



genesis church

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THIS WEEK TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study
at the Church

WEDNESDAY

6:30 Worship Team Practice
at the church
6:30 Youth Group
call Libby for Details

SATURDAY

8:00 Ladies Reflective Walk
at Memorial Island

PRAYER

changes things

Lynn Lindsey
Ken & Celeste Freeman as they continue
their travels
Gloria Thomas
Diane Margolis & Family as they mourn
the death of Diane's husband, Alan
Susan Jones
Carl Volgarino & family as he recovers
from an accident and for an anticipated
surgery either Tuesday or Wednesday

When life gets
too hard to stand,

kneel

A Message from Pastor Derrick

The Table Waiter That Changed the World The Story of the Non-Apostle, Ordinary Fella named Stephen Acts 6-7

“Wait a minute, preacher. I thought you were preaching through 1 John?” I am and we will continue our journey through that phenomenal epistle when next we gather at the river. But I’ve been going through the Book of Acts in my private time with the Lord and teaching through it on Tuesday evening. And there’s one person in it I can’t get off my mind. His story has a lot to tell us about who God uses to perform - by far - his greatest works. Here’s a hint: they are not professional ministers or hired holy men.

Why Stephen?

1. **Servant:** Gospel advances, church grows, people’s lives are changed via servanthood(6:1-5)
 - a. Consumer Christianity: “what’s in it for me” = modeled after the world = church hopping mentality
 - b. Servanthood Christianity: “how can I serve you, Lord, and others” = modeled by Jesus = bloom where God plants you mentality
2. **Ordinary:** Ordinary people, not preachers, are the greatest Gospel advancing, church growing, and life changing force this world has ever seen (6: 8-10)
 - a. Number of Apostles Featured in Acts 6-7: One (7:58)
 - b. Number of Ordinary People in Acts 6-7: One
3. **Thy Word:** Serving others opened doors. But the Word of God was more important than his own life (7: 1-2)
 - a. Longest sermon by someone not named Jesus in NT
 - b. Sermon world had no counter argument for (7:52, 60)
 - c. Sermon hidden in heart long before occasion
4. **Self-Denial:** Most effective contribution to the kingdom came via self-denial, not self-interest (7:55)
 - a. Jesus seated at the right hand of God = the NT expression
 - b. Jesus standing at the right hand of God = only used here



Don't Spend Thanksgiving Alone

Gloria Cutting will be having dinner at a local restaurant and is inviting anyone who would like to join her. The cost will be \$20-\$25 per person.

This will be a great way to spend Thanksgiving with a group of people who love and support each other.

For more information, call Gloria at **772-633-0209**

You will either have fun with existing friends or make a few new ones.

It's a Win-Win either way.



**Your Offering Envelopes for 2020
are in the Church Sanctuary ready for pickup.**

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
(2 Cor. 9:7)



MERRY CHRISTMAS

You are cordially invited to attend the 3rd Annual Ladies Christmas Outreach Luncheon **to be held at the Church** on 12/7 from 11:30 - 1:30.

The music will be provided by the Indian River Charter High School String Quarter

Please RSVP to Connie Poppell (conipop45@gmail.com) by or before November 30th

We are limited to 160 (plus servers).

When you email your reservations to Connie, please let her know what you will be providing as a side dish.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

with preparation, decorating, set-up and clean-up
for the Ladies Outreach Luncheon



Wednesday, December 4th from 1 - 3:00 PM - Decorate the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 5th - Calling all Men-

