


THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH WAS DESIGNED FROM THE FIRST
TO BE AGGRESSIVE. IT WASN'T INTENDED TO REMAIN STATIONARY
AT ANY PERIOD BUT TO ADVANCE ONWARD UNTIL ITS BOUNDARIES BECAME
COMMENSURATE WITH THE WORLD
- C.H. SPURGEON

# Welcome to AGAPE HOOD

## AGAPE - THIS IS HOW THEY WILL KNOW

Chapel communities are strategically located in a place where civilian churches do not have access. Chapel's strategic location places believing community in the midst of the military community offering hope, connection, and access to spiritual growth and formation. We hope that AGAPE Hood would be a contemporary military chapel service that is centered and focused on Jesus. As a community that gathers together, our central aim is to make much of Christ and enjoy him. We hope to be authentic, genuine people who live in community and on mission. We usually say we're all about Jesus because of who Jesus is and what he did (the gospel). We long to be a family on Jesus' mission of making disciples, sent by God to serve our world, and build a transformative community, continually learning how to walk in his ways—that's our gospel identity. It is worked out by God's grace in the everyday rhythms of life in communities spread throughout the military. AGAPE is about Jesus. We hope to live as a Family of Missionary Servants toward Fort Hood, and the military.

- Why do we exist?
  - To establish a movement of reproducible gospel communities that saturate Fort Hood and the military.
- What do we believe?
  - Gospel centrality in all of life
  - The sovereignty of God in saving sinners
  - The work of the Holy Spirit for life and ministry
  - The local church as a recipient and vehicle for God's mission
- What do we do?
  - Pursue holiness and humility
  - Invest our lives radically in the life of the community and people, powered by the Gospel and the Holy Spirit, to create community and life transformation.
  - Pray diligently for conversions through clear gospel evangelism
- What is most important right now 3-6 Months
  - Developing financial responsibility for the work of Gospel expansion
  - Build gospel focused missional partnerships in the community.
  - Build Missional Communities (4) in five more neighborhoods.
  - Develop a comprehensive Spiritual Formation/ Coaching plan that tackles and addressed congregational needs and equips them for spiritual resilience in a dangerous world.
- Standard Operation Objectives in this timeframe
  - Reproducing Missional Community leaders and groups
  - Children's Ministry (volunteer recruitment, logistics, Sunday morning execution) Foster clear and consistent gospel communication in every detail of our church's life.
  - Pastoral Ministry and counseling
  - Hospitality
  - Develop a sustainable Soldier and Family welcome plan that connects SM's and Families to people and ultimately to Jesus
  - Reaching the lost of Carson (communicating the gospel with clarity and in community)
  - Growing Godly Missional Community Leaders/Elders

# The church exists for mission as fire exists for burning...

## Our Mission

"go therefore and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you."

## Our Vision

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***OUR BAPTISMAL IDENTITY:***




**When we live out our identity we actually image God.**
**When we live as a Family of Servant Missionaries in community and on mission we are 'imaging' our Tri-Personal God who lives in community and on mission. We join God in what he is doing and show others what he is like.**

We are created in the image of the Triune God, who exists eternally in perfect loving community.

(Genesis 1:26)

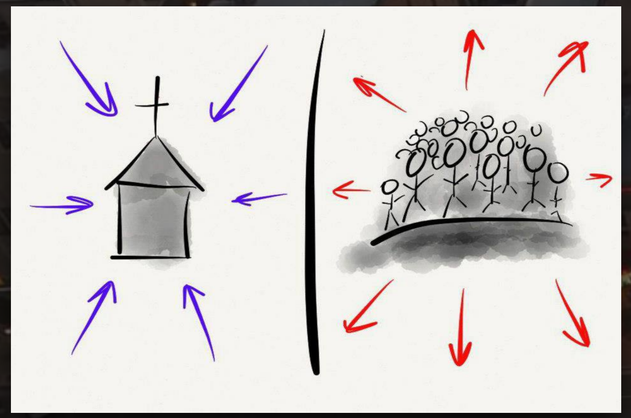
But you are a chosen race (family) a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession (servant), that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (missionaries)

1 Peter 2.9

We 'image God' by living as a family of servant missionaries.(1)



