MORE ABOUT THE SERIES

During the month of December, Waxahachie Bible Church will be participating with about 30 other churches in the area in a collaborative effort around the Messianic theme, Heis>. For months participating churches have been brainstorming, collecting ideas and combining resources, putting together worship elements to make this a community-wide expression of the magnificent gift of God’s Son who we celebrate at Christmas. While churches will each have their own unique way of presenting the themes, participating churches will all focus on the same five biblical texts during the Christmas season. Participating churches are across denominational lines and include congregations in Waxahachie, Ennis, Midlothian, Maypearl, Rice, DeSoto, Red Oak, Corsicana, Thousands upon thousands of t-shirts have been printed and distributed at area churches during November and are asked to be worn as often as possible throughout the area during the weeks of the series. The shirts are available on a donation basis at WBC to help defray the costs of the shirts. The roll out of the Heis> shirt is tied in with “Black Friday” , November 29th, 2013. We hope the shirts will spark questions and encourage conversations about the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as people see the shirts at school and businesses across the area. As conversations are initiated we pray that many will present the gospel message of Jesus Christ and invite others to attend WBC church during the Christmas season. We hope that many newcomers will come to WBC during the month of December. Do your part in inviting people who have no church home of regular attendance to come and be with us.

An accompanying Heis> website will also be launched on Black Friday at www.Heisgreater.com This website address will be on the back of the t-shirts and will contain a listing of all the participating churches, locations and worship schedule times by city, as well as a family resource Heis> devotional guide. Also on the website will be a “Twelve Days of Christmas Kindness” guide to encourage believers across the participating churches to creatively express their faith in tangible ways to others.
This is the most extensive collaborative, cross denominational cooperative expression in Ellis County for some time and centers around the central character of Christmas, Jesus Christ.

**QUOTES ON THE TOPIC**

“During a break from our TV interview on Larry King Live in March of 2006, Larry surprised Jerry Jenkins and me with this statement: “I am not a believer, but I have the utmost respect for Jesus Christ. I believe He was the most influential person who ever lived.” Why would Larry King make such a statement? Because it’s true. Of the estimated more than thirteen billion people who have lived on the earth since the dawn of recorded history, why does the one named Jesus Christ draw so much attention—more attention without question than any other person? The world has always been, is now, and will forever be fascinated by Jesus. But why? Before we attempt to answer that question, let’s consider the facts: He has served as the inspiration for more literature, more music, and more works of art than any other person in history. Millions of churches throughout the world have been built in His honor. Our calendar has been set according to His birth. The two biggest holidays celebrated worldwide each year, Christmas and Easter, commemorate His birth and His resurrection. Nearly everyone who has lived on this planet during the last two millennia has heard of Him. Is there any other person who comes to mind for which the same can be said? Amazingly, His influence in the world has not diminished over the course of the succeeding centuries. Despite ever-evolving cultural changes and notwithstanding media reports to the contrary, Jesus is just as relevant to this generation as He was when He walked the shores of Galilee. Throughout the ages, people inspired by His teachings have taken the initiative to build the majority of the world’s hospitals, instigate the formation of most of our colleges and universities, and launch countless humanitarian programs in nearly every part of the globe.

**Dr. Tim LaHaye**

“JESUS has an impressive resume. Being born of a virgin and living a sinless life is impressive. We’ve all seen impressive resumes and we try to write impressive resumes. But any employer who’s ever hired anyone knows a great resume isn’t good enough. The resume is a start but it doesn’t tell the whole story. At a glance, the resume can show where someone went to school, how much job experience they have, and what skills they have. However, references can give another piece of the picture. They tell an employer what other people think of the applicant. An employer wants to know not only what’s on the resume but also what other people have to say. They want to check and see if what is on the resume is actually true. In addition to checking references, an employer will request an interview. This gives an opportunity for the employer and applicant to meet face-to-face. Jesus has a great resume and there are plenty of people who can even testify and give Him a reference. However, the best kind of information comes from personally having an interview and being able to say that He’s everything He declares Himself to be based on experience. Having a personal relationship with Jesus is to know for oneself that He is real.”

**Dr. Tony Evans**
The late Dr. D. James Kennedy, in his book What If Jesus Had Never Been Born? wrote about a man named Charles Bradlaugh, a nineteenth-century atheist who challenged Hugh Price Hughes, an active Christian evangelist working among the poor in the slums of London, to a debate on the validity of Christianity. Hughes told Bradlaugh he would agree to the debate on one condition: He said, “I propose to you that we each bring some concrete evidences of the validity of our belief in the form of men and women who have been redeemed from the lives of sin and shame by the influence of our teaching. I will bring one hundred such men and women, and I challenge you to do the same.” Hughes then said that if Bradlaugh couldn’t bring one hundred, then he could bring fifty; if he couldn’t bring fifty, then he could bring twenty. He finally whittled the number down to one. All Bradlaugh had to do was to find one person whose life was improved by atheism and Hughes—who would bring one hundred people improved by Christ—would agree to debate him. Bradlaugh eventually withdrew.

Dr. D. James Kennedy

“If you were to look closely at America’s three leading news magazines—Time, Newsweek, and U.S. News & World Report—you might notice a rather odd recurring phenomenon. These magazines are dedicated to covering the top political, economic, scientific, and entertainment news from around the world each week. And although they occasionally touch on religious issues, these would certainly not be classified as religious publications. And yet, they have placed Jesus Christ on their covers more than two dozen times in the last decade! In fact, Jesus has appeared on more covers of Time than any other person who has ever lived, with the exception of the last few U.S. presidents. It begs the question as to why these news organizations who deal primarily with current events would find the details surrounding a Jewish carpenter from an insignificant Middle Eastern village who lived and died two thousand years ago so compelling as to feature cover stories about Him again and again. What’s going on? Time magazine itself has featured Jesus on its cover an astonishing twenty-one times during the last seven decades—and that’s in addition to another sixty-five cover stories dealing with the subject of Christianity during this same period. To put this in perspective, examine the following list, which chronicles the number of times each of these other famous individuals (excluding recent U.S. presidents) have appeared on the cover of Time since the beginning of World War II: Jesus Christ—21 Mikhail Gorbachev—14 Saddam Hussein—14 Henry Kissinger—11 Nelson Rockefeller—11 Al Gore—10 Fidel Castro—8 Princess Diana—8 Bill Gates—8 Joseph Stalin—8 Spiro Agnew—7 Yasser Arafat—7 Douglas MacArthur—6 O. J. Simpson—6 Mao Tse-tung—6 Winston Churchill—5 Thomas Dewey—5 Newt Gingrich—5 John Kerry—5 Martin Luther King—5 Osama bin Laden—5 Yitzhak Rabin—5 The Beatles—4 Dick Cheney—4 Albert Einstein—4 John Glenn—4 Billy Graham—4 Adolph Hitler—4 Howard Hughes—4”

Dr. Tim LaHaye