



# genesis church

begin. believe. become.

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## JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

### TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study  
in person at Church &  
Live Streaming

### 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

### SATURDAY

8:00 Reflective Walk  
Memorial Island

## PRAYER *List*

Continued prayer for the following:

Barbara Van Arman  
Billie Brooks & Family  
Carl Volgarino & Family  
Doug Wight & Family  
Gaylord Hansen  
Heather Kmetz  
Jim Sanderson  
Karen Gupton  
Linda Napier  
Lynn Lindsey

Comfort

Love

Hope



Additional

# PRAYER

Requests



Marieke's Mom Henny Raams is out of Rehab and home. She and Marieke send their appreciation for you love, support and prayers during this time of healing.

Pray for Kim Edgecomb & Family  
Kim's dad passed away last week after a five month battle with many health challenges. She said that he fought a valiant fight - but now is soaring with the angels! & fishing in Heavens lakes of gold. There is a meal train on Kim's Facebook page with Oct. 16-17 open if you are lead to step-in. The family would be grateful for your support during this time.

Time  
spent  
in  
prayer  
is  
never  
wasted.

BUT  
FIRST  
WE PRAY

Gloria Thomas reports that she is feeling much better - not back to her energy level before the virus; but feels well enough to work from home. She sends her heartfelt thanks for all the love, friendship & support she felt during this challenging time.

Ken Sandor has suffered a setback, inasmuch as he has had to endure surgery to remove the hip replacement that became infected in order for the spot to heal properly. He is home recovering. Pray for a quick recovery so he can get another hip replacement very soon.

When life gets  
too hard to stand,

*kneel*

*amen*



# *Message from Pastor Derrick*

## Satan's Citadel and Broken Antlers An Exposition of Revelation #5 The Church at Pergamum Revelation 2:12-17

### About Citadels and Antlers

The Alaskan Bull moose is one of the strongest animals on the planet for a reason. Males spend their whole summer preparing for the head to head collision during coming during the fall breeding season. Their only weapon is their antlers. Broken antlers ensure defeat.

Pergamum means "citadel." Jesus called Pergamum the city where Satan dwells. Satan will attack. What you do to strengthen your antlers now will keep them from breaking then.

### How to Sharpen Your Antlers Now

(1) Realize an honorable past will not meet the challenges of the present (13-14)

#### In the Text

(1) Past contrasted with Present in 13-14

(2) Man named Antipas made the ultimate sacrifice for his faith in Pergamum. And the church honored and remembered him for his virtue

(3) Some among you hold to teaching of Balaam (syncretism) and Nicolitians (immorality under the name of Jesus)

#### Principles

(1) Great past doesn't mean that we are meeting the challenges of the present.

(2) Heritage is good but comes with a danger: not following their example.

(3) We should remember heroes of the past; but where are the new ones to meet the challenge of the present?

#### How to

(1) Stand up and say this: issues we face are spiritual first and moral second

(2) There is immorality on our streets because there is irreverence in people's hearts before God

(2) Realize the greatest thoroughfare for spiritual battles comes through the least expected door: the back one (14-15).

#### The Balaam Example

(1) Balak, king of Aram hired Balaam to curse the Israelites

(2) One problem: he couldn't curse the God of Israel or the Israelites directly. He could only bless them instead.

(3) Though he heard a word from the Lord, he was compromised enough to suggest that the best way to curse the Israelites was to entice them to bring a curse upon themselves: food sacrificed to idols and prostitution.

(4) It eventually worked. The story of the OT is that Israel looked so much like their neighbors they had nothing to offer it.



### Principles

- (1) In the name of love, Pergamum held to a loose gospel and even looser morality
- (2) As a result, without blinking, what was sinful didn't appear to as sinful anymore.

### Application

- (1) Come one, come all, come just as you are has its place - before Gospel.
- (2) But when pressed too far it's the exact mentality that leads to a mixture of error and truth, and a mixture of purity and impurity.
- (3) As a result, what is wrong looks more beautiful than what is right.
- (3) **There's no such thing as finding common ground with diabolical influence (12; 16)**

### Frightening Images

- (1) Jesus with a sharp double edged sword (12)
- (2) fighting against them with the sword of mouth (16)

### The Most Frightening Image

Who the repenting is addressed to; not the false teachers; but the church for tolerating it in the name of wanting to be perceived as loving, etc.

### Why the Images are Important

- (1) In the name of open-minded and building common ground we can compromise the Gospel.
- (2) Church at Pergamum cared more about perception in the eyes of the world more than they did about the Good News of God.

### Application

- (1) According to the Scriptures, man is hostile to God before conversion (Col 1:21-23). And our view of sin directly impacts our view of grace.
- (2) A Gospel without the mention of sin and repentance necessary, there is no Gospel. Only a message of the Devil without the need for the crucifixion of God.

### **(4) We cannot live without a word of hope from the Lord (17)**

#### Hidden manna

Legend had it that manna was hidden in Noah's ark for sustenance during flood and will be found at end of time - Jesus is Ark of the Covenant; the Hidden Manna; the Bread of Life

#### White stone

legal acquittal; black and white stones - black guilty and white not guilty. We have been declared innocent.

We are never lost in the crowd: Jesus knows our name personally.







## YOUTH GROUP

6:30 Wednesday at the Church

Call Chris for Details

**Snacks will be Served**



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are available. If you weren't able to pick one up this morning, it can be delivered, Kathi DeGroat will drop off boxes, if you will email her at [eloise8752@bellsouth.net](mailto:eloise8752@bellsouth.net) or text her at 772-473-9653. Just let her know how many you want and when you want them dropped by. You can also build a shoebox on line, if you choose to do so.

Shoeboxes are to be returned to the church on Sunday, November 15, 2020. Also, you can let Kathi DeGroat know if you need your shoebox(s) picked up, if you are not worshiping in person. If you have any questions, you've guessed correctly, let Kathi know. Be sure to pray over your shoebox. Your participation in spreading the Gospel throughout the world is needed more than ever!

There is a \$9 processing fee which can be paid on line and your shoebox can be tracked online as well. If you prefer to send the fee with the box, envelopes will be available in about two weeks.

Thank you and God bless each of you!





love...celebrate...moments

Count your blessings  
Name them one by one  
Count your blessings  
See what God hath done

Today was Pastor Appreciation Sunday and since we count Pastor Derrick and his sweet family among our many blessings, we thought it fitting to let him know how much we appreciate him. While he isn't fond of being the center of attention, we all thought everyone should have to endure it at least once or twice a year.

We presented him with a  
**Survival Kit for the Pandemic.**  
Among the contents was a "Mask"  
because -

We simply could not "MASK"  
**OUR  
GRATITUDE  
FOR HIM.**

We believe he and Dawn enjoyed the light hearted time we shared together in letting them know how much we  
**LOVE THEM.**



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happy...moments