

The Family Church – Christian Leadership Experience 2019

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The Vision (Why)

The LOCAL church does best when our FAMILIES mirror the hope and vision God has for his Christian church. “Church” is God’s grand vision of HIS family and church is the best blueprint we have for our individual Family. That reality is profound, because my Family then, gives the LOCAL church its best blueprint for ministry in our community and in the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit and God’s word: I hope to help us see how the family is the simplest version of God’s church and to equip the family to be a mission minded sanctuary of Communion and Community that invites our neighborhood to experience the love and Gospel of Jesus.

A Starting Point

The Trinity Begins with Communion and Community. Mankind’s journey might be summarized this way:

Communion →	Common Unity →	The Fall →	Community →	Jesus Death and Resurrection
... with God Gifted to mankind. Shared Holiness imparted to mankind by God.	... with one another based on the Common Union with God.	Breaks Communion and Breaks Community, leading the formation of a new reality that binds humanity	... that unites all mankind as sinner in need of Savior. The spiritually dead in need of life.	... restores communion, recreates Common Unity and purposes Christians to bring the Gospel to the Community of people in need of a Savior

- Jesus is the cornerstone and foundation of THE Church
- Sustainable congregational ministries derive their strength from the **health** of the Family Church
- The Family Church is the smallest functioning example of the “**Body of Christ**”
- A child’s first and **deepest** experience with “the church” is in the family
- That a child’s first “**Pastor**” is their Father/Mother
- That God’s Grace covers a multitude of sins – No perfect parents... No perfect kids – ALL on a journey

The Foundation of the Family Church (“How” churches happen)

	The Purpose	The Root	The Culture	The Functions	The Guidelines
Bible Passages	<i>Ephesians 3</i>	<i>John 15</i>	<i>Romans 12, Ephesians 4</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 12 Romans 12</i>	<i>Ephesians 5,6 Proverbs</i>
Key Points	Make known God’s faithfulness, Relationship with God	The strength and foundation of the church	The attitude of the people that make up the church	Many gifts, Different gifts, one vision	Living out the purpose, husband and wife, parents and children
Summary Passage	“To grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge”	“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.”	“Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought”	“so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”	“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ”

Shepherding the Family Church (“Who” leads the church) “Pastor Your Family”

Role of the Shepherd	Heart of the Shepherd	Student of the Word	Confidence in Calling
<i>Ephesians 3:2</i>	<i>John 10</i>	<i>2nd and 1st Timothy 4:15-16</i>	<i>1 Peter 4:7-11</i>
“the administration of God’s grace that was given to me – for you”	“I have come, that they may have life and have it to the full”	“Watch your life and your doctrine closely”	“Gifts given... faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms”

Notes:

The Impact of the Family Church (The Expression of Jesus in your family and neighborhood)

The role of Worship and outreach in the Family Church		
<i>God comes to us</i>	<i>His people respond to him</i>	<i>And to others about his faithfulness</i>
Personal Bible reading Bible Study and devotions at home	Prayers, songs and offerings Practicing Repentance and Forgiveness Stories of God’s Faithfulness Thankful Praise	Family service to the neighborhood Inspiring each other in the family Celebrating stories of family serving others for Jesus sake

John 10: 3b-4, 16/Luke 15 – Join the mission of Jesus (Hospitals and Clinics)

Fund the family ministry – “Tithe your tithe”

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Pastoring your Family Church: Some Advice

1. Practice what you want to see your children doing in 20 years.
2. No matter how bad you’ve messed up: repent, embrace forgiveness and prioritize your life in God’s order.
3. Let your influence flow out of YOUR personal relationship with Jesus.

Final Point

Celebrate the journey and story of God’s faithfulness in its various forms - Our Spiritual Journey

No Relationship (Dead)

Made Awake (Identity)

Made Alive (Purposed)

Fractured relationship (Saints that sin)

Conforming Relationship (Being made Christ like)

Sharing and multiplying relationship (Desiring God’s joy in others)

Complete Relationship!

Resources/Table Talk

1. “Songs We Carry” – for worship and encouragement at home
2. “You Have What it Takes” – An encouragement for dads
3. The Family Church Sermon Series - <http://stpaulmuskego.org/worship/family-church/>