LOVE THE WORLD
The Church Has Left the Building 2014

1. Why do the Church Has Left the Building?
   a. This is what we see Jesus doing and He told us to “go and do likewise.”
   b. It helped our people see the church as more than a building and a time of the week
   c. It moved us beyond comfort and routine into action.
   d. It connected every age with practical ways they could make a difference for Jesus.
   e. It revealed the impact the church can have when it is unleashed.
   f. It inspired our people to be involved in mission through the year.
   g. It was an easy way to welcome and involve those outside the church.
   h. The joy and the power of the Holy Spirit were felt by everyone.

2. Why on Sunday?
   a. Sunday is the Lord’s Day – the best day to do what you see Him doing – serving
   b. What about Worship? – You will worship – just not in the morning. You will have worship in the
      evening.
   c. Why not Saturday? – Sunday is the day most Christians set aside for God. Other days decrease the
      number involved.
   d. Sunday says to the world the Church is more than just people gathering in a building for an hour.

   a. More than Just a One Day Event – A New Way of Being Church
   b. Kick Off – Sunday, September 21
   c. Seven weeks – September 21 to November 2nd

4. Love God
   a. 42 Days of Prayer – people can pray anywhere, anytime that day.
   b. Seven sermon week series on the Gospel of John

5. Grow in Grace
   a. Form Small Groups. Encourage them to meet out in the Community
   b. Online Daily Readings from John
   c. Weekly Small Group Study Guide based on the Gospel of John

6. Share with Others – The Church has Left the Building – Sunday, October 26th
   a. Compile a List of Mission Projects
   b. Find a Leader in your congregation to coordinate each project for your people
   c. Some large projects can be shared by several congregations.
   d. Work Your Network – invite family and friends to join you.
   e. You can do a project as an individual, a family, a small group.
   f. No morning services. Congregations will gather in several places in the evening as a celebration
      of Jesus Christ & a sign of our desire to bless the community together.

7. New this Year Resources and video training on our website
   http://www.woodside-church.org/thechurchhasleftthebuilding.rhtml instead of Dropbox
   a. Preaching Topics/Sermon outlines
   b. Worship/Music suggestions
   c. Small Group Study Guides
   d. Promotions/Logos/Bulletin/Web
   e. Daily Devotional
   f. Leaders’ handouts & power points
   g. Mission Ideas
Other Frequently Asked Questions

a. What if my leadership/board insists we have morning services?
   We don’t recommend holding a morning worship service. If you feel you must here are some options:
   1. Gather for a prayer and commissioning service
   2. Hold a brief service.
   3. If you feel you must have a service make it as early as possible and then go out and serve.
   4. Above all - remind people to come back for the evening service.

b. What if my church is too small or too big?
   1. Size does not make a difference because you can have the number of projects be proportionate to the size of your congregation.
   2. You can also partner with another church.

c. How will we find appropriate projects?
   1. Ask your members who are already involved in community groups to head up projects.
   2. Look at the demographic of your congregation and try to pick projects that match the interest and skill/energy level of your people (seniors, families, small children, youth)

d. What about visitors on that Sunday?
   1. We were ready for them with information about what we were doing
   2. We invited them to get involved in projects we were doing at the church.

e. What about the offering? You can prepare your people to bring an offering that day. Also realize that people will probably bring their offering on another Sunday.

f. I feel overwhelmed by all the parts of the program (e.g. worship, small groups, daily devotionals, mission projects). Do we have to do all of it?
   1. Our experience says the more parts you do the more effective will be the response because people will be prepared in multiple ways for the day of service.
   2. However, it’s okay if you don’t do everything. We’ll coach you on how to do each part but if you need to let certain parts go that’s okay.

g. Who else is doing this?
   1. Churches from different denominations, sizes, and theological views are doing this – it’s truly an act of the Holy Spirit working through the whole church.
   2. Join us and bring others along with you.

h. What opposition will I face?
   1. Each church is different and every church has a process for getting official approval.
   2. The key is to start with the support of your leadership and board and then expand the circle of those who know about it until the whole congregation is informed.
   3. An essential part is building momentum during 5 weeks beforehand through sermons, worship services, announcements, small group studies, devotionals and signups for mission projects.
   4. During this process many churches witnessed opponents turned into advocates.

Next Steps
   1. Pray
   2. Talk with Pastors/Leaders of churches in your denomination, local ministerium, network of colleagues. Invite them to the Kick off meeting on Wednesday, April 30 at 10 a.m.
   3. Get the Support of your leadership and board
   4. Choose an Overall Leader besides your pastor and a leader for each circle – love, grow, share