



## **2020 GUIDEBOOK AND DIRECTORY**

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# Genesis United Methodist Church

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## Welcome

What if there was a place you could belong no matter what? What if our love for one another ran deeper than what we believed about each other? What if church was a place where you could explore your doubts and still be loved? What if there was a church where politics did not divide, because Jesus was the most important thing? What if our unity didn't come from everyone having the same opinions? What if church was a safe place where you could still serve God alongside people you disagree with? What if there was a place you knew and could trust that your kids would be taught God's truth and grace? What if loving God and our neighbors was our main focus? What if church was truly a sanctuary from the cares, troubles, and stress of the world? What if there was a church that did not look at your past, but instead focused on your future? What if as a church we stopped focusing on what divides us, and started focusing on what makes us one?

Welcome to Genesis. We are a community of imperfect people who do not have all the answers, but we do have Christ at the center of all that we do. We try our best to live into the fullness of the gospel in love and faithfulness and we choose not to focus on those things that divide us, but to build one another up in those things that make us one. We believe in changed lives, restored hope, forgiveness, resurrection, second chances, and new beginnings. At Genesis, we are one.

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# Worship

## Passionate Worship

Through the practice of Passionate Worship, we learn to love God in return. As followers of Christ, we develop patterns of listening to God, allowing God to shape our hearts and minds through prayer, personal devotion, and community worship.

## Worship Opportunities

### Sunday Mornings

#### 8:15 Chapel Worship and Communion

This service is a combination of traditional music and liturgy utilizing piano and special musicians. Each week, the celebration of Holy Communion will be a part of the worship experience.

#### 10:30 Traditional Worship

This service in our sanctuary features traditional hymns and liturgy, and is led by the Genesis Chancel Choir and a variety of special music presentations. Communion

is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

#### 10:30 Fusion Contemporary Worship

This service is a multimedia worship experience held in the Great Hall featuring a band and contemporary music selections. It is a relaxed, non-

traditional service. Holy Communion is celebrated weekly.



## Small Groups

### **Intentional Faith Development**

Through the practice of Intentional Faith Development, we do the soul work that connects us to others, immerses us in God's Word, and positions us to grow in grace and mature in Christ. We place ourselves in the most advantageous circumstances to learn and grow in our following of Christ. We cooperate with the Holy Spirit in our own spiritual maturation.

### **Sunday Morning Small Groups (9:25am)**

#### **Bible 201**

Is the Bible dry, boring, and irrelevant? We don't think so! The Bible is filled with priceless treasure hidden in plain sight – our mission is to search it out, mine its meaning, and bring its mysterious beauty to light for everyone. Our way of experiencing it is more like archeology done by Indiana Jones!



#### **Bread of Life**

A Bible study for women that meets in the Conference Room. Each week the group discusses Bible stories and how they are relevant in our lives today.

#### **Faith Matters Class**

Faith Matters embraces a wide variety of ages and has both married and single persons. Each week, the group discusses biblical based studies that are relevant to everyday life.

#### **New Beginnings**

New Beginnings Class is a positive, thoughtful group of singles and couples of all ages. The class discusses contemporary issues through a variety of book and video studies. Members of this encouraging class inspire each other to be active in the missions and ministries of our church community.

#### **New Ventures**

A class for women of all ages that seeks to combine Christian study with supportive friendship. At present, we are using the Upper Room devotional magazine as our discussion guide.

#### **Seekers**

The Seekers Sunday Morning Class is composed of men and women, married and single, aged 50-plus. We have shared leadership and a discussion format. Most of our material is United Methodist curriculum, but we discuss current events or popular books if the group chooses. We welcome visitors who are encouraged to participate in the discussion. We meet in Room 111 in the Education Building.



### **Sojourners**

The Sojourners Sunday morning group is composed of men and women in their 30's, and 40's. We study contemporary issues related to our faith utilizing a variety of studies. Rob Bell, Adam Hamilton, Max Lucado, and Donald Miller are just a few of the studies we have done. Join us in the Dining Room if

you are interested in a discussion-based group.