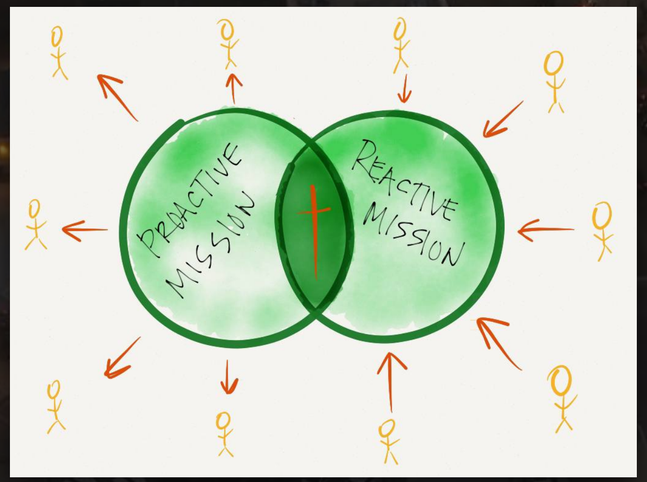
1. http://somatacoma.org/about/community/
2. Photo taken from Be the Church, Seth McBee's Napkin Theology Drawings Vergenetwork.org/bethechurch



**Missional**

Most people say that 'church' is a place you go. However we need to see the clear idea that the church is who you are. It is a people who gather together regularly, live life with one another and proclaim the truth of the gospel to the world. The church is God's vehicle to redeem the world and we are the church. Stop saying I am going to church and understand that you are the church!

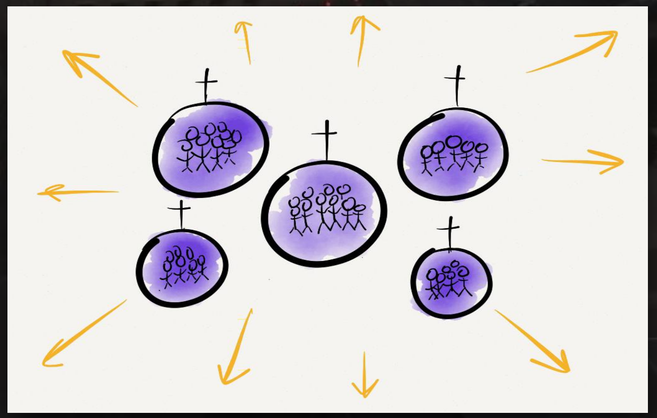
**THE MISSION:** IF the church is a place you go all of your resources whether it be money, time, and presence will go there. But if you are the church it unleashes you to live everyday life on mission and impact people with the Gospel. More of your community's resources, time, talent, money are allocated for mission in your context.




**Proactive**

A couple key words in the great commission are go and make disciples! We are to pray strategize, target, plan, and labor towards reaching and serving our community.

Your proactive mission in a missional community is the context that you, as a community, are strategically on mission towards. Your reactive mission is the people and situations that God brings in your path throughout the day. For some of us we live in the middle of our proactive mission which is ideal but this may not always be the case.



**Reproduce**

Our vision is reproduction. We want to create reproducible models that are able to multiply rapidly and fill the community. This puts the accurate gospel in front of everyday people in a consistent and accurate message. We must disciple leaders who can reproduce leaders. It is our calling!

Can we imagine one gospel/missional community per every 500 people, reproducing and living on mission right in front of them? Not living and worshiping behind closed doors but living in community right in front of the lost. Let's go!

# Everyday Missional Rhythms

## Eat

The table for the Jews, as also in our day, is very symbolic AND communicative – who we eat with demonstrates who we love. This is why Jesus was called a friend of sinners – he ate with people who were dirty, unreligious, and visibly or sociably unacceptable. The table is one of the most powerful displays of God's love and acceptance of sinners.

## Listen

We need to ask questions and listen. If we are to be prepared to give an answer for the hope we have, we must spend less time just preparing answers and as much time listening for the questions. Listening to others first is prerequisite for gospel engagement. We should be listening constantly to know which story they believe in and where that story has proven weak and ineffective to save.

## Recreate

We recreate together as a way of preaching the gospel to one another. We also become a display together of the truth of the gospel to a watching world. Our resting, creating, working and playing all proclaim that our God is Creator, Sustainer, Provider and Redeemer.

## Story-Formed

In order to be an effective missionary, we need to know the story of our culture – what has shaped it, what is the dominant story line, what are the idols, where are the open doors for the gospel – both demonstrated and declared and be prepared to show how the Gospel Story fills in the gaps, corrects the lies or successfully completes it's story.

## Celebrate

The people God has sent us to are also celebrating – they happen to be celebrating a different god and a different story. We need to enter into their celebrations and do it unto the true God, fully aware that even this celebration is within His Story. Then, within the celebration we are to look for ways to serve, redeem, bring gospel light, etc

## Bless

God's intent in blessing His people has always been so that those who don't know Him and his grace might see Him at work in and through us and come to Him through our lives. We must direct our eyes outward and begin to believe that He has given us everything for life and godliness. He has resourced us with what we need to do the gospel work of blessing others who don't know Him yet

# Build Missional Communities

## We live as a Family of Servant Missionaries

### Shared Leadership

**Start with shared leadership:**

- Prophetic type – emphasis on the unchanging truths of God's character, the Gospel message, and the mission of the church.
- Priestly Type: an emphasis on the care of the soul and caring for one another.
- Kingly Type: an emphasis on the tangible working out of the mission through structures, strategic thinking, and hands-on activity.

