

Life

With Tracy and Debra

An Essential Conversation

God is moving and fresh expressions of church are the result. Whether you call it microchurch or simple church, church leaders need to be able to talk about what God is doing. See Page 2



The Journey To Independence



One year ago I was writing our newsletter from the Mt. Williamson Motel and Base Camp in Independence CA. I took the above photo during our stay there. The view of the Sierra Mountain Range is breathtaking. Little did we know that God was slowly “setting us up” for a ministry opportunity we never saw coming.

Beginning May 1, we will continue the ministry of “Tracy and Debra” while also serving the dear church family of Sierra Baptist Church in Independence. We are excited for the opportunity to live and serve in a unique community, nurturing church vitality and fresh expressions of church. We also look forward to continuing the ministry of discipleship, encouragement, and leadership development of “Tracy and Debra”.

We invite you to follow us on TracyandDebra.com and come visit us in Independence, California. 

When you pray ...

A New Season of Transition and Expanded Ministry

- For the past year we have been blessed to live with our daughter and her family in Colorado Springs, CO. In late April we will be moving to our new home in Independence, CA. Please pray for a smooth transition.
- Our mission is to help people thrive in their relationship with Jesus. A new expression of that mission will include serving the Sierra Baptist Church family in Independence, CA. Pray for wisdom as we help people thrive in old ways and new.
- Tracy is scheduled for Gallbladder surgery on April 16. Pray for a safe procedure and a quick recovery.

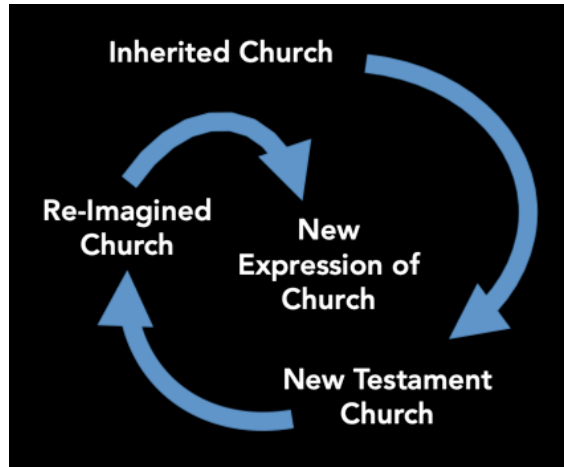
We invite you to visit our website TracyandDebra.com to discover more of our vision, our journey, and the resources we offer to help disciples, leaders, and churches thrive in their walk with Jesus.




An Essential Conversation About The Church

I am indebted to Brian Sanders and his book "Microchurches: A Smaller Way" for the following conversational template. - TW

We are living in an era of remarkable change in the way the Body of Christ, the Church, manifests itself in society, especially in the West. These changes began before the COVID pandemic, but were surely accelerated by it. Whether you are a faithful participant in a local church, serve in a leadership capacity, or are a member of a church staff – these new expressions of church need to be acknowledged and discussed. The following 4 steps serve as a helpful guideline to facilitate that discussion.



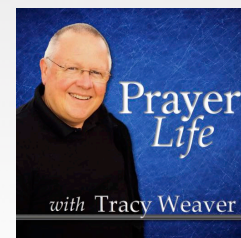
- 1) *Every generation inherits a version of the church, and what we inherit is just that, a culturally informed version of the church. We need to honestly and candidly discuss the forms, customs, and traditions that are not essential, but may have come to define "church" in our minds.*
- 2) *We need to examine the New Testament Church with fresh eyes. Observe the core characteristics, functions, behaviors, and values of the NT body of Christ. What has been lost that needs to be reclaimed.*
- 3) *With love and grace, we need to re-imagine what a fresh expression of church in our setting might look like, and courageously seek to be that expression of Church, representing Jesus in fresh ways to the lost.*
- 4) *The conclusions we draw and the changes we make will result in a new expression of the Church in our context. The next generation, however, will soon be wrestling with the Church we entrust to them. In this cycle of renewal the Church is ever timeless and timely.* 



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Mike Jarrell

Director - CREO Collective
Philadelphia, PA



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Our calling is to serve the collective Body of Christ - helping disciples, leaders and churches thrive in their relationship with Jesus. We collaborate with leaders, ministries, and networks to accomplish Jesus' mission of multiplying disciples and movements of the gospel.

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