## **Other Adult Fellowship Opportunities**

### **Adult Fellowship Lunch**

The fourth Thursday of each month is our adult fellowship lunch. All are invited to join us in our Great Hall for lunch and fellowship.

### **CSI (Christian Singles Involved)**

The CSI:Genesis singles ministry is available to any single individual age 40 and above. The ministry fosters friendship, fellowship, fun and service to others, guided by Christian values to meet the spiritual, emotional and social needs of the members. For more information stop by the CSI:Genesis table or email [csi@genesismc.com](mailto:csi@genesismc.com)



### **Genesis Adult Basketball**

Every Thursday night in the Great Hall, any adults are invited to join us for basketball. It is a great time of exercise and fellowship. We play from 7-8:30pm.

### **Genesis Library**

Genesis Library serves all ages with faith-based books, inspiring audio books and studies, DVDs and Bible-based resources. You may borrow up to three items for three weeks. Stop by on a Sunday morning in the Commons and check us out! If you have questions, please contact Gary Futomas, the library coordinator.

### **Genesis Prayer Ministry**

Genesis prayer ministry supports prayer within the Genesis community as a way of living in awareness of God's Presence. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5-6pm, the Prayer Team meets in the Prayer Room to worship and pray. This group is ongoing and open to anyone.



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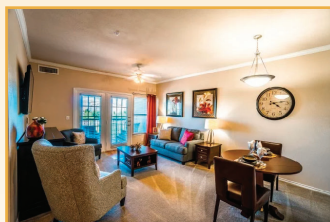
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### **The Recorders**

For those who are interested in playing the recorder, this is the group for you. The group practices and plays at different functions throughout the year. For more information, contact the church office.

### **Sizzling Red Hatters of Ft. Worth**

A registered chapter of the Red Hat Society made up of Genesis UMC women approaching the age of 50 and beyond. The group has monthly events for fun and friendship, wearing full red and purple regalia.



### **Thursday Morning Adult Games and Fellowship**

Friends gather on Thursday mornings at 10am in the Library to play games and enjoy fellowship.

### **Walkie Talkies**

Monday through Friday at 9am, a group meets to walk around our walking track in the Great Hall. Come and join this group as they start the day off with some good exercise.



## **Mission/Service**

### **Risk-Taking Mission and Service**

The practice of Risk-Taking Mission and Service involves offering ourselves in purposeful service to others in need, making a positive difference even at significant personal cost and inconvenience to our own lives. We offer ourselves, our gifts, abilities, and passions, to God so God can use us to transform the world by relieving suffering.

## **Genesis Mission Opportunities**

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to take steps in overcoming addiction. Genesis UMC offers a site for meetings every week.

### **Alliance for Children**

Alliance For Children is the children's advocacy center serving all of Tarrant County. Since 1992, over 50,000 children have benefited from Alliance For Children's teamed investigations and coordinated approach. Alliance For Children is a nonprofit organization that operates child friendly centers located in Arlington, Ft. Worth, Hurst and Lakeside. Its mission is to protect Tarrant County children from child abuse through teamed investigations, healing services and community education. Alliance For Children is a fully accredited member of the National Children's Alliance, a membership association of over 700 children's advocacy centers, and is a founding member of Children's Advocacy Centers™ of Texas.

### **Bell Choir**

This group of fun people aged 13 to Methuselah enjoys making music together. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to about 8:30, September through May. In December we go to a local nursing home for a short concert during our regular practice time. Every other year we have a retreat where we learn new techniques and get better acquainted. No music background is necessary to join. Contact Charlotte Hoffman for more information.

### **CarePortal**

CarePortal calls attention to the needs of hurting children and families in the community. Child welfare workers uncover the needs. CarePortal makes local churches aware, giving them a real-time opportunity to respond. Genesis UMC often responds by providing beds for children who are placed in foster situations.

### **Carter BloodCare**

Genesis UMC hosts several blood drives throughout the year for Carter BloodCare. Carter BloodCare and Genesis members are dedicated to giving life to the community by providing life-saving blood components and transfusion services that give hope to people in need.

