



GENESIS FAMILY CHURCH

"In the beginning, God..."

Visitors' Welcome Guide

Dear GFC Visitor,

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ, who, alone, is *"the way, the truth, and the life."* Despite what our increasingly relativistic world says about the existence of multiple spiritual paths to God, there remains only one way to God. As Jesus, Himself, says, *"No one comes to the Father except through Me"* (John 14:6). He, the only-begotten Son of God, is very God of very God, who became incarnate (en-fleshed) by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made Man. Jesus of Nazareth is risen from the dead, and thus is shown, with power, to be our Lord and our God.

We want to welcome you to Genesis Family Church. Visiting a church for the first time can be a daunting experience, especially when the church is unclear about what is expected of a visitor, or what it, as a church, actually stands for, and practices. We, therefore, have written this Visitors' Welcome Guide to be as candid and lucid as possible about what to expect on your visit, so that if you choose to visit with us, you can feel informed, oriented, and welcomed.

Visitors Are Always Welcome

First things first, we want you to know that you are very welcome to visit with us. If you are not a Christian, you are welcome to come and observe our worship, even if you do not feel comfortable participating in our songs and prayers. We would be happy to discuss with you the questions that you have about the historic Christian faith. We welcome thoughtful questions, and even friendly debate. Our desire is to help you understand historic Christianity, so that you hear an accurate proclamation of biblical faith. This is important for us, because we believe that your eternal state (whether in the New Jerusalem of Heaven, or in the horrible fire of Hell) depends upon your standing in relation both to the darkness and condemnation of sin, on the one hand, and to the light and mercy of God, on the other, as demonstrated in the Christian Gospel.

If you are a Christian, you are also very welcome to visit with us. We welcome all Christians who are looking for a church that stands, uncompromisingly, upon the Word of God. We are a God-fearing church, and a God-centered church. If you are looking for a church that will condone selfish and sinful lifestyles, this is not the place for you. However, if you are looking for a church family whose love for one another is defined by, and continually shaped by a reverent, Word-centered love for God, then we hope that you will consider joining us.

Sunday Morning Worship Location

(Special note: since we are renting space, weekly, from the Westminster Swim & Fitness Center, there are certain Sunday's throughout the year on which our meeting space is not available to us. On those Sunday's, we reserve alternate venues for our worship service. Please check our web page on the day before your planned visit, to make sure that our meeting location is the normal one [see the "Church Calendar" in the middle section of our church's "home page"]. If it happens to be different, please contact us so that we can email you directions to the alternate venue.)

We meet every Sunday morning, at 9:15 a.m., at the Westminster Swim & Fitness Center:

3290 W. 76th Ave. Westminster, CO 80030

(See the *MAP* located on the *last page* of this document).

The easiest way to get there is to take the Denver Boulder Turnpike (Highway 36) to Federal Blvd. (287 South). Take Federal Blvd. south to W. 74th Ave., and turn right (west) on W. 74th Ave. Then take W. 74th Ave. until it dead-ends at Irving St., and turn right (north) on Irving St. Take Irving St. north to W. 76th Ave. The *Westminster Swim & Fitness Center* is on the corner of Irving St. and W. 76th Ave. Free parking is available on both the south and north sides of the building.

To get to our upper meeting room, enter the building through the main entrance, which is on the north side of the building. Our upper meeting room is immediately up the stairs which are just in front of the Center's reception desk. Simply go through the doors that are at the top of the stairs. (Also, there are bathrooms located at the top of the stairs, to the right, just before the meeting room doors).

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15 a.m. – Worship Service

11:00 a.m. – Agape (Bring and Share) Meal



Sunday Worship Service

As a "mustard seed" church, we are small. However, we are praying that the Lord, in His mercy, may add godly families and joyful new converts to our numbers, in His timing and plan. We firmly believe that our existence and growth into maturity is dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit. Also, we are not looking to become the next "megachurch" in Denver. Rather, we are only looking to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in humility and meekness, seeking to please Him, rather than men, in all things.

Family-integrated: We are a family-integrated church. That means that we bring all generations together for worship. Young and old worship together, as a multi-generational family, at Genesis Family Church. Therefore, all are invited to join and to edify the church body: seniors, infants, singles, youth, etc. We are reuniting generations together in worship.

Children: Our family-integrated vision means that we value the presence of youth and children in our worship services. We are not distracted by the quiet noises of little ones, and we believe that our youth should feel that they are a very important part of our corporate worship. We encourage nursing mothers to keep their infants with them during the worship service, and fathers and mothers of crawlers and toddlers are encouraged to create quiet play spaces beside them for their little ones. This allows families to experience the joy of worshipping and hearing God's Word together, and it empowers parents to make corporate worship part of the discipleship of their children.

What to Wear: The Bible exhorts women (and likewise men!) to wear "modest apparel" (1 Timothy 2:9). It also exhorts us to make piety and godliness our best attire (1 Peter 3:4). Therefore, dressing without ostentation, and also without immodesty, we focus on the fear of the Lord and on the inner trappings of humility and mercy, rather than on who or who does not have on "fine clothes" (James 2:1-4). So dress modestly, reverently, and simply, for the glory of God.

