

CARL SUTTER

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accomplished Senior Pastor with a proven track record. Adept in biblical knowledge and visionary leadership. Successfully expanded congregation through strategic growth and effective preaching, fostering deep community engagement and spiritual development. Mentored leaders and launched impactful community outreach, demonstrating exceptional pastoral care and discipleship training skills.

SKILLS

- Pastoral Care
- Discipleship training
- Biblical Knowledge
- Church Planting
- Small Group Facilitation
- Visionary leadership
- Effective preaching
- Pastoral counseling

WORK HISTORY

SENIOR/FOUNDING PASTOR 11/2011 to 07/2023

Foundations Church, Loveland, CO

- Enhanced the spiritual lives of parishioners through meaningful sermons, Bible studies, and counseling sessions.
- Established a thriving congregation by developing and implementing strategic growth plans.
- Cultivated lasting relationships between congregation members through regular social gatherings outside of weekly worship services.
- Inspired congregants to participate more actively in community outreach initiatives through sermons and partnering with local organizations focused on service.
- Launched successful fundraising campaigns that enabled the congregation to expand our facilities and open up another campus in a neighboring town.
- Mentored church leaders for effective ministry implementation and create more opportunities for ministry and discipleship.

EXECUTIVE PASTOR 03/2008 to 06/2011

Crossroads Church, Loveland, CO

- Mentored emerging leaders within the church body by providing training resources and personal guidance.
- Developed a comprehensive volunteer program to encourage member involvement in various ministries.
- Delivered impactful messages rooted in biblical principles during weekly services and special events.
- Provided compassionate pastoral care for individuals experiencing personal crises or seeking spiritual guidance through counseling sessions and prayer support.

SENIOR PASTOR 03/1988 to 06/1997

1st Evangelical Free Church, Chicago, IL

- Officiated special services such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, and nursing home services.
- Led effective pastoral care for congregation members, providing spiritual guidance and support during times of crisis or need.
- Oversaw administration and management of all areas of ministry.
- Provided spiritual care through visitation, counseling, and prayer.
- Led dynamic worship services on a weekly basis, fostering an atmosphere of spiritual reflection and connection for congregants.

SENIOR PASTOR 03/1983 to 02/1988

Keokuk Evangelical Free Church, Keokuk, Iowa

- Led effective pastoral care for congregation members, providing spiritual guidance and support during times of crisis or need.
- Oversaw administration and management of all areas of ministry.
- Led programs such as worship, study, fellowship, and service opportunities.
- Planned and conducted worship services, wrote sermons, and worked with key church leaders to carry out church mission.

EDUCATION

VitalChurch Ministry Intentional Interim Pastor

Training, February 2025

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL

Bachelor of Science, Masters of Divinity, 05/1982

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology/Philosophy, 06/1976

Pastor Carl Sutter
Personal Statement of Faith

To paraphrase a famous quote – I believe in the essentials of the faith, orthodoxy, in the non-essentials of the faith, unity, and in all things charity.

For me the essentials of the faith are: a Triune God, the deity of God the Father, the deity of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, the deity of the Holy Spirit, the virgin birth of Jesus, the sinless life of Jesus, that the death of Jesus on the cross provided substitutionary atonement, Jesus literally rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone in Jesus alone!

The Pillars of my faith center on the 5 Solas that came out of the Reformation.

Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone). The Bible is inerrant and infallible and is the ultimate authority for our faith and practice. All Christian Doctrine should be based on the Truth of Scripture.

Sola Fide (Faith Alone). The way a person receives salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ alone – period. No amount of works or human merit can secure salvation.

Sola Gratia (Grace Alone). Salvation is a free gift from God – only by His grace. It cannot be earned or deserved.

Solus Christus (Christ Alone). The only way to Salvation is through Jesus and our faith in Him. He is the ONLY mediator between God and humankind.

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone). All majesty, glory, honor and praise belong to God exclusively. No human being, organization, or institution is worthy of glory.