### **Center for Transforming Lives**

Formerly known as the YWCA, the Center's mission is to help homeless and impoverished women, children and families by offering an emergency shelter for women and housing assistance for families; free or low cost quality early childhood education for impoverished or homeless families; and individual financial coaching and other programs to promote financial self-sufficiency. Genesis UMC partners with them in various ways such as assisting with holiday meals, etc.

### **Chancel Choir**

Led by renowned choir director Robyn Hollimon, this dedicated group of singers graces the 10:30 traditional worship with anthems and leads us in hymns. They also provide special music for offertories and preludes. The Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata is an annual highlight. They meet for rehearsal at 7:30 on Wednesdays.



## **Community Connections**

Community Connections utilizes Genesis facilities on a weekly basis to provide programs serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They help individuals to become involved in their communities with quality supports and services to meet their needs.

## **Congregational Care Team**

This lay ministry works with our pastors to meet the caregiving needs of those in our congregation. Each person is trained to make visits to hospitals, homes, and lead people in prayer through this powerful ministry. If you would like to request care, or would like more information about training opportunities in order to serve on this team, please contact Pastor Eddie at [eddie@genesismc.com](mailto:eddie@genesismc.com).

## **Cookies for the Troops**

Genesis UMC along with the Central Texas Conference participates in the Cookies for the Troops program. Home baked cookies are packaged and distributed to troops serving overseas at Christmas time. Periodically the congregation has the opportunity to engage in writing cards and letters to service personnel.

## **Crowley House of Hope and Medical Clinic**

The Crowley House of Hope is an emergency assistance organization for residents of the 76036 zip code area and the Crowley ISD. They provide financial assistance including food, water, school supplies, medical aid and a friendly face for community citizens. CHH and Genesis UMC collaborate on several mission projects serving our community. They serve 76036 and the Crowley ISD. Located at 200 N. Magnolia St, Crowley, TX 76036. Their free Medical Clinic accepts calls by leaving a message to arrange appointments at 817-297-6495. They provide healthcare for the whole uninsured family.

## **Don't Forget to Feed Me**

The mission of DF2FM is to supply pet food to local agencies in support of pet owners. They provide pet food for those in need during challenging financial times and offer options to surrendering or abandoning a family pet. Genesis UMC collects pet food each year during the Blessing of the Animals to donate to this organization.

## **Dream Team**

This creative team helps with photos, announcements, dramas, videos and more. If you are interested in helping with this ministry team, contact Brandon at [brandon@genesismc.com](mailto:brandon@genesismc.com).

## **Epilepsy Foundation**

The Epilepsy Foundation leads the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives. Genesis UMC offers a site for meetings each month.





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### **Everman UMC's After School 'Hangin Out' Program**

Genesis UMC helps support Everman UMC's program to feed students a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and lemonade on Tuesday and Thursday after school. Genesis conducts a Peanut Butter and Jelly drive each February-March and September-October to help with their outreach to some 300 high school students. They are always in need of volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Contact: 817-293-0577.

### **Faith Community Nursing**

Our Genesis group works through the Texas Health Harris-Methodist Southwest, Faith Community Nursing location. The mission and goal of Faith Community Nursing at Texas Health is the intentional integration of the practice of faith with the practice of professional nursing to care for the whole person — body, mind and spirit — to improve the health of the communities they serve. Faith Community Nurses practice with an understanding of the spiritual and religious beliefs that underlie health. All nurses in the program are Registered Nurses. Loretta Mahaffey is the Genesis Faith Community Nurse Coordinator helping promote health and healthy choices by educating the faith community about health services, wellness and disease prevention through classes and Health Fairs. Each year this program promotes and provides flu shots at Genesis.

