

“A Fully Functioning Church”

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Our 2012 MISSION Statement

Our 2012 Mission is: “To encourage everyone to a daily walk with God, and a lifelong pursuit of maturity in Him, resulting in the fulfillment of His purposes in each life that will enable us to fulfill God’s mandate for a united, functioning body.”

Introduction: We need first to see the larger picture.

The Larger Picture, Part 1: The Church

Picture a building with a strong foundation, a beautiful roof and 9 pillars going from the foundation to the roofing.

Roof _____

Foundation _____

The 9 Pillars are worship, preaching, prayer, teaching and equipping (discipleship), care and counseling, evangelism, welcoming people, and assimilating people. The center pillar is relationships.

The Holy Spirit is like the air that fills the building. He is God and He gives everyone in the church, and the pillar components, life, strength, direction and communion with the Triune God.

1 Peter 2:4-5

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The Larger Picture, Part 2: The Kingdom of God

God has been establishing his rule on earth since Adam.

The church is the visible representation of the K. of God.

Do we know what we have in the church?

Being born again is a work of God, a miracle.

2 Corinthians 5:17

1 Peter 2:9-10

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The Larger Picture, Part 3: The Kingdom of Satan

Those outside of the Kingdom of God are in the Kingdom of Satan. There is no other option.

Ephesians 2:1-7

1 John 5:19: "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

One of the reasons the church exists is to fulfill the mandate that God gave her. We call it the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:18-20

God birthed the church on earth in the midst of a lost, corrupt, rebellious world.

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The Larger Picture, Part 4: Our Mandate to Evangelism

Remember, this is one of the pillars of a “Fully Functioning Church.”

Acts 1:8: “And you will shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Examples:

Mark

Russ

Survey of over 34,000 lay people. “What or who was responsible for your coming to Christ and your church?” Here are the results:

Special Need	1-2%
Walk-in	2-3%
Pastor	5-6%
Visitation	1-2%
Sunday School	4-5%
Evangelistic Crusade	½ of 1%
Church Program	2-3%
Friend/Relative	75-90%

James 2:17: “Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.”

AW Tozer: “Faith and obedience are two sides of the same coin.”

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Welcoming People To Our Church

Ministries:

Parking Lot

Door Greeter

Welcome Centers

Usher

Congregational Greetings

Welcome Card Signing

Letters, Emails, and Surveys

Phoning of Guests

Visitation of Guests

Get-together Times

John Wesley quote:

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Assimilation of New People

Through Friendships

Through Tasks/Roles (service)

Through Group Involvement

Through Identification with:

 The Purpose of a Church

 Our Vision

 The Great Commission

Through Spiritual Growth

Final Call to Action: _____

If we are neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm, God will want to spit us out of His mouth.

Revelation 3:15-16

Let us live in the Bible, live in God, live in obedience, live in power, live in love, live in God directed exploits into the lives of people around us!