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OUR DNA - Theological - Relational - Missional - To be missional - on mission for Jesus - is to “do, be, and tell the Gospel ” We must realize our “sent-ness” - Missional: adjective form of the noun “mission” - there is a mission to accomplish

Church Birthing = immense effort and intentionality, finances, human resources, send some of our best people, people deeply connected to the life of the church, loved by many -

Why on earth would we do such a thing? Because Sending is at the Heart of the Good News

John 17:18 “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

and 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

God sent Jesus to invade a sin-saturated world and proclaim the availability of His kingdom through His work. This sending is a paradigm/model/example for the sending of all of God’s kids.

The church enables and mobilizes its people to give their lives away in the pattern God lived.

Sending is faith in action - exercising faith, is growing faith - There is no denying **the cost of church planting**.

A quick cost-benefit analysis leads one to conclude that it is unwise to plant a church due to the cost of resources and manpower.

Fear often exceeds our faith that God can, and will, provide for our needs. Think of Joseph, Moses, Gideon, David - seventy sent out by Jesus - bring nothing with you - excited power over spirits - love

By sending, we release our death-grip of control on the local church and trust God to meet its needs and, when he does, our faith grows.

Mat 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Mat 28:20 “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Sending Motivates the Church to Live on Mission - By birthing - whole church endeavor - Every member is a minister on mission -- Great Co-mission - Planting of Churches is one of the most effective ways in history to fulfill the great commission

Sending Releases God’s People and leaders into Areas of Great Need - Sandwich & Yarmouth share the title of oldest town on Cape Cod - 1639 - Both just over 20,000 people- "After So Many Shipwrecks A Haven" - Cape Cod within Reach

Matt 16: 15 Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. 18 Now I

say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

The Church - the ecclesia - called out ones - my church - possessive pronoun - the called out ones, unto to me, for and around me - God would be about the business of building the church.

Connected people are a Community, and community always wants to gather - family - learning to love one another - we get together - Jesus builds a gathering of His blood bought people. The ecclesia - the church.

Mission of Christ - is building the church - Jesus said I will build my church

Book of Acts - Acts 2 - Jesus birthed the New Testament church as we know it today - they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, prayer and the breaking of bread, and in due time, they moved out unto Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth, and any where they went they birthed churches.

The Lord is doing the same thing in our day and age, here on Cape Cod

The church is god's strategy to reach a dark, hopeless, broken world. It is not the only thing. The church is an instrument of the Kingdom of God - not the Kingdom

God is planting churches around the world. God has called us to that task. Committed 100% to that task.

We believe by doing so we are being obedient, on mission, and outward focused. This keeps us from falling into maintenance mode. Keep going what we have got going - focused on getting more people to come to church, more often.

We don't want to be about getting people here all the time, we want to get people out there. Emphasize sending, in harmony with the Lord, and then I believe he will call people to gather with us. Because the intent is to disciple and send. Getting people on mission.

Sending protects us from complacency. - creates ministry opportunities - fosters evangelistic living

As scary as it is - church birthing should stimulate awe and wonder.

Steve Timmis "God's purpose has always been to have a people for himself—a people that he reveals his glory *to*, and displays his glory *through*."

Remember, church birthing is more than starting a meeting, putting on an event, raising money, or finding a building. It is an enormous gift to be engaged in doing God's plan. God is gathering a diverse, global people to himself. We get to be a part of it here on Cape Cod, in Haiti, Israel, India, Puerto Rico ...

God's plan is to gather a people for himself through the preaching of the gospel, individuals are brought to repentant faith in Christ—individuals who become part of this new community called the church. Believing Jews and Gentiles are now brothers and sisters, empowered by the Spirit to become Jesus's missionaries on earth.

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God's purpose has always been to have a people for himself—real people who gather around the Word, break bread together, sing together, laugh together, weep together, pray together, dream together, and do ministry together. God is in our midst, revealing his glory *to* us, and displaying his glory *through* us.

History Lesson - calling to plant a church - back in 1997 - 2009 - vision of planting churches on Cape Cod - not ambition - not about being big - or gaining a reputation - It's all about Jesus and the Gospel

Church birthing is a family endeavor

Children are a result of a love Birthed out of love between Bride and the Bridegroom — a mutual human love emanating from God in their hearts.

When Christians awaken to their ability to share this love with the world, it becomes most natural to give birth to other churches.

Birthing - our DNA - theological - relational - missional- Lord - Love - Baby

Birthing - metaphor for church planting - is relational - committed - labor intensive - lengthy process - messy - costly - birthing is intensely relational - mother and father - both committed -

Call is to plant healthy churches - slow and low in number - birthing metaphor - is long process - super involved

Church planting should be about establishing healthy congregations that increasingly reflect God's character as revealed in His Word.

When the children are birthed - it is a family thing - linked shields fight side by - we are in it for life - rejoice and weep together - always there for them relationally and financially

Encouragement to know you have a church family - that is full on for you to reach people for Jesus

what parent doesn't nurture their child - love is self-sacrificial - willing to give of ourselves to support them

Birthing is costly - planting churches is costly. \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

We are going to fully support everything they need to function.

Person, Place, Process - Over the past year - Seth & Shyla - Yarmouth - Process - Community Group
- 24 Commercial St. - More to be explained today.

Voice of the Lord - Seth & Shyla & Yarmouth - Falmouth - Landlord

Jesus will for us to be yoked together - equip and release. Ministers - people who love Jesus, their wife, and they love the church (bride of Christ) Teaching from the pulpit, leading community groups, leading ministries, leading events, prayer meetings, part of the leadership team.

Churches Connected to each other - clear understanding and sense of our mutual calling - make the vision plain - so we can rally around a clear call - picture in a darkroom being developed

Loved ones leaving - sweet offering unto the Lord

Matt 16:17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The gates of hell will not prevail against it!

The church is to be a force in the world for change - that will put the powers of hell on it heels - gates are a defense mechanism. Prevent forward movement! Church is going to be like a battering ram moving forward victoriously.

The Gospel is storming the gates of Hell to bring people back to the Kingdom of the Son - the loving community for which they are created.

Acts 1:8 Jesus told them to preach the Gospel - be witnesses - in Jerusalem, Judea, and the uttermost parts of the earth.

Major spiritual offensive move to go into a community and plant a church that: seek to exalt God above all else find their center of gravity in Christ - who He is, What He has done, doing, strive to submit to the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit - dependence through prayer intentionally try to be saturated with Scripture. preaching, teaching, and proclaiming the gospel, live it out, and give evidence to its truth by love and service to those inside and outside the congregation. people living

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out the love of God in their life and fostering a community of brotherly love. freely and responsibly love one another through sacrifice, words of truth, burden bearing and accountability.

Purposely putting a new light fixture into Yarmouth

Mat 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

By the grace of God, we are going to do our part in changing the spiritual climate of Cape Cod. by sheer grace - adequacy is not from self - from Christ

2Ch 16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him"

Pro 11:25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

intense process - pray - support - engage - refreshed by being faithful

When we fulfill the great commission - Luk 19:17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

Mat 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

Mat 9:38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Fishers of men - cruise ship - trawler