### **Food Bank Collection**

This ongoing collection of non-perishable food items allows us to connect and bless the clients of Crowley House of Hope, Neighborhood Needs and St. Bartholomew Catholic Church food pantries. We focus on specific basic items, which are needed on an ongoing basis to provide the greatest help. We have volunteers providing help to all these food pantries throughout the month. A wooden collection container is set up in the Commons area for this ongoing ministry. All of these food banks work with the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

### **Fusion Band**

The Fusion band leads our contemporary service in experiencing God through music. If you play guitar, drums, bass, or sing and would like more information about this group, please reach out to Pastor Eddie at [eddie@genesismc.com](mailto:eddie@genesismc.com).

### **Genesis Quilt Ministry**

This Quilting Ministry provides opportunities to learn the basic quilting skills to becoming a master quilter. Each Thursday evening 7-9pm, they have a great time building relationships, as they learn and work together. Faith Newcomb is the leader of this ministry. Individuals joining this group do need sewing skills with some beginner quilter skills and a sewing machine. Each year they each donate a comfort quilt for our shut-ins and participate in a larger quilt or item for the Mission Auctions. Individuals, as they learn, provide items to the church, nursing homes and hospitals. Many patterns and tools are provided by the leader for each class. For information to get started quilting, it's between \$75-100, to put a basic quilting kit together with cutting mat, rulers, rotary cutter etc.

## **Greeters**

Greeters are those people who help us offer welcome and hospitality to all that come to Genesis on Sunday mornings. Each greeter is responsible for greeting everyone at a specific door.

## **Grief Support**

Genesis UMC provides support to those who experience the loss of a loved one in various ways. Working with the Widowed Persons Services, sessions are provided to those seeking support and guidance. Support is also offered in various ways throughout the year, including a Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness.

## **Holy Grounds Coffee House**

Volunteers in this ministry learn how to make all of the drinks served at this Starbucks-type facility. All the funds raised in the Coffee House go to support different specific mission programs each month. For more information, contact Ignacio Padilla.



## **Homework Help**

Every Wednesday at 6:30-7:30pm, we offer tutoring and reading for kids in our children's area. Come volunteer and assist with the educational growth of children. Some of our ESL students bring their children.

## **Justice For Our Neighbors Clinic – JFON**

On the third Wednesday of each month, Genesis holds a JFON-DFW Immigration Clinic offers free and affordable legal services for those struggling with immigration services, provides education to the public, and engages in advocacy with our immigrant neighbors. Appointments with the Staff Attorney are handled and scheduled through the JFON-DFW in Grapevine office by calling 817-310-3820. Members of Genesis assist with hosting, set-up of the rooms for the clinic, interpretation, client information intake, and childcare.

Legal services are provided by a licensed immigration attorney who remains with their case until relief is granted or all avenues are exhausted. Intake Clinics are held once each month at First United Methodist Church in Grapevine, Arapaho United Methodist Church in Richardson, and Genesis United Methodist Church in Ft. Worth. At these clinics, immigrant neighbors are welcomed and meet with the JFON DFW attorney to learn if they have a claim to the legal status they seek. Volunteers and staff are privileged to hear the real stories of real people and see the issue of immigration in a much clearer light.

## **McCurdy Ministries**

Genesis collects Box Tops for this ministry, which is a National Mission Institute of The UMC in Espanola, New Mexico. Through Box Tops for Education, we have been able to support McCurdy Ministries and help them to earn minivans to transport students and other equipment for the school. A Box Tops collection box is located in the Commons Mission collection area.

### **Neighborhood Needs**

As an outreach of Altamesa Church of Christ, Neighborhood Need's mission is to provide food, clothing, technology access and mentor/counseling to those in need with God's help and in God's way. Genesis UMC partners with them on several missions, such as providing food to insecure individuals and families, helping with their clothes closet, Thanksgiving Baskets, and etc. Located at 6717 S. Hulen St., 76133.

