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(slide of Christmas and Eve service time)

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(slide just dates for 21 Days of Prayer & fasting January 6-26)

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(I’LL SEND PIC OF ME IN HOSPITAL)

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Rom 8:28 ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^a have been called according to his purpose.