

## August 2021

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the information table following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a **thank you** for worshipping with us today!
- Please come and join us Tuesday, September 7 at 9:00 am at the Grace Campus for a creative and fun morning of **card-making**. All ages are welcome and please bring a friend!
- Do you LOVE **cars** or **motorcycles**? We are looking at doing a car/motorcycle show at Family Church next year and would LOVE for you to help us figure out how to put on the best show ever! We think this could be a unique way to reach people for Jesus! If you are interested in learning more or helping on the team, please email Doug at [dougnewhouse1@gmail.com](mailto:dougnewhouse1@gmail.com) or fill out a connection card and write "SHOW" on it.
- **Exciting News!** Family Church is launching a 9:30 am Sunday morning service at the **Ebenezer Campus** on September 12! Grace Campus, please come and join us at the Ebenezer Campus for a family celebration at 11:15 am. There will be food, bounce houses, Critter Barn animals, and fun family activities!
- **Men**, please join us every other Tuesday evening as we study the Right Now Media study "A Call to Courageous Living." This bible study starts on September 21 at 6:30 pm. Sign up at the welcome desk, or text: mens to 616-344-4787. You can show up on Tuesday if you miss signing up!
- Attention **Ladies!** Join us Tuesday evening, September 21 at 6:30 pm for an ice cream social at the Grace Campus. Bring a friend for a fun night of ice cream and fellowship! Please sign up at the information table. See you there!
- **Prayer changes things!** Family Church, please join us for a time of worship and prayer this Wednesday in the Ebenezer sanctuary at 6:30 pm. Contact Pastor John at [john@familychurch.app](mailto:john@familychurch.app) for more information.
- How do you move beyond the first steps in **knowing God**? Are you in a rut and frustrated with your walk? **Rooted groups** can catapult you forward in Christ! It takes a 12-week commitment in large and small group settings, but it will be well worth it! Please join us for the first session on Monday, October 4, at 6:30 pm at the Grace Campus. Please sign up today at the information table or by texting "rooted" to 616-344-4787. Contact Pastor John for more information. ([john@familychurch.app](mailto:john@familychurch.app))
- Are you looking for a fun way to **serve**? If so, the Mission's Team is looking to assemble a team of fun and friendly people who would like to help at events in the community like Pumpkinfest, seasonal parades, concerts, and more. Please email [nancy@familychurch.app](mailto:nancy@familychurch.app) or fill out your connection card and write "Community Events Team" if you are interested.

## Family Church - Weekly Services

- Thursday at 6:30 pm - Live Service @ Ebenezer Campus (5166 Ottogan St. Holland)
- Sunday at 9:00 am - Live Service and Kids Church @ Grace Campus (9530 Woodbridge St. Zeeland)
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## We are Family Church

**Proverbs 15:20**, A wise son brings joy to his Father, but a foolish man despises his mother.

**John 1: 12-16**, Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

**John 1:1**, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:14**, And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**Colossians 2: 6-7**, So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, **rooted** and built up **in him**, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

**Ephesians 3:7**, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being **rooted** and established in love,

**Jeremiah 17:7-9**, But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

**John 4:14**, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

## September 2021

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### **We are officially Family Church!**

Pastor Adam talked about many reasons for our name change and ended with this: we wanted a name that is thoroughly Biblical and a description of how we feel when we walk through the doors... home with Family!

1. Why would we want a church that feels like we are walking into their mom's or grandma's house?
2. Home is where we instantly feel comfortable, and we let our guard down. We want everyone to feel like they can be the real version of themselves. Why is this important to the health of a church?
3. Most of us had/have a mom, or grandma, who we loved to walk into their home because there is/was something delicious baking in the oven and you knew it was all for you to enjoy, free of charge. Just because she loved you. Shouldn't church be a place like that? Do you see how Family Church pulls you toward the heart of God?
4. Pastor Adam also said, we love going home to mom's or grandma's because it exudes comfort and is a place you feel at ease. This too is how we want Family Church to be. Why?
5. The biggest reason we love mom and grandma is because they love us unconditionally! They will always forgive us, encourage us, cheer us on, help us, be there for us in good times and bad. And that is exactly what we strive to be as a church family! How can a Family church do this?

### **READ: John 1: 12-16**

6. What about those of us that grew up in terrible circumstances, as an orphan, or hate everything that your family was? How can we relate?
7. What does this have to do with your biological family? When we accept Jesus, we are welcomed into a NEW family! We are welcomed into God's family!

*A Quote from Pastor Adam... How many of you are wondering why the tree? Here is where we hope the deep significance comes in; that is not just any tree. That is a Redwood Tree growing out of an opened Bible. This was intentional because as a church we are a people called to be ROOTED in the Word of God! John 1:1 tells us Jesus is the Word of God and our foundation must grow from Jesus. John 1:14 tells us, Jesus was made flesh and dwelt among us, to bring us into this family of grace and truth!*

### **READ: Colossians 2: 6-7, Ephesians 3:7, Jeremiah 17:7-9, John 4:14**

8. Where must we be rooted?
9. When we are planted, rooted in the Word of God, in the Bible we have nothing to fear. We as a Family Church want to champion that truth throughout the world! When our foundation is in the Word of God, we have nothing to fear! And through Jesus we find eternal life with this new Family we call church!
10. This logo has even deeper meaning, discuss the Redwood size and root system of intertwining roots. How can this too be a picture of Family church?
11. Team work literally prevents Redwoods from falling. Do you see the correlation to us?

### **KEY POINT: We are a Redwood Forest!**

We are designed to be rooted in the word of God! When our foundation is in the word of God, we grow together with our new Family called church! And together we help hold each other up! Together we help each other to not fall! Do you see it Family Church?

When we allow our lives to tangle together like the roots of a Redwood tree, we become one, we become family. When we allow our lives to tangle together like the Redwood, we can support each other through life's storms. We are not a church that rises and falls on one pastor or leader. Why? Because it takes all of us growing in God and becoming a family, to be the MOST visible living things on planet earth. And Jesus wants us to be the greatest light for him in the world!



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