

DECEMBER 2009

## ***The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood .-John 1:14 TM***

The world situation is in chaos. A desperate economy. Ruthless and bloodthirsty world leaders. A people enslaved by many things. Religious tensions on all sides. God has been strangely silent for a long time. Terrorist cells increase even as contentment decreases. Rumors that a Savior is coming become increasingly fleeting as the world spins out of control. Few believe that help is on the way. Hope is almost gone.

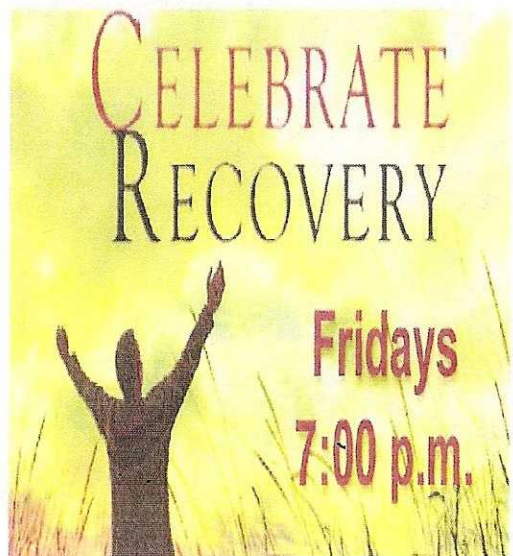
Into complex times steps a simple teenage virgin, arm in arm with her simple carpenter fiancé. And so begins a story that would change the world forever. They were simple people from a simple town, with nothing that would suggest that they were anything but ordinary; perhaps less than ordinary - except for the fact that this virgin was carrying the Savior of the world.

In another realm outside of time, a three in one God discusses His chief creation - humanity. Sin has carried a chosen people far away, and the gulf between God and what he loves most continues to expand. As men and women move farther and farther away from God, indulging in self-promotion, self-fulfillment, and self-satisfaction, God looks into time and space and agrees upon a plan; a plan to bridge the divide. It would be costly; there would be sorrow and war in heavenly realms, but a God who loves is willing to pay the price.

The One named Jeshua speaks up - "What if I were to go to them? What if I were to speak hope into their pain, bring healing to their disease? What if I were to become mortal, and live and die to bridge the divide? What if I were to go to men, women, and children, and say to them, 'My name is Jesus. I am the Son of God. And **21. I am simply yours.**'?"

**Pastor Jeff**

*Simply Yours*



### **December schedule of community**

- celebrate recovery service - december 4, 11 & 18 - 7pm - 9pm
- skillet/decyfer down concert - december 4 - 5pm
- christmas open house - south campus - december 6 - 1pm - 4pm
- angel food order deadline - december 8 - 5pm
- kidz kove small groups christmas party - december 12 - 2pm - 5pm
- family night at creation museum's nativity - december 12 - 5:30pm
- big give deadline - december 13 - noon
- staff & board christmas party - north campus - december 13 - 5pm
- angel food order pickup - december 19 - 8:30am - 10am
- baptism/new member service - december 20 - 10am
- christmas eve service (both campuses) - south campus - december 24 -

# Gen News

explore the heart of God in community



I keep reading about Jesus and his small group. What a group!

Even though, Jesus was constantly surrounded by large crowds of people and he always ministered to them through his teaching and in miracles but it seems his greatest work was done in the small group setting.

Jesus' small group was made up of fellowship, prayer, discipleship and missions. He and his disciples modeled for us the importance of small groups and the reasons EVERYONE needs to be involved in one.

