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**The December Kingdom Ledger: Big News, Big Momentum, Big Kingdom Impact**

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**Kingdom Ledger In This Issue** ~ Big leadership news, a can't-miss workshop, a national Lion's Den spotlight, new coaching and tax insights, and fresh ways to grow your faith, your business, and your influence heading into 2026

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## Marketplace Leader Spotlight



Duane Donner and Pastor Chris talking purpose and God-shaped calling.

**Duane Donner**, Founder & CEO of Founders Advisors and one of the most trusted voices integrating **faith and business**, is launching the **IMPACT CEO Podcast** on December 3rd — a new platform sharing real stories from CEOs and leaders who are building businesses with eternal purpose. Few people carry the depth of wisdom, calling, and credibility in this space like Duane, and this podcast will be a gift to every leader hungry for Kingdom-centered leadership. **Sign up for updates and early access episodes here.**

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☀️ **Welcome to the Kingdom Ledger** — Birmingham's trusted monthly briefing for faith-driven business leaders and Kingdom-minded investors. ☀️

You're not just reading updates — you're part of a **1,300-strong community** that's building Birmingham's **only consistent, high-trust platform** for Kingdom-minded leadership in business.

This isn't passive content. It's **influence in motion** — where open rates soar, click-throughs stay strong, and readers come back because they find **clarity, alignment, and purpose** they won't find anywhere else.

🎧 This month's highlight: **Duane Donner's IMPACT CEO Podcast** — real stories, real wisdom, real Kingdom leadership.

With gratitude,

**Martin A. Briggs**

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EVENTS



James Justice guiding local business leaders with clarity and Kingdom purpose.

**James Justice**, CEO & Founder of **Cornerstone Coaching**, is hosting a powerful **Year-End Workshop** on **December 10th, 7:30–11:30 a.m.** at **Smooth Rock Conference Center** to equip faith-driven business owners and executives for a strong finish to 2025 and bold start to 2026. Produced with **Beth Seibert**, this event is built for “Believers in the Boardroom,” and you can view the full event flyer [here](#)

[➔ View Event Details & Flyer](#)





The Dallas Lion's Den is hosting its final *virtual practice pitch* of the year on December 9th — an ideal space for investors looking for fresh ideas and founders wanting to practice their pitch and learn from others. With high-level insights, a dynamic NFL-champion guest speaker, and a room full of Kingdom-minded leaders, this is one of the best ways to sharpen your venture or your investment lens. **Be sure to RSVP and join in.**

[→ RSVP for the Virtual Pitch Session](#)

## LEADERSHIP



Andrew Clark (center) receiving recognition at the Dallas Lion's Den CEO Alumni Dinner.

**Andrew Clark** of **Jeremiah Fund** recently spent time in Dallas with the **DFW Lion's Den**, where he received **special recognition at the CEO Alumni Dinner** for strengthening the Birmingham–Dallas partnership and advancing faith-driven investing across both regions. His nationwide travel this quarter — including NYC, DC, and Columbia — reflects a fund gaining real traction, with early portfolio companies already showing **3x and 1.8x cap-adjusted valuation increases**.





From Slappey Communications to IT VOICE.

[Will Slappey](#), CEO of IT Voice, is celebrating **42 years in business**, honoring the foundation his father [Bill Slappey](#) built and the remarkable growth that has followed — including **10X-ing the company over the past decade**. It's inspiring to see such strong generational leadership and vision, and you can view his full post [here](#).

# EMPOWERMENT





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**Dee Fomby** — a dear friend of Kayla and me and a trusted tax professional for many years — is reminding everyone that the **IRS has increased the standard deduction**, which could mean **lower tax bills and higher refunds** this season. Dee opens her doors **January 5th** and will be offering refund advances, company loans, and more for qualifying clients; you can learn more [here](#)



**HUNT FINANCIAL STRATEGIES**

As an investor and business leader, year-end tax and investment strategy stay high on my radar, so this update from my friend **Steve Hunt, Financial Professional at Hunt Financial Strategies**, came at the perfect time. His **market snapshot** is a solid benchmark for my own self-directed trading fund, and his insights on **2026 tax brackets** and **new retirement limits** are especially helpful heading into planning season. If you're reviewing your financial protection or gearing up for tax season, Steve is a trusted voice who brings clarity when it matters most.

## COMMUNITY



A WBL small group gathering—women encouraging one another in faith and leadership.

I want to encourage the women reading this month's Ledger to consider getting involved with **WBL (Women Business Leaders)** in 2026. Led by **Sharon Head**, WBL is one of Birmingham's most meaningful spaces for women who want to grow in Christ while confidently living out their calling in the workplace.

Through **events**, **small groups**, and **authentic fellowship**, WBL helps women strengthen their faith, build lasting relationships, and bring Kingdom influence into every part of life. If you're looking for a Christ-centered community where women encourage, sharpen, and lift one another — **WBL is a beautiful place to begin next year.**

[→ Learn More About WBL](#)



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Thanks for reading this December edition of The Kingdom Ledger.

As we close out the year, I'm grateful for each of you who helps make this 1,300-strong community the most trusted space in Birmingham for faith-driven leadership in business. This isn't passive content — it's Kingdom influence in motion, and your engagement is what gives it life.

If something in this issue encouraged you, challenged you, or sparked a next step, I invite you to follow it. And if you'd like to revisit past stories or catch up on anything you missed, the last six months of Kingdom Ledger editions are available on our [Corporate Correspondence Page](#).

With gratitude and expectation,

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