

Home Sweet Home
Psalm 68:4-6
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Vision statement:

We see a church family radically pursuing a Jesus-first life as we anchor our existence in the truth of God's Word.

We see a church where every person is a missionary, equipped and unafraid to live and share the gospel around the dinner table, in the breakroom, and with neighbors at a front porch BBQ.

We see a church that says "Welcome Home" to every person who needs a family, a church overflowing with new believers where relationships are restored and healing takes place in all.

Psalm 68:4–6 (NIV)

4 Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. 5 A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. 6 God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Psalm 68:5-6a NIV

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. 6 God sets the lonely in families...

God places us in a family.

We need a family.

Galatians 4:4–7 (NASB95)

4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

Romans 8:15–16 (NASB95)

15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

God places us in a family.

We need a family. (Biological and spiritual)

The church is a family!

1 Timothy 3:14–15 (ESV)

14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

1 Timothy 5:1–2 (ESV)

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

1 Timothy 3:1–5 (ESV)

1 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable... 4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?