



# genesis church

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## JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

#### STAY TUNED

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  
Gaylord Hansen  
Gloria Thomas  
Heather Kmetz  
Henny H. Raams - Mother of Marieke Dam.  
Marieke reported that her mom had her 1st pain free day this week. She is still in rehab and may be released to come home sometimes this month.  
Karen Gupton  
Ken Sandor feels better; but, he is still having challenges with the infection.  
Kim Edgecomb's Dad has experienced a set back. Please continue to pray for him along with Kim and her family.  
Linda Napier  
Lynn Lindsey

Jim Sanderson is still recovering-at home and is noticing improvement.



# Message from Pastor Derrick

## The Message in the Myrrh An Exposition of Revelation #4 Revelation 2:8-11

*In the language of the New Testament, "Smyrna" translates to "myrrh"; a gift given to our Lord to foreshadow his trials and tribulations.*

### The Lessons in the Myrrh

#### (1) There's a blessing in bad situations

(a) **The Drastic Contrasts** - First and Last (8); Died and came to life again (8); afflictions and poverty, yet rich (9); faithful to death and I will give you victor's crown (10); victorious not hurt by 2nd death (11)

#### (b) How to See Them

(i) Don't be consumed in your thought life by the situation - obsessing does nothing to control it (Phil 4:6)

(ii) Smallest blessings are worthy of your utmost attention (Ex 23:30)

(iii) Associate with joyful people. The more you do, the more you learn to count your blessings as they do (Phil 1:4)

(iv) The sun doesn't change. It's what comes between us and the sun that effects how we react to it.

#### (2) The easiest correction is the hardest to practice: Do not Fear what lies ahead (10a).

#### (a) Over 70 "Do not fears" in the Bible

Most within the context of heavenly encounters (Luke 2:10). Here though, don't be afraid of impending hardship

#### (b) Why we fear what lies ahead:

(i) Correlation between what lies ahead and past experiences (Why Paul says the least of the apostle's)

(ii) Obstacles ahead are dangerous and treacherous (Num 13 - There's giants in the land)

(iii) Obstacles ahead are unfamiliar (Moses).

#### (c) So why inform Smyrna of what lies ahead?

(i) What lies ahead demands faithfulness to traverse

(ii) Some stands you have to make in life are more important than life itself

#### (3) Prepare best for future tests by passing the ones given in the present

A harkening back to test of Daniel and his friend's (Daniel 1). The Victor's crown and the wreath - Smyrna home to Olympic games; wreaths in their city monuments to symbolize Roman might.

#### (a) Difference between test and temptation

Test - God; Temptation - Devil

Test - Demonstrate Faith; Temptation - Lead Astray

Test - Perseverance is a must; Temptation - Resist

Test - God's says his name is in us; Temptation - the Flesh is Weak

Test - Glory of Proven Character; Temptation - Spiritual, and or physical, death

Test - Must not shrink back; Temptation - must not fall into



**(b) Why tests are important**

- (i) Faithfulness in small tests now will directly impact the behavior patterns you demonstrate in the future.
- (ii) Every test passed, no matter how small or large, comes with a victor's crown of some type.

**\*\* (4) Supply of strength we have is greater than the trial**

**(a) Why It's Greater**

- (i) Because it's providentially designed - First and Last (8)
- (ii) Because someone's gone before you - Death and Resurrection (8)
- (iii) Because we know our ultimate destiny - victorious will not be hurt by 2nd death (11)



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 worshipping 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!







## YOUTH GROUP

6:30 Wednesday at the Church

Call Chris for Details

**Snacks will be Served**

**LIVE**

**STREAMING**

The Live Streaming is now working properly and you may post your prayer requests in the comments section while you are viewing the live stream. The requests will be sent directly to Pastor Derrick's desk. You may also still use the Prayer Cards that are available on the table in the Sanctuary as well. Either way works.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people- For kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2: 1-2

If my people, who are called  
my name, will humble themselves  
and pray and seek my face and  
turn from their wicked ways, then  
I will hear from heaven, and I will  
forgive their sin and will  
heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14