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We love kids in worship! However, if you prefer, a nursery is available for infants to kids age four on the first floor of the A-Building. Kids' Church is available for kindergarten through fifth graders. Kids should be checked in by 10:50am in Room A201. A greeter is happy to escort you there.

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Worship Attendance.....305
December Giving.....\$20,600
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Psalm 84:5-7; Psalm 139:7-10

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Operation Christmas Douglas County– December 15 | We have the opportunity to bless 300+ boys and girls ages 5 through 18 in our local community. Donate toys and red, white, and green tissue paper and new or gently-used Christmas gift bags in the bin marked “DFUMC On Mission” in the office lobby through December 12. Sign-up to serve December 15 at www.douglasvillefumc.org/servant.

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FX (Family Experience) Christmas, December 24 | Bring the whole family for a worship experience at 1:00pm Christmas Eve in Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-Building) that includes music, games, cookies and hot chocolate. A nursery will be provided.

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Christmas Offering | Our Christmas offering will go to Douglasville Dinner Church and our international mission partner in Thailand. Please write “Christmas Offering” on the memo line of your check to DFUMC or give online at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/give.

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AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

Jesus loves you and desires to be in relationship with you. Jesus offers you abundant life (peace, joy, meaning, purpose, love, fulfillment) now and forevermore.

AN INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

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