



genesis church

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JUST A LITTLE *Reminder* THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study
via ZOOM
More Information to follow

WEDNESDAY

NO Worship Team Practice

6:30 **Virtual** Youth Group
through **Video Conferencing**
Contact Chris for details

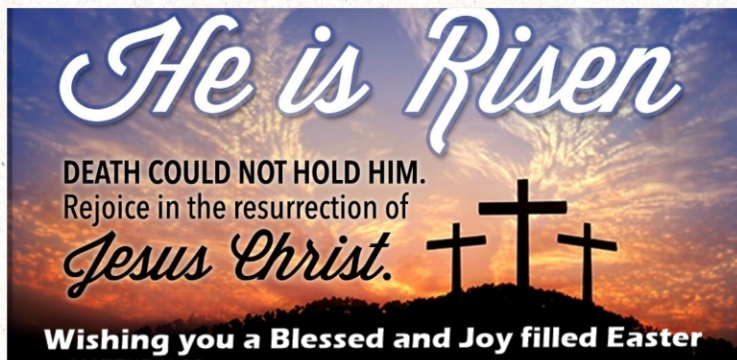
NO Ladies Bible Studies or
Men's Small Group
All Men's activities have been
cancelled until further notice

NO Saturday Morning Walk

PRAYER

changes things

Continue to pray for
Carl Volgarino
Barbara Van Arman
Karen Gupton
Jimmy Morrison
Lynn Lindsey
Doug Wight



A Message from Pastor Derrick

An Easter Message for Our Times John 19:23-24; 20:6-8 and Revelation 7:9-10

If seamless garments could speak on this unlikely Easter, they would say:

- (1) We have a better priest, pastor and preacher (Jn 19:23-24)
One not distant; but approachable in times like these

23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. 24 "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, "They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment." So this is what the soldiers did.

Principles from the Text:

- (1) In the Old Covenant, the High Priest wore a seamless robe (Ex 28)
(2) If a High Priest tore his robe, he disqualified himself (Mt 26:65)
(3) Jesus garment is still seamless.
14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,[a] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Heb 4:14-16)

- (2) We have a better hope (Jn 20:6-8)

Capable of turning the greatest trauma into the greatest triumph

6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

Principles from the Text:

- (1) After his death, Jesus' body was wrapped from head to neck in strips of linen (Jn 19:39-40)
(2) 75 pounds of myrrh and aloes solidified the linens, thereby making it a hardshell cocoon (Jn 19:39-40)
(3) Linens remained exactly as they were; just the body was gone. It couldn't have been stolen and therefore had to be a miracle.

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3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Pet 1:3)

(3) We have a better future (Jn 20:7)

Because Jesus assured us from the empty tomb of another resurrection

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Principles from the Text:

(1) In Jewish tradition, how a master left his napkin communicated volumes of information to his servants

(2) If it was crumpled up and discarded, the meal was over.

(3) If it is folded, the master wasn't finished.

(4) Even in the greatest event in human history, Jesus was still crafting the story of redemption.

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (Jn 14:1-3)

(4) We have a completed story (Rev 7:9-10)

Jesus' resurrection completed our script. We just need to walk forward.

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Principles from the Text:

(1) Standing before the throne is a position of grace and gratitude

(2) White robes denote the reason

A Letter to the Genesis Church Family from Bobby Lindsey

Dear Church Family,

I apologize for taking so long to write this letter. I am continually overwhelmed with the People of Genesis. You are amazing Christians. Only the Lord knows the huge number of prayers that have been offered on Lynn's behalf. A week never passes that she doesn't receive several cards in the mail. The Lord has many ways of showing us his love, but I think my favorite way of feeling God's love is when it comes through the love of his people. I thank you all. You have touched our hearts.

On the day of her most recent surgery, and after Derrick had already made one round trip to Miami, I was expecting a long three hour wait by myself because the University of Miami Hospital had already implemented Coronavirus Protocol that only allowed one family member to enter the Hospital. Our daughters were having to stay at the hotel. Much to my surprise, due to clerical privilege, divine intervention, and DW ingenuity in walked Derrick. What a blessing! We are truly blessed with an amazing, caring Pastor. Thanks Brother. The progression of Genesis Church has been an amazing phenomenon, but not surprising. No one, but the Lord himself, could have convinced Derrick West to return to the ministry. Many of us tried unsuccessfully. We are truly a blessed church and I know that we will succeed through the current challenges. I hope that my career as the official Genesis hugger will survive. Your staff, officers, and deacons are all working behind the scenes. I am so anxious to see you all and anticipate that it will not be too much longer.

We love you all!
Bobby

Hello Church Family;

Reminder

I'm grateful to all of you in general; but exceedingly thankful to the Lord for his provision for our church during the COVID19 crisis. I address financial and giving matters on rare occasions that warrant the attention. This is one of those occasions.

We have three methods of giving we've established during the pandemic. The first two methods are the most preferable:

1. US Mail - PO Box 650944 Vero Beach, FL 32965
2. Pick Up or Drop Off - The preacher does "drive by's" - just call him to arrange a time for pickup. Drop it off at the church office between 9-3 Tuesday - Thursday
3. Give online - We also welcome online giving. To do this, please go to <https://www.gcvero.com/give-/>

The Lord is With Us,

Derrick



Due to the community restrictions caused by the Coronavirus situation, Libby has had to cut back on some of the organized activities for the youth involved with Youth for Christ. Consequently, they are looking for something productive to do, You could be the recipient of the gift of their time if you need assistance with running errands or other small jobs. They would appreciate the opportunity to give back to the churches that support them. Please call Libby Sanderson for more information at 910-985-0079.



From the Comfort of Your Own Home

Our Sunday Services will continue to be on the Genesis Website until further notice.

<https://www.gcvero.com/watch>

(Share link with your family & friends)

As soon as we know when we may reconvene in person you, the beloved church family of Genesis, will be the first to know.



One More Thing---

Though we will not be able to gather together with one another as we normally would on Easter, we can use this sacred time to focus on prayer, reflection, and growing in our personal relationship with God. So important.

I ask all Americans to pray that God will heal our nation; to bring comfort to those who are grieving; to give strength to the doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers; to restore health to the sick; and to renew the hope in every person who is suffering. Our nation will come through like never before.

I thank the many families who have prayed for me and for my family. And your prayers are felt, and I am forever grateful.

As our nation battles the invisible enemy, we reaffirm that Americans believe in the power of prayer. We give thanks for the majesty of creation and for the gift of eternal life. And we place our trust in the hands of Almighty God.

I'd like to just wish everybody a very Happy Easter. We're going to be celebrating that very, very special day, and it's going to be, hopefully, a very good weekend and a very productive weekend.

Excerpt from President's remarks at Easter Blessing with Bishop Harry Jackson

