

called to be  
**pallbearers** and  
midwives



*For the beauty of the earth  
Sing, O Sing, today*

*Of the skies and of our birth  
Sing, O Sing, always*

*Nature, human and divine  
all around us lie*

*Lord of all to thee we raise  
Grateful hymns of praise*



part three:

the missional church

**The church needs to discover what century it is living in.**

**The culture of our nation is becoming**

**Multi-Ethnic**

**Post-Modern**

**Post-Christian**

**In the Christian World, the ministry  
and practice of the church was  
defined by:**

**the needs of the church members**

**the doctrines of the church**

**the structure of the institution**

**The pastoral role was to attend to the  
members and keep the ship sailing  
smoothly.**

**In the Post-Christian World, ministry  
and practice will be defined by:**

**the needs of the those outside the church**

**the message of Christ**

**the passions of Christians**

**The pastoral role is to help the church  
live into Christ's mission externally, and  
therefore, also internally.**

# **The Missional Church**

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**PARTNERING WITH GOD**

**IN GOD'S REDEMPTIVE  
MISSION**

**IN THE WORLD**

# The People Of God

In our Western culture, we've made church a "what."

...so church is  
something outside myself  
it's a place  
it's what we do on Sunday

# American Life

The diagram consists of a wide, light gray horizontal bar at the top with the text 'American Life' centered in black. Below this bar are five vertical, light gray rectangular pillars, each with a thin black horizontal line near its base. The pillars are labeled from left to right: 'Government', 'Social Security', 'Education', 'Health Care', and 'Church'. The entire structure is set against a white background with a subtle gray shadow beneath the pillars.

Government

Social Security

Education

Health Care

Church

# **The Missional Church**

**Shift from Church as a “what”**

**- TO -**

**Church as a “WHO”**

# American Life

Government

Social Security

Education

Health Care

Church

**CHURCH**



# Partnering With God

**We didn't start this thing!**

**and**

**We're not in charge of it!**

# Partnering With God

*The idea that*

*‘if we don’t do it, it won’t get done’ is  
crap.*

*‘There is no Plan B’ is crap.*

*To think we own the mission  
or are the only way the mission will  
happen is more than arrogant,  
it’s idolatrous.*

# Partnering With God

Partnering with God  
means that we get to be a part of  
this movement  
– NOT THAT WE ARE THE  
MOVEMENT.

We're not the deal.  
We just get cut in on the deal.

# Partnering With God

**The church does not  
have a mission.**

**The mission has a church.**

# **In God's Redemptive Mission**

**So what IS God's mission?**

**This is where we have to spend much time in deep prayer and discernment.**

**What does the kingdom of God look like in this part of the community?**

# **In God's Redemptive Mission**

**The teachings of Jesus in the Gospels and the movement of the early church in Acts...feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, restoring sight to the blind, releasing those who are held captive and proclaiming the year of the LORD's favor.**

# **In God's Redemptive Mission**

**People are looking for God  
and we give them church.**

**People are looking for God  
and we give them a program or  
an event.**

# **In God's Redemptive Mission**

**In a *program driven church*, you need people to get the program done.**

**In a *people driven church*, you use the program to get the people done...**

# In the World

## Our Scorecard:

average Sunday attendance  
number of baptized members  
pledging units  
amount pledged

# In the World

**God's Scorecard:**

**people who are hungry**

**children who can't read**

**elderly who are lonely**

**families without shelter**

**those who can't afford to go to the  
doctor**

# **In the World**

**In order to be a missional church,  
we have to make the switch:**

**DOING CHURCH**

**to**

**BEING CHURCH.**

# **In the World**

**As the leaders in the church,  
Robert and I have to will have to  
shift from being CEOs,  
you will have to shift from being  
managers of a franchise**

**to being leaders of a movement.**

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# Table Questions

- **1. What has been the hardest part/most frustrating piece of this for you?**
- **2. What parts of this missional church idea excite you?**

**Next Thursday -**

**part four:**

**pallbearers &**

