Welcome to CrossPoint, we're so glad you're here! Help us get to know you by filling out the Connection Card in the seat pocket or the online card (found at the QR code on the back of this bulletin). Please stop by Guest Central in the lobby after the service so we can give you our welcome gift, ministry guide, and a copy of The Story. We can't wait to meet you!

mission focus of the month | door international

This month's Mission Focus is DOOR International, an organization dedicated to Deaf Reaching Deaf For Christ. There are 70 million deaf people in the world and approximately 135 different sign languages globally. Sadly, only 2% of the deaf population know and follow Jesus.

DOOR International's vision is that every deaf person is transformed by knowing, following and serving God. Their mission is to bring God's Word and reproducing Christian Fellowships to the deaf of the world. They do this through Bible translation and training Christian deaf individuals to go out into deaf communities throughout the world and plant churches. It is their hope that one day every deaf person will have access to the Bible in their own language. We are honored to support and partner with this dynamic organization. You can learn more at [doorinternational.org](http://doorinternational.org).

"Joy to the World"

JOIN THE  
*Christmas  
Choir*

Sing the Hallelujah Chorus and other Christmas favorites at our Christmas celebration service on Sunday, December 26

Rehearsals in the Music Room  
**TODAY Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 AM**  
Sunday, December 19 at 11:45 AM

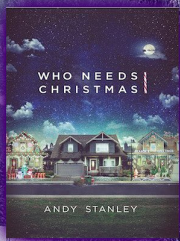
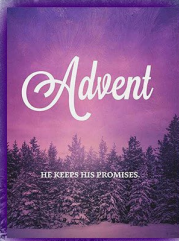
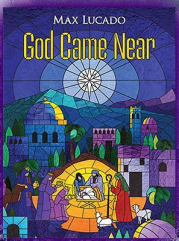
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welcome!*

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pastor of community life

We are excited to have the opportunity to hire Danny Unterkofler as our Pastor of Community Life. Danny will preach on Sunday, December 19 and will be available to respond to any questions from the congregation at 10:45 am immediately following the service. Childcare for Sprouts and King's Kids is available for this time. This will be followed by an advisory congregational vote to ratify the Consistory's decision to call him as Pastor of Community Life for CrossPoint. In this position, Danny's role will be to help connect all the people of CrossPoint to opportunities for ministry using their spiritual gifts. He will also be focused on specific ministry to the post-college through age 40 demographic. Copies of the job description for this position can be found at the reception desk or in the November Council Report that was emailed on November 30.

*Our Advent*  
Recommendations





**CHRISTMAS SERIES  
BEGINS NEXT WEEK  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

He is Prophet, Priest, and King, the Christ of Christmas. Share Him with others this season! People are more likely to accept a personal invitation to church during Christmas than at any other time. Start thinking and praying about those in your circle of influence who need an invitation to our Christmas services. Next Sunday we will provide invitation cards for you to give to family, friends, and neighbors.

*Christmas Eve*  
CANDELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24  
5:00 PM






**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING THIS TUESDAY**

Town Hall meetings are periodically offered at CrossPoint for the purpose of open communication between attendees and members with church leadership, including pastors, staff, and elders. You are invited to participate in a Town Hall this Tuesday, December 14 at 7 PM via Zoom for questions or comments for church leadership. Zoom links will be sent in CrossPoint email today or email [info@crosspointchino.org](mailto:info@crosspointchino.org).



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## Sermon Notes | The King Who Had It All

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Lessons from Solomon:

1. Praying not just for \_\_\_\_\_ but for God's \_\_\_\_\_ to be fulfilled. 1 Kings 3:7-9

Wisdom = The ability to make good life choices, have sound judgments, and make discerning observations.

2. Find a \_\_\_\_\_ and be a \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Chronicles 28:9-10

3. God wants to \_\_\_\_\_! 2 Chronicles 7:1-3

4. Beware of the "\_\_\_\_\_ of life." 1 Kings 11:6-9

### weekly bible reading

- Matthew 2:1-12
- Micah 5:2-6
- Matthew 1
- Luke 23:1-5
- Isaiah 9:1-7
- Matthew 16:13-17
- Revelation 19:11-16

### sermon discussion

- How would you describe the difference between information and wisdom? How do we gain wisdom?
- Read 1 Chronicles 28:9-10. What instructions does David give to Solomon? What do these instructions say to you in your life?
- Who is speaking biblical truth into your life (mentoring you)? Into whose life are you speaking biblical truth? What steps can you take this week to grow in this area?
- The Lord allowed Solomon to build His Temple. What did the Temple represent for the people? Read 1 Corinthians 3:16. In what ways are we like "the Temple"?
- What mistakes did Solomon make that drew him away from the Lord? What are the "seductions of life" that can lead you astray? What are you doing about this?