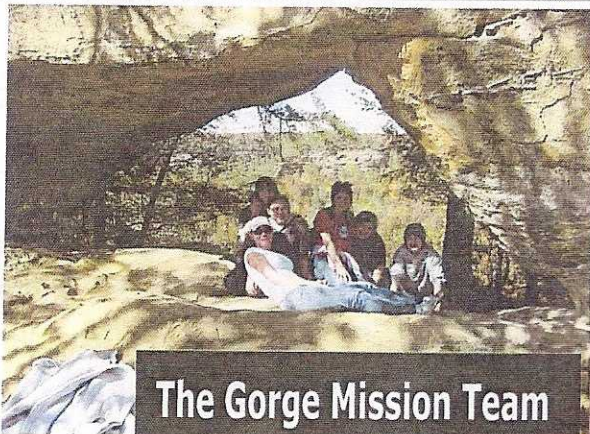
"g" Group Reasons:

1. **FELLOWSHIP:** Our world can really get lonely and every one of us must have a group of friends to laugh with, cry with, to eat with, and to be ourselves with.
2. **DISCIPLSHIP:** Being taught God's Word, receiving and applying God's truth in our lives and living out those truths.
3. **PRAYER:** Me praying for you and you praying for me. Small group members praying for one another, interceding for one another, and carrying each other's burdens.
4. **MISSIONS:** This is simple, serving others.

It worked for Jesus and his group and it is working in our small groups at Generations. Please join one, create one, it works!



**Pastor Steve**



**The Gorge Mission Team**



**Celebrate Recovery Team**

simplechurch **clarity** **movement** **alignment** **focus**

# Gen News



extend God's hand by serving all



**Order Deadline:**  
**December 8-5:00pm**  
**Order Pickup:**  
**December 19**  
**8:30-10am**



december at south

they will call him Emmanuel  
which means, God with us

presence

## NEXT GENERATIONS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



We would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting the "Thanksgiving Food" drive. We were able to help 12 families right here in our community. Family videos donated the turkeys again this year, so please stop by and support them as way to show appreciation for being so involved in our communities.



The "Big Give" is under way! Small group leaders will be receiving family information during our Thanksgiving dinner. Some small groups have already raised quite a bit of funds to help out these very needy families this year. Have fun serving others this holiday season and shining our light for Christ.



The Kidz Kove small groups will be having a Christmas party on Dec. 12th. We will be meeting at the church at 1:30 to load the van, and then we will head to Ms. Dawn's house for some Christmas fun. There will be a pizza bar for everyone so we are asking that families bring their favorite pizza toppings. We will also be having a gift exchange. Boys will need to bring a gift for another boy and girls will need to bring a gift for another girl. These gifts are not to exceed \$5. If you are planning to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Ms. Dawn by December 2nd. Parents will need to pick up their children at Ms. Dawn's by 5pm, as we will be heading out together to visit the Creation Museum, to go on the "Bethlehem walk", which is a free Live Nativity. The entire church is welcome to join us and we will be meeting there at 5:30pm. This is a great way to help kids to understand what the true meaning of Christmas is all about. There is a presentation in the planetarium about the "Christmas star". The admission cost is \$7.00 per person if you would like to attend (this is just an option). Kids will be bringing home more information this week.

Next Generations Children's Ministries realizes that parents are the primary influence in a child's life in many ways, which also includes passing along their faith. Generations church is here to support you in that effort to pass along faith to the Next Generation. Therefore we want to find more ways that we can help parents to be successful in discussion about the Bible and sharing of faith. One way we can do this



is providing family activities like that of the "Family First" service. However we would like to here from you to know what other family activities would be of interest to you. Please share your ideas and thoughts with me at [cook.dawn5@gmail.com](mailto:cook.dawn5@gmail.com).

Dawn Cook



## *A Generations Christmas Open House*

*Generations Church - South Campus cordially invites you to join us as we celebrate a Christmas for all generations at our Christmas Open House on December 6 from 1 - 4 p.m. Located off of Mt. Zion Rd. at 10024 Demia Way in Florence, guests will enjoy this free event with light refreshments, live Christmas music and the opportunity to win fun door prizes including two children's bikes and a variety of restaurant gift cards. A photographer will be taking family pictures, Santa will be making a visit, and many other family-friendly activities will be provided throughout the day.*

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