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EVANGELICAL FREE
CHURCH
of Salt Lake City

*The vision and mission of
the Evangelical Free Church
of Salt Lake City*

Welcome to the Evangelical Free Church of Salt Lake City. We're glad you are here. Determining what body of believers God would have you commit to and worship Him in can be a difficult decision. In order to help with that process, we've put together this booklet. In it you'll find both some description of what we do here, as well as why we do it.

In a way, then, this is a story about how God is working through and using us as a part of His larger story — the work of redeeming His people from every tongue, tribe and nation. What you'll find on the following pages touches on our past, describes our present, and points our way into the future, as we believe the Lord has directed us. We know that we do not live this out to perfection, but by God's grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit we continue to strive after this. We invite you to join us.



*In Christ,
Pastor Steve Clark*

A gospel-centered community that finds its joy in Jesus

The vision statement depicts what we aspire to be. It is our hope-filled commitment to those who walk alongside us and the end result of our mission lived out.

Created and sustained by the gospel, we aspire to be a church family marked by the joy we take in Jesus and what He has done for us.

We strive to be a community that is united around the redeeming work of Jesus Christ and this is demonstrated through our conduct as we live out His love for us towards others. We rejoice in how the gospel works in our midst as we share life together. This causes our community to be characterized by faith, love, and joy as we do the work to which He has called and equipped us.

To develop disciples to be stewards of the gospel

The mission statement describes why we exist.

It is our purpose; it is our passion.

It summarizes our intent, and it defines the drive behind all we do.

By the grace of God, we labor for His purposes and His glory.

The gospel is a message given to us by God in His Word about what He has done to save us in Christ. We seek to steward the gospel — to know it, to live it out, and to share it with others — developing Christ-centered disciples who are equipped to bear gospel-witness to the communities that God has called them.

The three pillars describe how we endeavor toward our vision.

1 *Gospel-Centered Growth*

The gospel grows us as we come to know God through His Word.

2 *Gospel-Centered Living*

The gospel is fuel for life, calling us to community and worship.

3 *Gospel-Centered Mission*

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Gospel-Centered Growth

The gospel grows us as we come to know God through His Word. Receiving and growing in faith requires the teaching of the Bible as it reveals what God has done to redeem His people in Christ. We desire more than surface level knowledge and find joy in the process of learning and maturing in our faith — for it is by the gospel that non-believers are saved and believers are sanctified.

“Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing — as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth.”

Colossians 1:5b-6

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Gospel-Centered Living

The gospel is fuel for life. It affects how we work, play, socialize, think, love — every aspect of life. The gospel has called us as a diverse group of individuals into a community that has been united through Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection. As we sojourn together, we desire for our lives to be a constant expression of worship — from our corporate gatherings to our everyday living — ascribing to God the glory and honor He is due.

“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel”

Philippians 1:27

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Gospel-Centered Mission

In the gospel, God moves towards us, so we move towards others in love. As we draw closer in relationship with Christ, our Gospel-centered living becomes a Spirit-filled ministry to the world around us, where every legitimate vocation and calling fulfills God's mission in the world. We share God's grace in the gospel message through the natural rhythms of everyday life, ministry partnership, and intentional outreach to all people.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ.”

Colossians 4:2-3a

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*What we do to move
toward our vision*

PRINCIPLES:

Intentional Discipleship

Developing Christ-centered disciples who are equipped to bear gospel-witness through deliberate, loving relationships and training in God's Word

Like-Minded Partnership

Serving alongside like minded individuals, churches and organizations as partners in ministry

Gospel Outreach & Missions

Sharing the gospel and loving our neighbor in the different contexts to which called has called us — locally and globally

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