



## GENESIS FAMILY CHURCH

“God-fearing, God-centered.”

### A God-centered, God-fearing Vision

- † We are begging God to form us into a church, desperate for His Spirit, which stands immovably upon biblical authority and the historic-Christian vision of the God-centeredness of Scripture
- † We believe that two of the primary keys to the door of spiritual awakening in America and in our world are:

- the preaching of the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7; 1 Peter 2:17; Revelation 15:4), as part of the recovery of whole-Bible preaching (Acts 20:27; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- the re-integration of the church and the family (Malachi 4:6; Ephesians 6:1-4)

### Our Distinctive Beliefs and Practices

- † We seek to teach/practice God-centered theology (a God-centered reading of Scripture)
- † We practice believer’s baptism and weekly communion
- † We practice single-pastor/elder governance (including local church autonomy, but working in association with other like-minded pastors and churches)
- † We hope to plant new “family” churches, and to train and appoint pastors for those churches
- † We hope to train and appoint deacons (who work in the areas of caring and hospitality)
- † We read Genesis as literal history
- † We pray, reverently, towards the abolition of abortion in our world
- † We believe in male/female role distinctions in God’s created order
- † We honor parental authority, train parents in home-based discipleship, and practice family-integrated worship

(A detailed summary of what we teach is found in our “Genesis Family Church: Statement of Faith” document, which is available on our church website)

### Our Mission Statement

Genesis Family Church is a God-centered, prayer-driven church that desires to glorify God by:

- Trembling, joyfully, at His Word (Psalm 2:11; Isaiah 66:2; Philippians 2:12)
- Fellowshipping, sincerely, in His salvation (Deuteronomy 16:11; Acts 2:46; 1 Peter 1:22)
- Speaking, boldly, about His Kingdom (Acts 4:31; 28:31; Ephesians 6:19)

- † ***Trembling, joyfully, at His Word:*** We preach and teach the whole Bible expositively (book by book, and verse by verse), in a way that magnifies the glory of God and the Gospel of Christ on each page of the Bible; we believe that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all true knowledge, and that the joy of the Lord is our strength; we rely upon the gracious work of the Holy Spirit to show us wonderful things in the Scriptures
- † ***Fellowshipping, sincerely, in His salvation:*** We welcome all generations into the communion of the saints; our “family” approach to church welcomes all ages and life circumstances—that is, for those who fear God and love His Word, we want all people, married or single, middle-aged or youth, senior or toddler, to feel included in our worship and mission; and since the Gospel is for all ethnic groups, we highly esteem ethnic diversity in the church
- † ***Speaking, boldly, about His Kingdom:*** We pray together for evangelistic boldness; we are a church that is committed to the mission of reaching all nations with the Gospel of God; we value both local and world missions, and believe that the work of the Gospel requires Spirit-filled, winsome, and bold proclamation about the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and coming return of Christ Jesus, our Lord

### How We Practice Our Mission

- † We practice family-integrated worship (age-integrated and life-circumstance integrated): rather than a separate children’s church or youth worship service, we encourage all families to worship together, as families, and for parents to train their children in the corporate worship of the Lord and to disciple their children in the Scriptures in their homes
- † We share weekly communion meals: we celebrate the Lord’s Table every week and, after worshipping together, we share an “Agape Meal” (church family lunch) together as a way of growing in our sincere love for one another
- † We have weekly prayer fellowships, since prayer is our first priority in ministry
- † We have monthly mid-week meetings for men’s and women’s discipleship
- † We train fathers, mothers, and singles through personal (life-sharing) discipleship
- † We evangelize as often as we can, with all boldness, but also in all love and compassion
- † We give missions support to indigenous pastors and foreign missionaries in other nations, including persecuted ones