### **Needle Arts Projects**

The Needle Arts Group consists of women who create clothing articles for charity. They crochet, knit, sew and quilt. Articles made include prayer shawls and blankets that are given freely to comfort anyone in need. Hats and scarves: DRC-Solutions FTW for the homeless, chemo therapy groups, both men and women, FWISD school children, Restoration Training Center for individuals suffering with Aids and Cancer. Handmade household items for women at the Presbyterian Night Shelter being placed in affordable housing. Operation Gratitude which sends items to First Responders, Deployed Troops and Veterans. Hats are made for hospitals for Neonatal (NICU) wards for preemies. Some of the yarn is donated by friends and members of the church. The group has an "inventory" so the need can be filled as it arises. Their donations approximate up to \$500 yearly serving these individuals.

### **Pathfinders of Tarrant County**

The mission of Pathfinders is to empower individuals and families to find their path from poverty to self-sufficiency. They strive to support a thriving community where individuals and families are self-sufficient. Their programs include mentoring and financial capability education. Contact 817-731-1173 for additional information.

### **Prison Entrepreneurs Program**

The Prison Entrepreneurship Program offers men in prison a chance at transformation by unlocking their God-given potential through entrepreneurial passion, education and mentoring. They provide unparalleled resources and real-world values-based business skills to inmates so that once they are back in society they have the tools, skills and support structure to pursue healthy, fulfilling and productive lives. PEP clients are immersed in a proven program comprised of one-on-one training with executive volunteers, business plan mentoring with seasoned professionals and a highly competitive business plan competition. Members from Genesis UMC participate with the transformative process.





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### **Project-44**

Project-44 accepts vehicle donations and repairs them to good running order and then given away. Genesis allows Project-44 to park cars on the parking lot until they are ready to be given away. Project-44's counseling ministry seeks to provide counseling to those in need that cannot typically pay for the counseling themselves. They also worked with Dr. Chris Henna in Liberia to purchase 100 acres of land to build a trade school for the people of that area. The hope is that by providing a trade school, we can help teach people skills that will enable them to have jobs to support and feed their families. Project 44 also implements a feeding ministry called Family 2 Family. This ministry connects two families together through the delivery of a 30 pound box of food every week and through fellowship meals every month, This not a food pantry, but an intentional building of community and providing nourishment for our minds, bodies and souls.

### **Restoration Training Centers**

Led by Tim and Mary Ann Laughlin, the RTC works with at-risk folks with various needs. Many people slip through the cracks when seeking help and continue to suffer with cancer and aids. The Genesis UMC partnership with them is a give-and-take process. They provide Genesis UMC with things when they have a surplus and Genesis UMC partners to fill their needs as we can. Their clients are a part of our annual Angel Tree giving.

### **Room in the Inn**

Genesis UMC partners with several area churches under the direction of the Room In The Inn Advisory Council and clients are coordinated by DRC-Solutions. Once a week during the hottest (July/August) and coldest (December – February) months of the year, GUMC provides a safe place offering hospitality, housing, relaxation and two good meals to 8 homeless men. Members can serve as drivers, cooks, housekeepers, washing linens, and more.



### **Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army provides a range of services to both children and adults. This includes, but is not limited to, adult rehabilitation, prison ministry, veteran's affairs services, elderly services, human trafficking and homeless services. Genesis UMC and United Methodist Women partner each year to provide Christmas stockings for children.

### **Sewing Hope**

This group works outside of the church doing a variety of sewing projects for mission outreach. Over the years, the group has made many items including Patriotic Heart pillows for Veterans, Bear Pillows and Teddy Bears for Vitas Hospice Care. The School Supply Bags for UMCOR, Pillow Cases for Cook's Children's Hospital. Under the leadership of Mickey Franks, the Ladies of "Sewing Hope" stay busy in their spare time making all sorts of great things for outreach ministries of caring to serve others throughout the community.

### **Snack Sacks**

The Snack Sacks program helps to provide nutritious weekend food to children who qualify in the southwest Ft. Worth and Crowley area. Genesis UMC partners with Crowley House of Hope and the Crowley school district in providing these weekly Snack Sacks by purchasing the pre-packaged food and assembling the sacks. Items provided include juice, mac-n-cheese, cereal, granola/breakfast bar, fruit cup, 100% fruit item, pudding cup, crackers packed in a resealable bag.

