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# THE REVITALIZER

*The latest news and updates from the Revitalization Team of  
Boones Creek Baptist*



## SPIRITUAL RENEWAL IS AT THE HEART OF REVITALIZATION

*by Pastor Jason Royston*

Church Revitalization is a word that many in church denominational leadership have coined to describe many things. The reason why there is a need to have a "Church Revitalization" effort is the decline across the region, state, and nation of the local church. One recent stat was given to me that over **700 SBC churches** will close their doors annually. This means that a presence that was once in a community for Jesus Christ is no longer there. This means that the heritage, and Kingdom dollars that have sacrificed for years and years to establish that presence is now lost. This is tragic and unavoidable!! I believe that if a church is healthy then it will not see decline and shut the doors, but on the contrary, it will adjust as needed and reach their community.  
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Many times a community sees a change in their demographics that leads to a church finding themselves needing to adjust their target in order to be effective. Some communities get younger, or older, or maybe see a large change ethnicity surrounding them. To adjust in any way requires a spiritual heart renewal and growth. This is why the revitalization team wants to promote and focus our hearts to renew on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Beginning in January we start the spiritual growth initiative of "Return to Me". This is a 7 week journey with daily devotions. The kickoff for this will be on **January 12th** with speaker Rev. Jamie Work preaching for us. It will finish off with a Revival **March 8-11** with Rev. Phil Hoskins. I encourage you to block off these dates and participate in the journey! Let's renew our hearts for the Lord.

## Return to Me Key Dates

- Jan 12 - Rev Jamie Work
- Jan 19 - Week 1
- Mar 1 - Week 7
- Mar 8-11 Revival

### LAUGH OUT LOUD

### Statistic to Ponder



"Welcome to our church—even though you're sitting in our family pew . . ."

- According to a survey of 1000 churches surveyed last year found that the majority of Protestant churches had less than 10 people commit to Jesus Christ as Savior in the past 12 months. That's fewer than one person per month. ([www.thomrainer.com](http://www.thomrainer.com))

## REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

**Community Connection** - The building and grounds team was able to install a block wall around the exterior sign. This just enhances the look and touch of the church to the community as they drive by the church property. Great job!!!

**Mission Mobilization** - One of our strategic points of emphasis was our mission mobilization team. They are off and running with monthly serving opportunities. Just recently they coordinated an effort to be on the campus of Boones Creek Elementary School for a "Literacy Night". Get signed up to participate and serve your community!!!

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