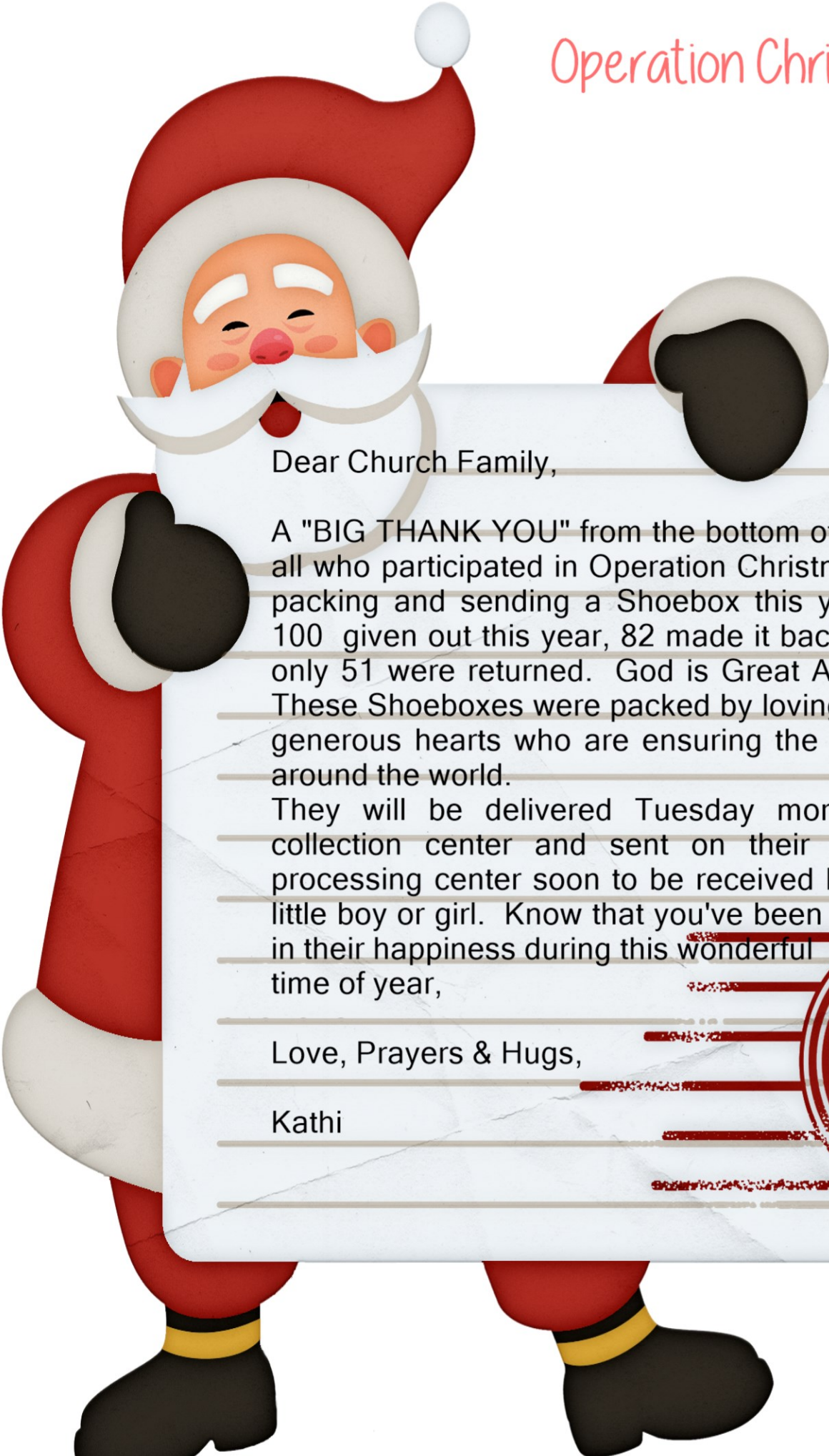
Setting up Tables & Chairs in the Sanctuary

(Information regarding time frame will follow at a later date)

Friday, December 6th - Setting the Tables from 1 - 2:30 PM

CONTACT: Pam Barker-910-620-8900 (voice or text) or
there is a sign-up sheet next to the Offering Basket

Operation Christmas Child



Dear Church Family,

A "BIG THANK YOU" from the bottom of my heart to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child by packing and sending a Shoebox this year. Out of 100 given out this year, 82 made it back. Last year, only 51 were returned. God is Great All The Time! These Shoeboxes were packed by loving hands with generous hearts who are ensuring the gospel goes around the world.

They will be delivered Tuesday morning to the collection center and sent on their way to the processing center soon to be received by a grateful little boy or girl. Know that you've been instrumental in their happiness during this wonderful time of year,

Love, Prayers & Hugs,

Kathi



One More Thing...

These were the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work (1 Chronicles. 4:23).

Anywhere and everywhere we may dwell "with the king for his work." We may be in a very unlikely and unfavorable place for this; it may be in a literal country life, with little enough to be seen of the "goings" of the King around us; it may be among the hedges of all sorts, hindrances in all directions; it may be furthermore, with our hands full of all manner of pottery for our daily task.

No matter! The King who placed us "there" will come and dwell there with us; the hedges are right, or He would soon do away with them. And it does not follow that what seems to hinder our way may not be for its very protection; and as for the pottery, why, that is just exactly what He has seen fit to put into our hands, and therefore it is, for the present, "His work."

--Frances Ridley Havergal

Go back to thy garden-plot, sweetheart!
Go back till the evening falls,
And bind thy lilies and train thy vines,
Till for thee the Master calls.

Go make thy garden fair as thou canst,
Thou workest never alone;
Perhaps he whose plot is next to thine
Will see it and mend his own.

The colored sunsets and starry heavens, the beautiful mountains and the shining seas, the fragrant woods and painted flowers, are not half so beautiful as a soul that is serving Jesus out of love, in the wear and tear of common, unpoetic life.

--Faber

The most saintly spirits are often existing in those who have never distinguished themselves as authors, or left any memorial of themselves to be the theme of the world's talk; but who have led an interior angelic life, having borne their sweet blossoms unseen like the young lily in a sequestered vale on the bank of a limpid stream.

--Kenelm Digby

---Streams in the Desert