### **Southwest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center**

Located at 5300 Altamesa Blvd., Southwest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center provides skilled nursing care for those who are recovering from surgery, injury or illness. They offer skilled nursing, long-term care, dining services and social services.

### **Stephen Ministry**

When someone faces a life change, illness, or grief, they may need someone to walk with them through their difficult time. Our Stephen Ministers are trained lay people who provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through tough times. Consider getting trained in this ministry or refer someone you know that might need care.

### **Tarrant Churches Together**

Tarrant Churches Together offers various volunteer opportunities to unify the community to bring resources, educational support and empowerment to all God's children. They support Ready, Set, Go! centers to provide resources, educational support and encouragement at no cost to help students succeed in school and prepare and plan for college; the MLK Day of Service where people of all walks of life come together to serve at more than 30 service sites; the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools for girls entering into 1st to 6th grade; the Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon program to provide more than 6,000 sack lunches of non-perishable foods for homeless day laborers at the Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo; and Home for the Holidays which offers a holiday meal in December to individuals and family who have recently moved off the streets into transitional supportive housing. Genesis UMC participates in the MLK Day of Service, Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon programs and Home for the Holidays.

### **Texas Health Hughley's Mobile Health Services**

The Texas Mobile Health Services bus provides services to those unable to access healthcare due to a lack of transportation or adequate financial resources. Overseen by a physician, the Mobile Health Services Bus is staffed by a Family Practice Nurse Practitioner, a licensed paramedic, varied allied health professionals and volunteers. They park here at Genesis UMC on the first Tuesday of every month.

### **Texas Christian University's Wesley Center**

The Wesley Center is a Christian campus ministry supporting a community of students seeking to follow Jesus and help others know and follow Jesus. The United Methodist Women of Genesis UMC provide a meal for their weekly meetings.

### **Trinity Habitat for Humanity**

Trinity Habitat for Humanity partners with people in our community to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Genesis UMC members help with building the houses, arranging HabiTours, attending BuildStrong luncheons and through their small group by offering financial support.

### **United Community Centers**

An outreach of United Methodist Women, the three Community Centers in Ft. Worth provide services for women and children. Some of their projects include after-school and summer childcare, parenting classes, clothes closet, food insecurity, tax preparation, etc. Genesis UMC assists with Christmas Angel Tree requests, Thanksgiving baskets, etc.

### **UMCOR**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief ("UMCOR") exists to assist United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need through programs of relief, rehabilitation, and service, including issues of displaced persons, hunger and poverty, disaster response, and disaster risk reduction; and to assist organizations, institutions, and programs related to annual conferences and other units of The United Methodist Church in their involvement in direct service to such persons in need. Genesis UMC responds to the many needs of UMCOR with financial support and by assembling various relief supply kits (cleaning, hygiene and school kits) as needed.

### **United Methodist Men**

This fellowship of GUMC men gathers regularly for fun and discipleship and engages in many mission projects here at church and beyond. They meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:30am in the Dining Room for a monthly meeting with breakfast and a program.



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## United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women at Genesis is a community of women whose purpose is to know God, and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation through the global ministries of the church. Women meet in “circles” to get to know one another better as they study missional materials and carry out a wide variety of mission projects in the church. At Genesis, two circles meet on a monthly basis for programs on topics of leadership development, social action, spiritual growth and mission. Joyful Agape Circle meets on the third Tuesday at 10am in the Dining Room. The Wesleyan Circle meets at 6:30 pm in the Commons Library on the same day. Membership is extended to any woman who commits herself to our purpose and chooses to participate in meetings, prayer, study and service. Church membership is not required.



## Ushers

Ushers greet those coming into the sanctuary, chapel or Great Hall for our different worship services. They distribute worship bulletins and/or special handouts and receive the offering.

## Weekday Office Volunteer

Our office volunteers are those persons with a warm, friendly smile who desire to make visitors feel welcome, help members needing information, and assist in office projects. They usually help for a half day at a time, monthly or weekly. Call the church office for more information.

