



GENESIS FAMILY CHURCH

"In the beginning, God..."

FAQ's

What is Your Denomination and What are Your Doctrinal Beliefs?

In short, we are a non-denominational Evangelical Christian (Protestant) church. Our particular focus is on the historic doctrines of the Christian faith, which causes us to pray for reformation in the current, modern church back towards historic, biblical Christianity. To read our "Statement of Faith," please visit the "About Us" page on our church website.



Why the Name "Genesis Family Church"?

The "Genesis" part of our name has several layers of meaning. First, it means new "beginnings," and we are praying for a revival of biblical Christianity in America, and beyond. That is, we desire to see new beginnings for biblical and generational discipleship in the contemporary church. Secondly, the name "Genesis" also means that the first book of the Bible is foundational for the rest of the Bible. We derive so many essential Christian doctrines from Genesis. And yet Genesis, perhaps more than any other book of the Bible in our day, is being viciously attacked by atheistic "science" and secular humanism. Therefore, we want to tell the world that we read Genesis literally, as history, and that we stand unashamedly upon it, as it is the Word of God and the foundation of the Gospel of Christ.

The "Family" part of our name reflects our view of the church as a place for intergenerational discipleship. We are, in essence, a family of families. Our church is committed to training parents how to disciple their children in their own homes. We believe, therefore, that the family is the foundational unit of society, and the primary arena for the education and discipleship of children, and that a biblical view of the family must be defended and practiced by all true Christians.

What Does "Family-integrated" Mean?

To be family-integrated is more than simply inviting children and youth back into the church's worship services (rather than segregating them through "youth worship" and "children's worship" programs). It means applying Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 78:5-7, Malachi 4:6, Ephesians 6:4, and other such verses to our entire view of discipleship. It is a return to the historic Christian practice of training fathers and mothers to be whole-life disciple-makers of their own children. It is recognizing both the "family" nature

of the church, itself (so that single mothers, barren couples, and adult singles feel very much a part of the family of believers), and the centrality of the Christian family unit in the proclamation and defense of the Gospel. This principle of generational discipleship was near and dear to the hearts of the church fathers, was one of Martin Luther's greatest cries during the Reformation, and was what shaped the Puritan tradition into a legacy of godliness—a legacy which we have inherited. Our job is to guard this spiritual legacy. Thus our churches need to return to the family-integrated nature of biblical discipleship.

What is Your Approach to Worship Music?

We think that all worship music ought to be solidly biblical. It ought to teach the great doctrines of the Christian faith, and it ought to worship the triune God of Scripture with reverence. It ought to reflect the words of Frederick W. Faber:

*Oh, how I fear You, living God
With deep and tender fear
And worship You with trembling hope
And penitential tears!*

Thus we focus not so much on form (though form is important, and we put an emphasis on hearing the human voice over hearing the loudness of the instruments) as on content. We want all of our worship music to exalt the God of Scripture in spirit and in truth. We treasure, with excitement and joy, the historic hymns of the faith. We embrace new hymns and psalms and spiritual songs that are written with deep doctrinal content and humble, heartfelt devotion to Christ.

What is Your View on Ethnic Diversity?

We decry the Darwinian notion that there are different “races” of people. We believe that there is only one human race. Humans simply have different “shades” of skin color. Therefore, we embrace all ethnicities as equally valuable in the Kingdom of God. We have been a church, right from the start, composed of Asian, Caucasian, and African believers. We pray that the Lord will add to our numbers people from Middle Eastern, Latino, Eastern European, and other ethnic backgrounds. The beauty of the church partially consists in her multi-chromatic nature!

Do You Have any Books that You Recommend for Discipleship?

If you ask our pastor this question, be prepared for a much longer answer than you wanted. But here is a very, very (painfully) brief list of essential Christian books that we recommend for Christian discipleship:

- *The Saint's Everlasting Rest* (Richard Baxter)
- *The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul* (Philip Doddridge)
- *A Practical View of Christianity* (William Wilberforce)
- *Religion of the Heart* (Hannah More)
- *Thou Givest, They Gather* (Amy Carmichael)
- *A Chance to Die: the life and legacy of Amy Carmichael* (Elisabeth Elliot)