

FEATURED NEXT STEP: FOLLOW

Saying "YES" to Jesus? Let us know when you "Check In" on the app, or by double-circling "say yes" on your Check-In card, or by texting YES to 603-225-2550. Let us celebrate your decision with you & resource you for your new life in Christ with the booklet devotional "You Said Yes."

OUR MISSION & VISION

We **inspire** & **equip** people to follow Jesus **wholeheartedly**, because we believe that following Jesus makes **life better**, makes you better at life, and brings glory to God.

OUR STRATEGY

We **welcome** people wherever they are on their spiritual journey and **encourage** them along one step at a time.

OUR OBJECTIVES



YOUR NEXT STEPS

At Cornerstone, **Next Steps** are the path to participation in the life of the church and the way to make progress on your spiritual journey. Indicate your **new** Next Step commitment when you check in.

KNOW God

- **Worship** together weekly.
- **Follow** Jesus daily.

GROW Together

- **Connect** in a small group relationally.
- **Invite** others regularly.

GO Make a Difference

- **Serve** on a team monthly.
- **Give** a percentage consistently.

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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COMMUNION SUNDAY & 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Your name: _____

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YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

CORNERSTONE ON SITE & CORNERSTONE ONLINE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

UNEXPECTED MESSIAH

AN UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS—PART ONE • MATTHEW 2:1-12

“Imagine expecting to meet a king in a _____ but finding Him in a _____.”

THE BOTTOM LINE

GOD WORKS THROUGH THE _____ TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PERFECT PLAN.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." – Matthew 2:1-2

God's Unexpected Plan

God's choice of Bethlehem and a humble setting for Jesus' birth shows us that His ways are not our _____.



The "Bethlehems" in your life—the small, overlooked parts—might be where God is doing His greatest _____.

Finding God in the Chaos

God's presence can be found in the midst of chaos and _____.

Instead of asking, "Why is this happening?"

Ask "Where is _____ in this?"



Worship in the Unexpected

A hospital room, a tough moment, or solitude can become _____ ground when we acknowledge God's presence.

Shift focus from your circumstances to your _____

and approach Him with worship.

The Relevance for Today

Look for God in the unexpected places.



This Christmas, trade _____
for expectancy and look for God in unexpected places.



The messy manger moments of life are often
where God's _____ shines brightest.

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard.

1. Which part of today's message stood out to you and why?
2. From Matthew 2:1-12, list all the things you can that were unexpected about this act of the Christmas story.
3. What expectations can you trade for expectancy in this season of your life?

About our guest preacher, Kevin Twombly –

Pastor Kevin Twombly serves as the lead pastor of Restoration Foursquare Church (RFC) in Concord, NH. He has been married to Kim for thirty years and have three children, Megan (25), Makenna (20), and Noah (15). With a heart for fostering unity and spiritual growth, Pastor Kevin emphasizes biblical teaching that connects scripture with practical application. Passionate about discipleship and community engagement, he enjoys helping others deepen their faith and walk with Jesus. Outside of ministry, Kevin loves being active through walking, hiking, and cycling, as well as sharing laughter and a love for 80's music. His personal journey of restoration reflects God's unchanging purpose and inspires his commitment to serving with authenticity and grace.



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CORNERSTONE TOP THREE

Find the Top Three on the top of our app's opening screen (& linked from our home page). CornerstoneNH.org/app

1. **We're celebrating communion today!** We usually celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month.
2. **Our Christmas Eve service will be 7 PM on Tuesday, 12/24.** Plan now to show up and invite friends and family.
3. **Please consider Cornerstone in your end-of-year giving!** Did you know that the last quarter of the year is usually key to making our budget at your church? When you get those end-of-year appeals and Giving Tuesday comes around, please consider remembering Cornerstone too. The regular giving of our congregation is our primary source of funding and is key to insuring that we can meet our obligations and start the new year on a firm footing.

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UNEXPECTED

#4: **Save the date!** A ladies Christmas evening of fellowship is being planned for December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

More details will follow!