## Welcome Desk – Sunday Morning or Weekday

On Sunday mornings or any weekday, the welcome desk volunteer is someone with a warm, friendly smile, and a desire to make visitors feel welcome and help members needing information.

# Extravagant Generosity

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Through the practice of Extravagant Generosity, we offer our material resources in a manner that supports the causes that transform life and relieves suffering and that enlarges the soul and sustains the spirit. God uses our giving to reconfigure our interior lives and form us anew. We give back.

When John Wesley wrote, “Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can,” he was inviting us to use our material wealth to deepen our relationship with God and to increase our positive impact for God’s purposes.



### **Yearly Estimated Giving**

All of the members of Genesis UMC are encouraged to turn in an estimate of giving card of how much they are going to give to Genesis each year. The goal is to strive towards tithing as we grow in our personal discipleship. Non-members can also turn in an estimate of giving card as a way to be accountable for this area of their faith life. Electronic giving opportunities are available online and through automatic bank draft giving. Estimated giving is what enables Genesis to know what we can offer to our community and beyond.

### **Non Estimated Giving**

There are those that are unable or choose not to fill out an estimate of giving card to the church. There are also those that give beyond their estimate. These gifts also support the mission and ministries of Genesis and are vital to what we are able to do for others.



### **Memorials**

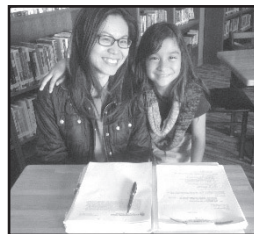
People can make gifts to our memorial fund in memory or in honor of loved ones and friends.

## **Genesis Kids**

At Genesis, we understand the importance of partnering with parents to help each child become the whole person God intended them to be. As the church, we want to share in the responsibility with parents to help raise kiddos with authentic faiths who know and stand firm in their love and relationship with Jesus Christ.

### **Sunday School Power Hour**

At Genesis, we provide biblical education each Sunday morning for children ages 3 years through 5th grade. Join us in the Kid's Zone area where we will delve into our interactive curriculum which brings the biblical concepts to life utilizing hands-on activities, videos, and discussion.



### **Kid's Worship**

After Children's Time, kids ages 5 through 3rd grade are invited to meet for an interactive worship experience filled with God's word, music, and create time. Kids worship meets from 10:45am - 11:30am in room 60. Parent participation is always encouraged.

### **Nursery through Preschool aged Children**

Infants, toddlers and Preschool age children are cared for by a loving staff of caregivers in the Weekday Preschool hallway during worship services with fun and age appropriate lessons and crafts. Child care is also provided for special events.

## Events throughout the year

Other yearly programming includes mission activities, Sacraments Workshop, Bible Academy, No Tricks Just Treats, Easter Egg Hunt, Live Nativity, Vacation Bible School and other family opportunities.

## Outreach in the Community focused on Children and Families

Genesis provides meeting space for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Great Hall is a space that is used by schools and other community organizations for events, sports and activities. The congregation is an advocate of children at United Community Centers. Genesis provides support to students at Meadow Creek Elementary by providing snack packs and other needs throughout the year.



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## Genesis Students



Genesis Students Ministry is focused on making disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry is intentionally designed to help students develop their own authentic faith through worship, Bible studies, small groups and mission opportunities for students in 6th-12th grade.

## Sunday Morning Breakout

Every Sunday morning at 9:20am, teens will meet to engage in relevant, discussion based curriculum that challenges them to think outside the box about their faith and how they can influence the community and the world with what they learn. Sixth and seventh graders will meet for Jr. High Breakout upstairs in the Education Building. Those in 8th Grade will also be a part of Jr. High Breakout until December. Beginning in January, all eighth graders are invited to join our Engage Confirmation Program. Our Sr. High, those in grades 9-12, will meet upstairs in the Sr. High room, which overlooks the Great Hall.

