

# Sermon Notes

December 22 & 23, 2018

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SBC

## Finding Joy in Christmas: The Magi | Matthew 2:1-12

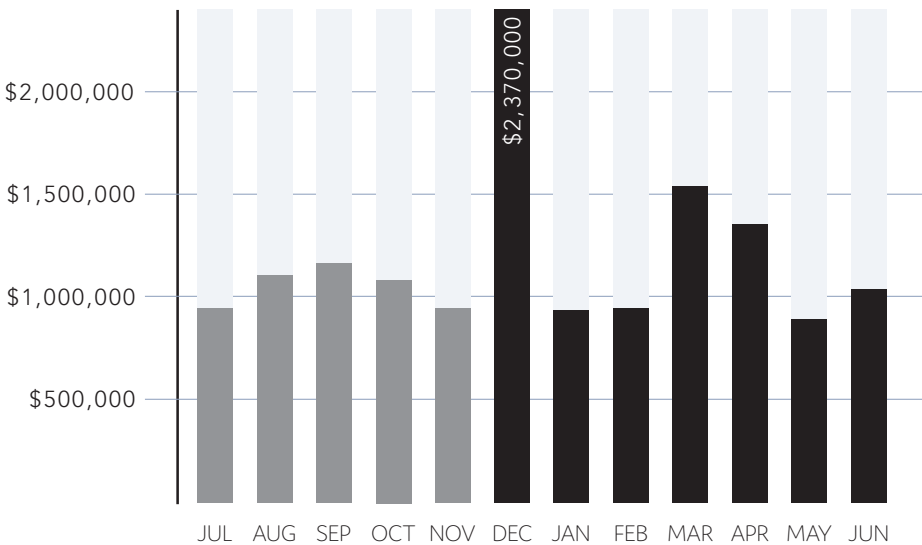
**The Obvious:** Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ those who are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 1-3)

**The Point:** Only Jesus can turn \_\_\_\_\_ into  
\_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 10-11)

# DECEMBER GIVING

Scottsdale Bible Church is blessed to be a community of people who support our ongoing ministries through prayer, service, and financial giving. Your generosity is making a difference, allowing us to reach and serve many people, all in the name of Jesus.

As we strive to be wise stewards of the financial resources given, we shape our yearly budget to reflect a trend of increased giving in December. In fact, we typically receive nearly 17% of contributions this month. The financial reporting you see in the weekly bulletin reflects this pattern, and you will notice an increase in the projected contributions over the next couple weeks. To stay on course for the year, we anticipate receipts of December tithes and offerings as shown below.



Contributions to SBC have been strong for the first five months of our fiscal year, and a strong December will carry us well through the lighter giving months of the late spring and early summer to the end of our giving year on June 30. Any contributions received beyond our budgeted need are being set aside for future expansion and to build a stronger cash balance that will sustain us through the more challenging financial months without the need for lines of credit.

All financial contributions for 2018 must be postmarked or dropped off at the church office no later than December 31. Although our office will be closed December 25–28 and 31, we have a secure drop box for donations located on the northeast corner of the Administrative Office building. The Finance Office welcomes your questions or feedback and can be reached at 480.824.7296.

**THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF SCOTTSDALE BIBLE CHURCH!**