



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

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
Lynn Lindsey

Jimmy Morrison was at church looking
good and feeling some better even
though he doesn't yet have a diagnosis.

And Lord, during this time may your
Church be a sign of hope, comfort and
love to all.

Be strong and courageous;
DO NOT BE
FRIGHTENED OR DISMAYED,
FOR THE LORD YOUR *God*
IS WITH *you*
WHEREVER YOU GO.

-Joshua 1:9


A Message from Pastor Derrick

The Lord Is My Shepherd
When Fear Lurks in the Shadows
Psalm 23

When Fear Lurks, Remember These Images:

(1) The Image of An Artistic Masterpiece (v1)

Painted by Jesus; Entitled "The Lord is My Shepherd"

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Principles of the Text

- (a) In the Ancient Near East, the word "shepherd," referenced precisely 80 times in Scripture, had two distinct definitions.
- (b) People used it to refer to kings and rulers.
- (c) People used it to refer to individuals who watched over, protected, and treated the wounds of a flock of sheep.

Application

- (a) The power behind successful endeavors, no matter the area, directly corresponds to your willingness to be conquered by the goodness of God.
- (b) Our Shepherd is sovereign (definition 1) and good (definition 2) at the same time and can be trusted; but not manipulated.

(2) The Image of a Counting Machine (v2-3)

Because no one on this earth is more blessed than you in light of the aforementioned
"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."
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Principles of the Text

- (a) Much of the Holy Land is dry and rocky. Green grass is hard to find; "saw" grass is much easier to come across.
- (b) Few fresh water sources exist.

Application

Blessing 1: Jesus shepherds us to rest (2a)

Blessing 2: Jesus takes the initiative to meet your needs before you ask (2b)

Blessing 3: Jesus has put your soul back to its original state (3a)

Blessing 4: Jesus guides you down the best paths for you in life, not necessarily the easiest (3b)

(3) The Image of A Confession Booth (v4)

Because both the valley and the presence of the shepherd are real

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Principles of the Text

(a) Migrating patterns required shepherds to lead their sheep through deep canyons because water pooled at the bottom of them.

(b) Dark shadows made these canyons not visible and bandits hid by the water. Consequently, these dark canyons were called "the valleys of the shadow of death."

Application

(a) The "valley of the shadow of death" is a necessary place the Good Shepherd leads us to many times in life.

(b) The comfort of the Shepherd is contrasted with the valley to show His love is far greater

(4) The Image of a Dinner Table at the Shepherd's House (v5-6)

Because we always have an open invitation to rest securely

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Principles of the Text

(a) The image moves from a shepherd to a host. And in the Ancient Near East, a host assumed all responsibility for the guest.

(b) The guest had only one role: to sit down and enjoy the meal until it was over and time to leave.

Application

(a) We can rest securely right now even though the tempest rages.

(b) We never wear out our welcome to rest in God.



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

ATTENTION YOUTH

Chris is planning a Video Conference Meeting
this coming Wednesday.
Please call for further details.
772-302-7320



we are practicing
**SOCIAL
DISTANCING**

Please Don't Forget



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.

May Birthdays



- 1 - Ross Partee & Burk Lockhart
- 3 - Connor Roberts
- 5 - Matt Kastensmidt & Martin White
- 7 - Jeff Smith
- 15- Luke Ricciardone
- 16 -Jeff Fields
- 17 - Bobbie Parris
- 25 - Madeline Partee
- 27 - Libby Sanderson
- 28 - Julie Kastensmidt
- 30 - Mandy Fetzer



**Drive-In Services
May 3, 2020**

**while continuing services on the
website so you may watch in the
comfort of your home**

www.gcvero.com/watch

(Share link with your family & friends)

More information to follow

One More Thing--

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea ... Psalm 46:1-2 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
—Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
—1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
—Psalm 23:4 (NIV)

Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.
—Psalm 57:1 (NIV)

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
—Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)