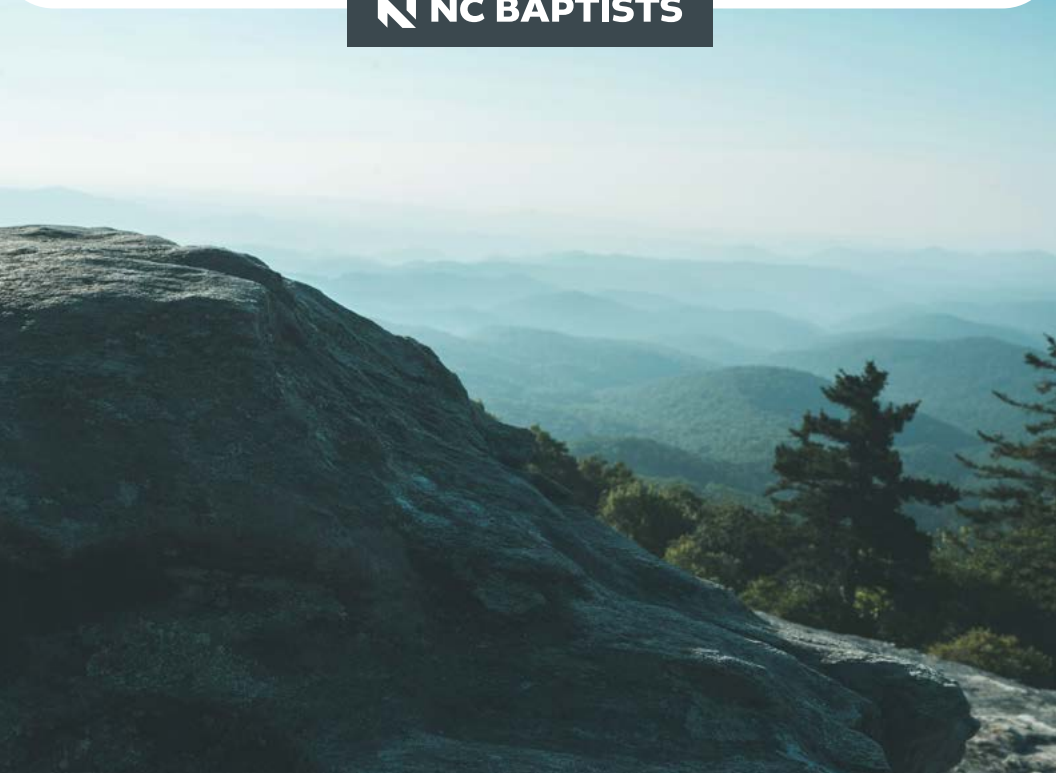


REVITALIZATION *Assessment*

 NC BAPTISTS



ON MISSION TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CHURCH

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Revelation 2:7

This is Jesus’ refrain in His letters to the seven churches in the Book of Revelation. The Holy Spirit is still speaking to His Church today, admonishing her to engage in the mission of God. Yet many churches are struggling and discouraged.

The goal of revitalization is to see God glorified as churches return to their mission of impacting lostness by making disciples.

Dying churches do not reflect God’s heart! In Haggai 1:5, the Lord commands His people to consider their ways and return to His mission. In the same way, God’s people today must take stock of their ministries and their mission and return to the Lord’s purpose of becoming a missionally healthy, disciple-making church.

START HERE: TAKE THE ASSESSMENT

How would you describe your church?

(Circle one answer per question.)

Discuss these questions with the leadership in your church. To begin the process, submit your responses at ncbaptist.org/revitalize.

1. Is your church on a...

- A Positive trajectory
- B Stagnant trajectory
- C Declining trajectory

2. Is your church...

- A Focused on the community
- B Focused on the congregation
- C Focused on a “core group”

3. Is your church...

- A Innovative
- B Routine
- C Indifferent

4. How does your church make decisions?

- A Based on faith
- B Based on available resources
- C Crisis

5. How does your church deal with finances?

- A Invests finances for mission
- B Provides finances for ministry
- C Preserves finances for maintenance

6. How has your local community responded to programs and/or events?

- A Has seen great response from the local community via programs and/or events
- B Has seen little or dwindling response from the local community via programs and/or events
- C Has seen no response from the local community via programs and/or events

