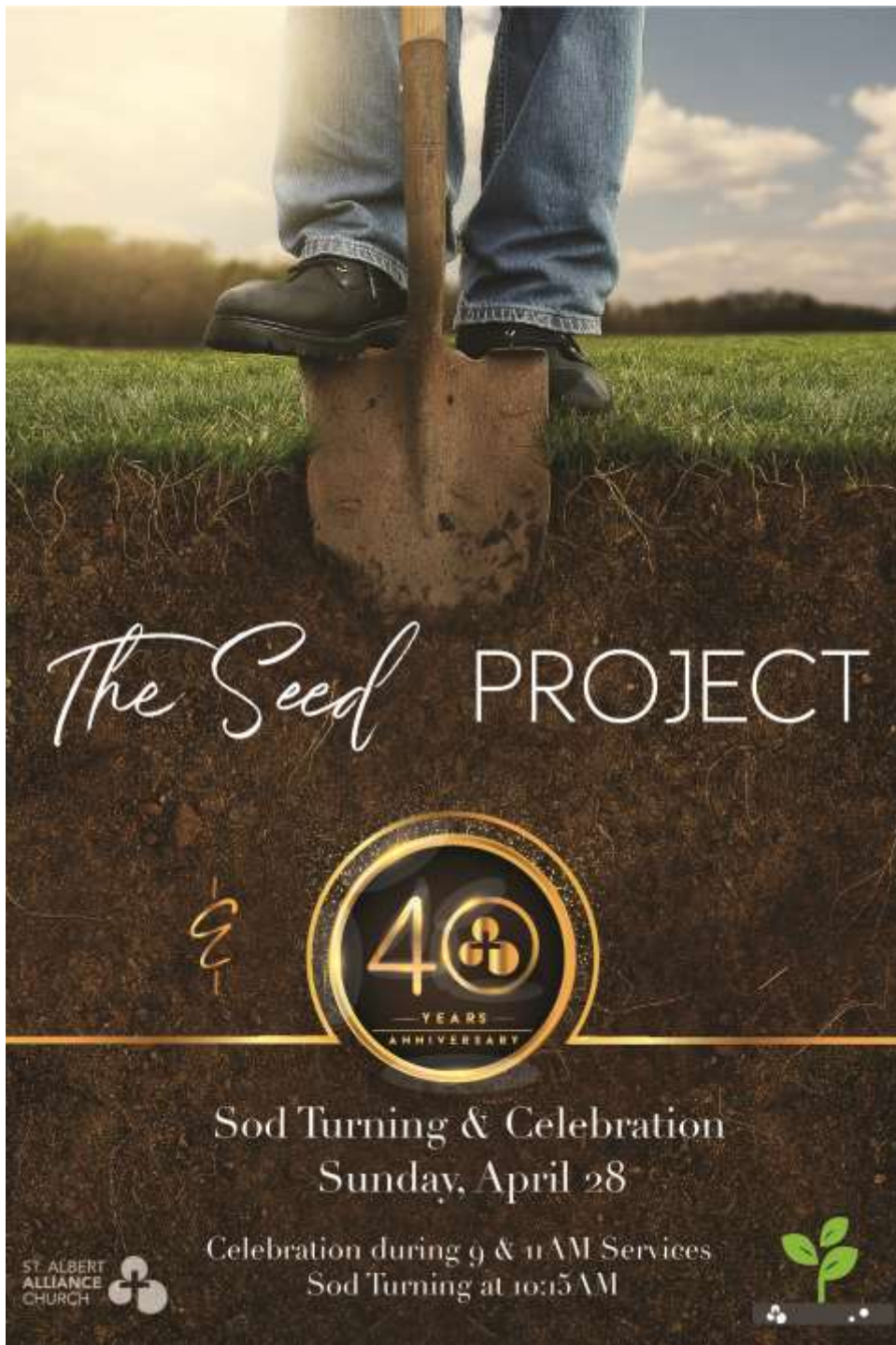




Getting The Message Out

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Cultivating A Church Culture of Sharing Our Faith Story

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

Romans 10:14-15 (ESV Strong's)

What would this culture look like?

1. People with a passion for the Message of Jesus

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32 NIV

2. People connecting with people

"Take opportunities, make opportunities."

What are some points of connection?

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...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

"Love is not only something you feel, it is something you do."

David Wilkerson

3. People participating in God's process

The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:8-9 NIV

Approaches that match personalities:

- Peter's Confrontational Approach — Acts 2:22-41
- Paul's Intellectual Approach — Acts 17:15-34
- Blind Man's Testimonial Approach — John 9:1-15,25
- Matthew's Relational Approach — Luke 5:27-29
- Samaritan Women's Invitational Approach — John 4
- Dorcas' Servant Approach — Acts 9

4. People who are motivated by love

For the love of Christ compels us... Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:14a, 20-21 NKJV

(Jesus says) "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth... Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne."

Revelation 3:15-16, 20-21 NIV

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions

1. How does the love of Christ motivate you? Are you prepared with an answer for others regarding your hope of eternal life?
2. What is the Great Exchange (2 Corinthians 5:21)? Who are you pleading with to come to faith in Christ? Who are you praying for to come to Christ?

