

OUR MISSION

History tells us the story of times that seem to be catalysts for revival and to shake up the status quo of “church as usual”. Today we face a unique opportunity to BE the church and to RISE UP in this unique time to be a vessel of hope and salvation. What does that look like?

In the church in China, there is a huge movement called the underground church. These churches thrive and see the miraculous work of God although they operate under the radar and outside of what we would call “normal”. They meet in homes and businesses, alleyways and neighborhoods to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to worship the God of all creation. Their church does not have walls. As 1 Peter 2:5 reads...*“you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”.*

Paul asks the church at Corinth, “did you not know that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit?”. Church is less about a building and can more accurately be described as an assembling together of two or more. How the church assembles has changed throughout the years but what’s important is that we assemble. The book of Hebrews tells us to not forsake assembling together.

This world needs comfort and hope that can only come through the Holy Spirit and we, the church, are that vessel of hope and comfort.

In an effort to protect the health and well-being of our congregation and our community, First Assembly will go to a **Church Without Walls** model for the next few weeks, or as long as we feel that this is necessary and beneficial. Each of us have the opportunity to be a **missionary** in our own neighborhoods and places of business by inviting family and friends into our homes for an opportunity to worship together and to hear the message of hope and grace.

Moving forward we will meet in homes as a **Church Without Walls** for our Sunday morning worship gatherings through a combined online and in person model. You can make your homes available for people to attend our Sunday morning service around our communities and neighborhoods. We want to encourage you to gather in **small groups, 10 or less**, to worship together and share your faith one with another. This will include a time of live acoustic worship led by one of our worship leaders; a time of prayer and communion together; a live video message from our pastor; and a time of personal prayer.