



# genesis church

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**TUESDAY**  
**NO** Pastor's Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY**  
6:30 Worship Team Practice  
at the Church

6:30 Youth Group  
Meeting at the Church  
Snacks will be Provided  
Contact Chris for details

**THURSDAY**  
**NO** Ladies Bible Study  
**NO** Men's Small Group

**SATURDAY**  
8:00 Reflective Walk  
Memorial Island



Carl Volgarino  
Barbara Van Arman  
Karen Gupton  
Jimmy Morrison  
Lynn Lindsey

These names are left on the prayer list as they continue to heal and face other challenges. There are good days and not so good; and just when things are looking positive, it seems another challenge surfaces.. So please continue to keep Barbara, Carl, Karen, Jimmy and Lynn in your prayers.

Linda Napier's surgery date has been postponed due to further testing procedures. Please continue to pray for Linda and the Napier family.

Update: Jim Newsome sends his appreciation for your prayers and has reported that Karan is doing much better. He and other family members were allowed to speak with her today. She should be well enough to be moved to a Rehab Hospital in a few days. He is praising the Lord.



## *The Pastor's Page*

### Prayer for Pastor Derrick

Pastor Derrick is feeling better - and doesn't have anything serious - at least nothing that a few days of rest won't cure. He doesn't have the Virus; but the change in work habits can take its toll on all of us especially Pastors. We all know how serious our Pastor takes his responsibility in shepherding our church and we know that working from home makes it harder than ever to draw healthy boundaries between the day's work and the night's sleep, between the six days of work and the one day of rest. Work is everywhere. In today's world, It shouts at you from your laptop, your tablet, your iPhone. It interrupts your sleep, keeping you from a good night's rest. Let's pray that Pastor Derrick will be given grace to turn off his mind and rest—and perhaps even literally turn his devices off for a few days to refresh and reenergize his mind and body. He assures us that he will be back in the Pulpit next Sunday.

### AND:

Pastor Derrick sends his sincere appreciation to Pastor Sam Kastensmidt for stepping up to "The Podium" in his absence. The Congregation thanks him as well. Pastor Sam is the Outreach Pastor at Rio Vista Church in Fort Lauderdale and is the brother of Matt Kastensmidt. He asked that we not hold that against him. We promised that we wouldn't.

He delivered a powerful & timely message for the times that we are experiencing not only with the virus but with the civil unrest happening around the country. Sam's message came from

Psalm 4 - Answer Me When I Call

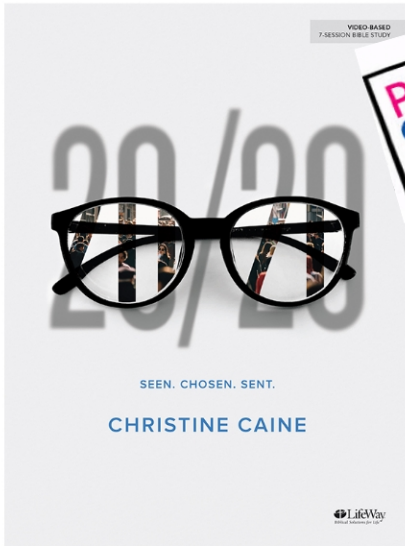
### My Take Away:

Pastor Sam told us what a wonderful blessing to be able to be a child of God in a sinful world. We have the protection of our creator in every facet of our lives. Even beyond what we enjoy now, we have the promise that we will be with him in eternity. While Satan may tempt us but with every temptation, our Lord provides a way of escape. There may be sickness or disease upon us or even take our physical lives but he cannot separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. We may face persecution but the worst that can happen does not begin to compare with the glory that is waiting for us when this life is over. He further stated that the best citizens of America recognize that they are also citizens of Heaven and that we need to be a light to the world in these times of anxiety. He encouraged us to be honest and real with the Lord about any pain or anxiety that we are experiencing as the pain turns to a promise from the Lord to grow our hearts even larger than before.





**YOUTH GROUP**  
6:30 Wednesday at the Church  
Call Chris for Details  
**Snacks will be Served**



**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**  
**THURSDAY**  
**JULY 16, 2020**  
6:30 at the CHURCH

NO SNACKS - WATER PROVIDED

**Social Distancing will be in place**  
RSVP to Gloria,  
Email [glorybqt@yahoo.com](mailto:glorybqt@yahoo.com)  
or text to 772-633-0209

## **A note from Art to the Men**

Due to the spike in Covid-19 Cases in Indian River County and the Treasure Coast, the Men's Small Group Plans have been cancelled until further notice.

When faced with fear of the unknown, turning to an all-knowing God is a good place to start. And for people of faith, we know that God answers prayers and that, as it says in James 5:16, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

That doesn't mean we only pray; we act as well, but, calmed by the awareness of the presence of God, we can respond with clarity and direction.

## One More Thing---

(Shared by Joyce Wynne)

America, You Exist by My Power  
by Max Lucado

Every national privilege can be traced back to the hand of God. If we have liberty, we can thank the One who came to “proclaim liberty to the captives... to set at liberty those who are oppressed” (Luke 4:18 NKJV). If we enjoy a robust economy or a high tide of justice, we don’t limit our thanks to senators or the Supreme Court; we thank God.

Tally this up. God makes the boundaries. He determines the leaders. He dispenses the blessings. And America exists by the power of God. Can we afford to forget this—can we afford to sever this single, silver strand that supports the whole framework of our republic?

Only at terrible risk.

“If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods, worshiping and bowing down to them, you will certainly be destroyed” (Deut. 8:19, NLT).

“America,” God says, “you exist by My power.” That’s the first reminder. But God doesn’t stop there. A second reminder commands our attention.

America, you exist for My glory.

Recall what God said through the prophet, “I will demonstrate my glory among the nations” (Ezekiel 39:21, NLT).

God does not need the United States in order to advance His cause. He lobbies no country and depends on no government. “No, for all the nations of the world are nothing in comparison with him. They are but a drop in the bucket, dust on the scales. He picks up the islands as though they had no weight at all. The nations of the world are as nothing to him. In his eyes they are less than nothing—mere emptiness and froth” (Isaiah 40:15, 17 NLT).

Suppose—just suppose—God’s glory became America’s prayer and priority: “Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory” (Psalm 115:1). Suppose our elected officials daily asked. How can we honor God in our decisions? How can this school introduce students to God? How can this army promote the name of God?

Remember, who manages the hearts of rulers? Who prompts the decisions of kings? God does. God can change a nation.

For that reason, we must pray—pray with all our hearts—that America would turn back to God.

“Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name’s sake” (Psalm 79:9).