



IN HONOR OF
GENESIS CHURCH-ANTIOCH

WHEREAS, Genesis Church-Antioch, a Converge church plant (www.converge.org), believes it was birthed in the heart and mind of God many years before the Church was planted. Founded by Pastor Damon & Shantell Owens, Genesis Church exists to help people know and follow Jesus.

WHEREAS, during the spring of 2015, Damon & Shantell held bible studies in their living room to teach the bible, share the gospel, and to disciple people throughout the East Bay/Contra Costa County region. During this time, Damon & Shantell believe they were inspired by God to share the love of Jesus by adopting local women's shelters, outreach events, food and clothes giveaways at their homes and restaurant. Like-minded people from various parts of the Bay Area began to assist and walk alongside low and moderate-income children and families throughout the city and region;

WHEREAS, with the wisdom, support, and prophetic insight of Rev. Dr. M.T Thompson (Pastor Emeritus of Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church), and Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson (Sr. Pastor of Allen Temple Baptist Church), Genesis Church-Antioch was established and launched in October 2015. Genesis Church is a loving community of people who believe that no one should walk alone in the Christian journey. As a Church, Genesis Church believes that "doing life together" while building community is not an option, but should be the primary vehicle that provides care and support for those we fellowship with;

WHEREAS, in the middle of a global pandemic and after 7 years of fruitful ministry, the Church purchased its first building. Genesis Church closed escrow on a property located at 1800 Woodland Drive Antioch, CA 94509. This building was the former satellite campus of Golden Hills Community Church, a Converge Church. This was the same church building where Genesis Church held its first baptism service with 19 candidates in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the vision and mission of Genesis Church is anchored in the gospel of Jesus Christ that provides support and discipleship for all people. Whether it is mental health support, trauma healing, leadership development, prison ministry, workforce development, prayer groups, local/ regional/ international missions, men's/women's ministry or community youth and young adult development, there is a place for everyone. Genesis Church believes in connecting its ministry philosophy, teaching, worship, programs, events, and vision to the heartbeat of Jesus Christ.

NOW, THEREFORE I, LAMAR A. THORPE, Mayor of the City of Antioch,
do hereby congratulate Genesis Church-Antioch.

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LAMAR A. THORPE, Mayor

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