### Gospel Foundation

**Build a foundation on the Gospel:**

- Gospel Power: Saved from the penalty of sin; being saved from the power of sin; and will be saved from the presence of sin.
- Gospel People: New Identity in Christ.
- Gospel Purpose: Making disciples who make disciples
- Gospel Practices: Live out the Gospel in everyday rhythms

### Gospel Intentionality

**Live with gospel intentionality:**

- Lead with prayerful dependency
- Make sure the group knows the story of God
- Become familiar with each others' stories
- Become proficient in Gospel Fluency and the practice of proclaiming the Gospel into the heart of others.

### Live Missional

**Have A Clearly defined mission:**

- Ask God to clarify your mission – Who you are called to make disciples of
- Identify the difference between reactive and proactive mission
- Begin to pray intentionally for the mission
- Leaders clearly state the mission and invite others to participate in it

**Begin to adjust the life of the community around the mission:**

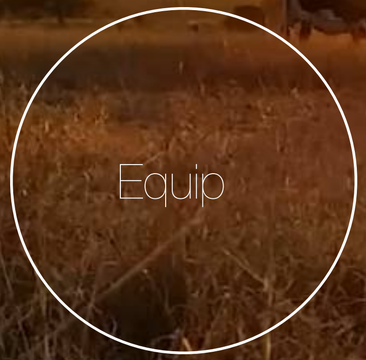
- Shape the weekly schedule to flow with the cultural schedule
- Strategically place meetings to make space for missional engagement

- Develop pathways of participation in the Gospel (Demonstrate and Declare)
- Clarify Gospel Barriers
- Identify the Gospel doors and pathways.

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# Build Community: Equip the Saints

## Leader and Congregational On-Ramps/ Pillars



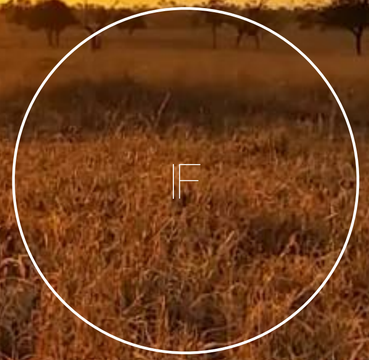

### Equip

AGAPE Equip Seminars build our community through like-minded training and disciple-making. We hold these events quarterly and target missional community leader development. Equip operates as the training and launching function of our missional communities and develops reproducing leaders who PCS all over the world.




### Missional Communities

Missional Communities will be our organizing principle at Agape. Our money effects them the most in areas of curriculum and campaign materials. It is reflected in the resources we provide at the entrance table that we give away to our MC leaders as they equip and lead their communities. We want to create reproducible Missional Communities all over the military!




### IF Table

IF: Table is a place to gather, share a simple meal, and dive deep with people over real stories and Christ-centered conversations. 6 people, 4 questions, 2 hours let us build community and create on-ramps to long term discipleship and leadership.




### DNA

Disciple, Nurture, Act: Men's and Women's DNA is an opportunity to study the word, and get biblically equipped to lead MC's and IF Table. This weekly discipleship is designed to reproduce leaders.

# Pathways Spiritual Formation

Follow

1

## Alpha

At Alpha we want to introduce Jesus and explore the big questions of life in a safe and inviting setting. At Alpha we will have conversations about faith, life, and Jesus that are authentic and unforced. It is a simple idea that may transform your life. Sign up for Alpha starting January 26 at Family Night

2

## Equip

What does it mean to follow Jesus? During Equip you can work through selected resources with a coach and attend coach training yourself. Immerse is best done in a community while on mission with one another. This context brings alive our need for the gospel and exposes areas of unbelief while connecting with those who love and care for you.

3

## Reproduce

Attend a Gospel Coach training at an Equip and begin investing your life in others in the context of missional community. Lead and grow community while investing in and loving the people you service with. 2 Timothy 2:2 calls us to teach and invest in others who will then make disciples themselves. We believe the Great Commission is for everyone!

**28** [p]**Come to** [q]**me, all who labor and are** [r]**heavy laden, and I will give you rest.** **29** **Take my yoke upon you, and** [s]**learn from me, for I am** [t]**gentle and lowly in heart, and** [u]**you will find rest for your souls.** **30** **For** [v]**my yoke is easy, and my burden is light**


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# Branding

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