## Engage Confirmation Program

Engage is our confirmation program for eighth graders or those willing to go through the class. In this one semester class, students will learn the fundamentals of Christianity, Methodism, and how to organize an informed opinion about scripture.

Once the course is completed, the students can choose to be “confirmed” and welcomed as full

members of the church. Engage meets in room 209 on the second floor of the Education building.



## Youth Group

Every Sunday night from 4-6pm, students in 6th-12th grade are welcome to join us for a variety of activities that keep you entertained and stimulated from beginning to end. Each week we play games followed by small group discussions, and close with a snack supper provided by youth families. Bring your friends and catch the craziness! Youth are also invited to join us for open gym at 4:00 in the Great Hall.

## Wednesday Night Youth \*Online\*

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Wednesday nights ONLINE from 6:30-7:30pm to participate in a Bible study. We are starting some deep discussion in a Zoom Meeting chat room where we can all draw closer to Christ as we draw closer to one another. For more information, email Jennifer Trevino at [jennifer@genesismc.com](mailto:jennifer@genesismc.com).

## Mission Trip

Each year, Genesis Youth and adults put their faith into action through engaging in missions across various locations. The mission work is centered on home repair projects (wheelchair ramps, decks, painting, lawn care, etc.). Don't know how to swing a hammer? No problem! Each youth is trained, educated, and supervised by adults at each worksite. Previous destinations have included Graham, TX, Mineral Wells, TX, Hobbs, New Mexico, and even here in Ft. Worth! Safety meetings take place before the trip each year so that every student is prepared. Join us for this amazing experience that helps us see what faith in God looks like on the ground. Adults are encouraged to be a part of this trip. There's a place for everyone to serve!



## Weekday Christian Preschool

Our mission is to provide a safe, creative, loving Christian environment where children develop confidence and character as a foundation for future success and a love of learning. Our curriculum focuses on the whole child with an emphasis on cognitive, social, emotional, physical and language development. Established in 1968 and licensed by the State of Texas. We received the highest quality care rating from Texas Rising Star. The school offers experienced teachers, low student-teacher ratios, Spanish and Music for children 18 months through pre-K. Contact Director Tammy Beck for more information. 817-294-5725, [weekdaypreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:weekdaypreschool@yahoo.com).

## Scouting

### **Boy Scout Troop 64**

All young men between the ages of eleven and eighteen are invited to join the adventure of Boy Scouting. We are a youth-led troop (the adults are just there for advice). Camping, hiking, cooking, boating, teamwork, good turns, as well as learning how we can serve God & country, are all part of our journey from Tenderfoot to Eagle. We meet most every Tuesday night starting at 7pm. We camp at least one weekend a month – and go out even more during the summer! For more information, please contact Charles Schmidt 817.294.8529 or [Charles.Schmidt@AlconLabs.com](mailto:Charles.Schmidt@AlconLabs.com).

### **Cub Scout Pack 499**

Cub scouting is fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts children (grades 1-5) in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.

Kids, do you like to learn by doing? You can learn to camp, tie knots, set up a tent, or shoot a bow and arrow (archery). Have you ever cooked a meal on a campfire? Sent a secret code to a buddy? Built a birdhouse? Hiked? You can earn rewards for participating in these activities by joining Cub Scout Pack 499.

We meet Tuesdays 6:30pm to 8pm at Genesis UMC (during the school year)

To learn more, visit [www.pack499fw.org](http://www.pack499fw.org).



## Important Dates for 2019-2020

**(all dates are tentative)**

December 8	Service of Healing and Wholeness
December 8	Choir Cantata
December 15	Live Nativity
December 24	Christmas Eve Services
February 26	Ash Wednesday
April 5	Palm Sunday and Family Easter Extravaganza
April 9	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 10	Good Friday Worship
April 12	Easter Sunday
May 29-30	Garage Sale
July 26-30	Vacation Bible School
September 16	Fall Wednesday Kick-Off
September 27	Annual Genesis Auction
October 31	No Tricks, Just Treats Fall Festival
November 1	All Saints Sunday
November 8	Veteran's Day Celebration