## ANNUALREPORT 2024



### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

JAMEY NEWSTED

2024 was an amazing year and I believe God is just getting started!

For the second year in a row we saw incredible growth, highlighted by dozens of people giving their lives to



Jesus!!! THE single best way for a church to grow is through salvations and we are seeing God do exactly that - keep praying for people to be saved because God is honoring and answering that prayer!

We also experienced incredible excitement and life by witnessing dozens of people take their faith in Jesus public through baptism. What I am completely blown away by is that God is using the act of baptism to lead other people to Jesus!

I know I keep using a lot of !!!!!!! but I am SOOOOO excited about what God is doing at Genesis Church right now and blessed to be a part of it, blessed to be your pastor, and blessed to be involved in this great move of God.

And the best part is..... THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Now let's go change the world for Jesus

Pastor Jamey

## Sunday Morning Worship Director: Matt Denny

2024 was a great year for Worship ministry at Genesis Church! We added several new members to the team in the form of vocalist and musicians. I am so grateful for this team that serves so faithfully week after week.

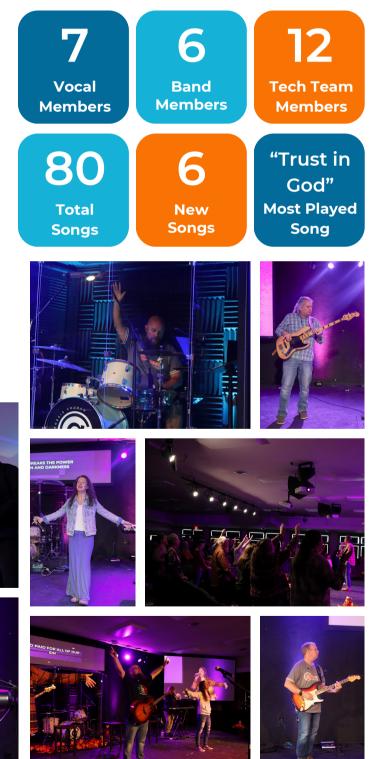
The Tech team is also growing and we have plans to add a new position in 2025 in the form of a production manager. We also added several new songs in 2024 to keep the worship music catalog fresh while also singing songs that we already know and love. Genesis worship can not wait to see what this next year has in store for us!





"Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does."

- Psalm 33: 3-4 NIV



## Birth - Grade 3 GenKids Director: Hannah Abel

Hannah joined the Genesis team as the GenKids director in May and spent most of 2024 restructuring and revamping our GenKids Ministry in preparation for the relaunch on September 15, 2024.

- Researched, created, and implemented policies for Check-In and Check-Out, Classroom Expectations, and Discipline Procedures.
- Created and implemented a new GenKids volunteer training process. 24 volunteers completed the process and began serving in the GenKids area.
- Created a system for first-time GenKids: GenKids Connection Card, First Time bag, and Informational Paperwork
- Researched, tested, and implemented a new curriculum into our weekly use.
- 5 brand new age-appropriate classrooms were researched, planned, built, and decorated.

Hannah also directed the 2025 GenKids Christmas Program, "Manger Tales" with many participating kids. "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.""

- Matthew 19: 14 NIV

98 GenKids in 2024

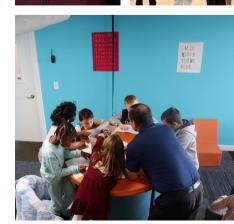
24 New Volunteers

**DD** First-Time GenKids













### Club 45 (4th-5th Grade)

Club 45 has multiple events on the calendar specifically designed for our 4th and 5th grade students to have fun and learn about God. Meeting every 4-6 weeks, this serves as the bridge from GenKids to Be Real.

### Be Real Student Ministry (6th-12th grade)

Our middle school and high school students in Be Real are learning the Biblical foundations required to hold a strong Christian faith.

This group meeting every Sunday night from 6:30-8 PM and is quickly growing!

#### Young Adults (20's)

The Young Adults are studying through the Gospel of Mark, seeing not just Jesus' life, but an intense view of His ministry and Who He is as a real Historical figure. oth groups are focused on growing in Biblical understanding as a basis for their Christian faith. Having outgrown their original space, they are now meeting at church every Thursday night at 6:30 PM! "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." - 1 Timothy 4: 12 NIV





# Missions & Outreach

Pastor of Discipleship & Missions: Kyle Abel

Here are some ministry highlights during the last 6 months of 2024:

#### Missions

- We took a trip of 8 adults to Metepec, Mexico, to partner with Antonio and Diana Navarrete and to serve their church, Iglesia Bautista en Metepec.
- Genesis had over 25 volunteers to help at Kids Food Basket in October.
- Preliminary discussions were had with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan's Disaster Relief Ministry Director to find training dates and discover how Genesis Church can be involved in this ministry in 2025.
- Met and had conversations with Ryan & Gretchen Rought (ABWE missionaries to Costa Rica) to begin financially partnering with them in 2025.
- Began plans for Tokyo Vision Trip in Jan. 2025 to explore possible trip in 2026
- Investigated local mission partnerships to potentially financially support based on 1st time visits (in place of Biggby cards for guests).

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

- Matthew 28: 19-20 NIV



# Community & Groups

Pastor of Discipleship & Missions: Kyle Abel

#### **Community Groups**

- 40s-50s group was started in '24 and grew to 20 in attendance at its Friendsgiving event.
- 60s+ had steadily grown to an average of over 35 with a high of 44.
- Young Adults (20's) ministry is averaging upwards of 15 on a weekly basis.
- Community Group leaders training was held to help them be even more effective as leaders.

#### **Bible Study Groups**

- 5 Bible Study Groups were promoted and launched this past October.
- There were 68 attendees participating in the 5 studies.
- new believers were enrolled in a New Believers Class in June and provided the basics of being a Christ-Follower.

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." - Romans 12: 4 NIV







# Office & **Online**

Administrative Assistant: Melissa Peoples

As the Administrative Assistant, I am responsible for many tasks around the church. Some of my weekly tasks include but are not limited to:

- Overseeing and running the Genesis office – ordering and maintaining office supplies and equipment; greeting and assisting visitors who come into the office during the week.
- I assist and complete tasks primarily for Pastor Jamey but also help the rest of the Genesis staff when needed.
- I am responsible for most churchwide communications, such as emails, texts, newsletters, and programs.
- Maintaining the Genesis website and social media accounts to engage the community and share key information.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

- Colossians 3: 23 NIV





### 2024 at Genesis





"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!"

- Ephesians 3: 20-21 NIV

26 Baptisms



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Connection Groups & Small Groups





Added Ethan & Myriah Burns as Global Missions Partners



Kyle Abel, Hannah Abel, & Brendan Lee joined the Genesis staff.

\$114,653.69 2024 Christmas Offering



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Families attended Trunk-or-Treat





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**Baby Dedications** 

God's Going Big Pay Attention