

## **Ministry and Counsel Friends Church of North Carolina**

### **REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

Friends it is my hope you are in good health and spirit as we enter this beautiful spring. I would offer a suggestion to you about church **revitalization**—bringing life to your church by dealing with the causes of decline, this is a biblical burden. That is when we see these churches (OUR CHURCH), according to Scripture, in decline and have a burden to do something about it. **Restoring the church's purpose, of glorifying God, and mission to reach the lost in their community is our Vision. And Church Revitalization is the process of leading a church with needs back to that Goal**

Consider the letter of 1 Corinthians. Paul planted the church in Corinth, he wrote this letter just a few years later in response to reports he had heard about the church, as well as some questions the church had posed to him. What were the issues that prompted Paul to write? **It needed Revitalization.**

If you close your eyes slightly and adjust the cultural basics, the church in Corinth is the spitting image of many churches today. So when faced with these issues in Corinth, what did Paul do? **He didn't say, "Those people are hopeless.** In short, he worked to reform the church of God which was at Corinth. Yes, there are gaps between Paul's situation and ours. Paul labored to repair and restore it. A similar kind of repair and restoration is exactly what many churches need today. So we, like Paul, should have a burden to restore, revitalize, and reform churches that are in various stages of bad health.

### **SO WHAT?**

If this biblical case holds water, what should we do about it? I would simply say that as we think about how to spread the gospel and witness to the kingdom, **church revitalization** should be a major option on the table. It should be something our churches think about and strategize over and pray for. Churches that want to spread and promote the gospel should be concerned, as Jesus and Paul were, to strengthen and restore the witness of struggling churches.

As with cleaning up your neighborhood physically, you might be surprised by how much your neighbors appreciate a spiritually renovated church. **Church revitalization** should be our burden because it is God's burden, as seen in the personal ministries of the Lord Jesus Christ and the apostle Paul. God's people bear God's name, so we too should strive to strengthen what remains and is about to die. Does your Church have areas that need development, if your Church thinks not; maybe a month of Pray might change your outlook? May God bless your Church Ministry and grow it in Spirit and Truth.

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