7. Your church has experienced...

- A No attendance decline over the last 5-10 years
- B Some attendance decline over the last 5-10 years
- C Substantial attendance decline over the last 5-10 years

8. Does your church attract and develop young leaders?

- A Yes, we attract and develop young leaders
- B We rarely attract and develop young leaders
- C We never attract and develop young leaders

9. Does your church play a role in your community?

- A Our church plays an important role in the community
- B Our church plays a small role in the community
- C Our church plays no role in the community

10. Does your church experience...

- A Conversion growth
- B Transfer growth
- C No growth

11. What are the top three areas you see a need for revitalization in your church?

- Pastoral Health
- Evangelism/Discipleship
- Worship
- Polity/Bylaws
- Conflict
- Spiritual Apathy
- Other _____

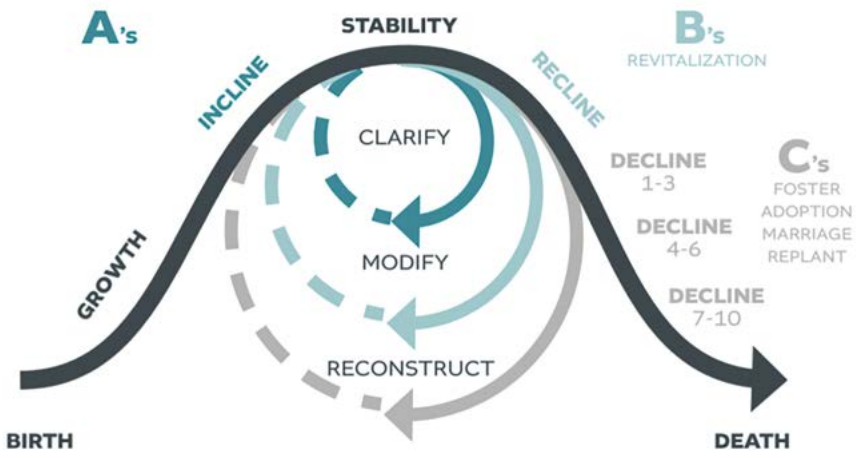
12. How open is your church to the need for revitalization? Please explain.

13. What other needs do you see in your church?

Now, compare your answers with the chart.

- “A” answers (these correspond with “Incline”): _____
- “B” answers (these correspond with “Recline”): _____
- “C” answers (these correspond with “Decline”): _____

“B” and “C” responses indicate the need for some type of revitalization. N.C. Baptists is here to help!



Life Cycle of Churches



Incline

Positive Trajectory
Community Focused
Innovative
Faith-Based
Decision Making
\$ = Investor
Great Local Response
Steady Attendance
New leadership
Active in Community
Conversion Growth



Recline

Stagnant Trajectory
Congregation Focused
Routine
Resource-Based
Decision Making
\$ = Provider
Little Local Response
Attendance Decline
Stagnant Leadership
Small Role in Community
Transfer Growth



Decline

Declining Trajectory
Core Focused
Complacent
Crisis Response
Decision Making
\$ = Preserver
No Local Response
Major Attendance Decline
Incumbent Leadership
No Role in Community
No Growth

**WHAT'S NEXT?
TAKE IT ONLINE**
Scan this QR Code,
submit your responses.



After taking the online assessment, our team will connect with you to continue the conversation on whether revitalization, fostering, adoption, marriage or replanting is God's plan for your church.

There is hope for every church, but it requires hard, diligent work. Revitalization involves difficult decisions and wrestling with tough ideas. We will walk you through a decision to confirm your commitment to the revitalization process.

6 characteristics of a **MISSIONALLY HEALTHY CHURCH:**

1. **ON MISSION TOGETHER** (*Matt. 28: 16-20*)
2. **LEADERS THAT EQUIP AND EMPOWER** (*Ephesians 4:12*)
3. **HEALTHY COMMUNITY** (*Acts 2:42-47*)
4. **LIFE-IMPACTING WORSHIP** (*Hebrews 10:25; Romans 12:1*)
5. **CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES** (*Matthew 28:16-20*)
6. **BIBLICAL DOCTRINE AND EXECUTION**
(*Matthew 18:15-20; BFM 2000*)



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