Agape (Bring and Share) Meal

As a visitor, you are invited to eat with us after church. This may sound a bit intimidating at first (that is, eating with strangers is not always an easy step to take), but please know that you are welcomed at our lunch table and that we would count it a privilege to converse with you over a meal. You do not have to worry about "taking someone's seat" or "intruding upon others." Rather, you can be sure that as a visitor, you are welcome and we would love to get to know you over the table of fellowship.

Our Agape (Bring and Share) Meal starts at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. As a visitor, you are welcome to enjoy the lunch as a gift of love from the members of Genesis Family Church.

Questions or Prayer Needs

Please feel free to speak to our Pastor, Timothy Fan, after the worship service if you have any particular questions about the Christian faith, or if you have a particular need in your life for which you would like special prayer.

Who We Are

By way of a succinct summary statement, we are an Evangelical Christian (non-denominational, Protestant) church with a particular emphasis on the historic doctrines of the Christian faith, which leads, practically, to our desire for reformation in the modern church back towards historic and biblical Christianity. This also means that we are a highly relational church. In an age of many extremely large local churches, wherein there is very little relational accountability, we are cutting against the contemporary cultural grain in order to be a "family" church that puts godly and biblical relationships back at the center of church fellowship.

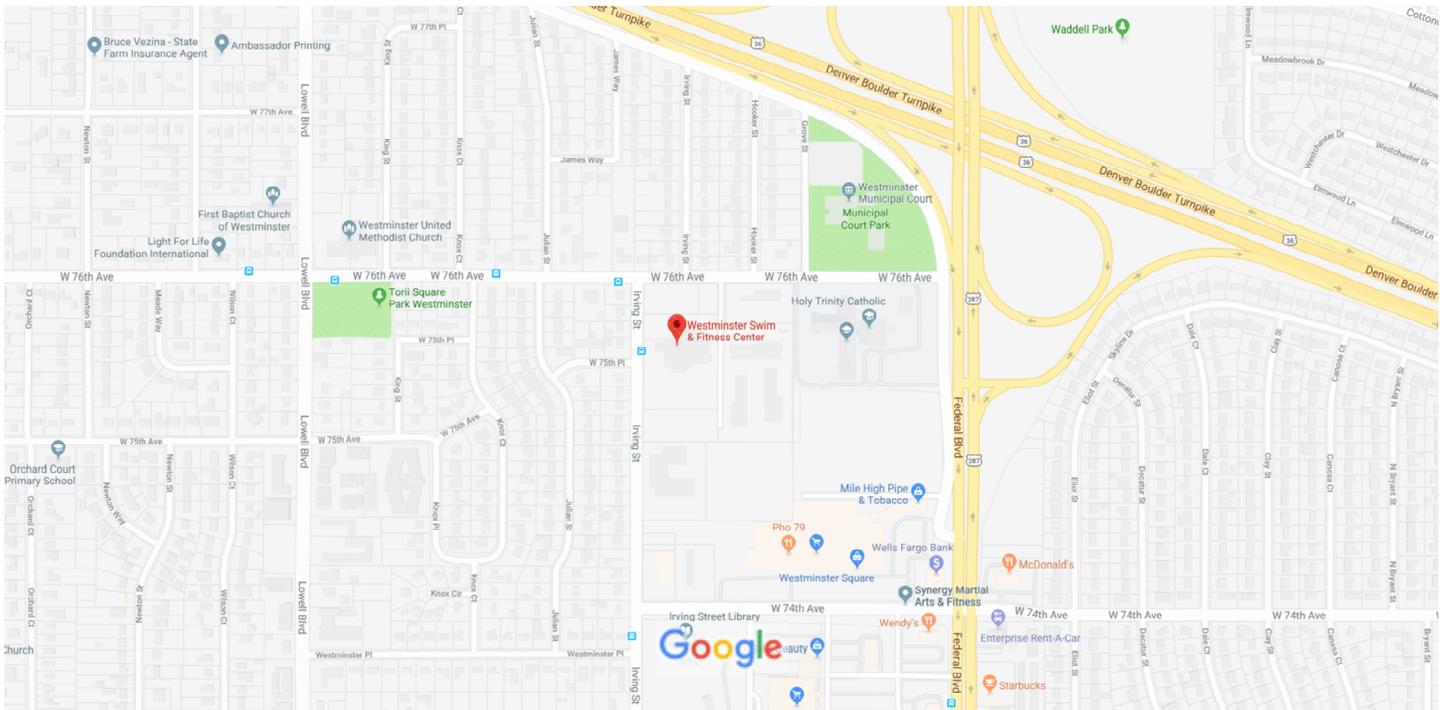
The purpose of this current document is to help you prepare, practically and logistically, for a visit to our Sunday morning worship service. However, you may have other questions that you would like us to answer. For these other questions, please refer to the following:

- † In order to understand our doctrinal distinctives, please view our **“Statement of Faith,”** which is available on our **“About Us”** web page.
- † For an overview of our church vision, please view our **“Vision” document,** which is also available on our **“About Us”** web page.
- † And for specific questions that you might have about our understanding of worship music, our church name, our view on ethnic diversity, etc., please view our **“FAQs” document** on our **“FAQs”** web page.



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