

BFCC – Church Revitalization Meeting Agenda

Meeting #1- March 30, 2025

OUR MISSION

is to glorify God through the faithful preaching of His Word, the making of disciples, and reaching the world for Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

is to be a family of faith, hope and love, focused on joyfully giving and living to the glory of God [2 Cor 8:1-5; 1 Cor 10:31].

❖ Welcome (Jess – 10 minutes)

- Opening Prayer
- Introduce Strategic Leadership Team
- What to Expect
- Survey (Feedback/How Are We Doing?)

❖ Revitalization Definition & Brief History at BFCC (Joe- 10 Minutes)

- **Church Revitalization** is the supernatural work of God that restores health and mission in a church (turning it away from decline) by submission to God's Word, right relationships among members and a renewed commitment to Great Commission ministry.
- **Brief History – Where we were versus where we are**
 - The Life Cycle of a Church, Vision Casting, MVP Team

Church Life Cycle



Revitalization

❖ Anatomy of a Revived Church Topics- Chapters 1 & 2 (Team, 40 Mins)

- Chapter 1 – Anatomy Finding # 1 – Accepting Responsibility (Kevin)
- Chapter 2 – Anatomy Finding #2 – Overcoming Traps of Traditions (Liza)
- Group Discussion (ALL)

❖ Group Prayer (Shannon, Prayer Care Ministry Leaders – 10 Minutes)

- Prayer Prompts

❖ Wrap-Up/What's Next? (Jess – 10 Minutes)

- MVP Team Status (**M**ission **V**ision **P**urpose Team)
- Please complete the Feedback Survey by the end of April
- Next Revitalization Meeting – June Timeframe
- Closing Prayer

WELCOME

Church-wide REVITALIZATION *Meeting*



Introductions: Strategic Leadership Team

- Joe W -> Deacon Chair, Men's Min, MVP
- Kevin L -> Prudential, Men's Min, MVP
- Liza W -> Clerk, Women's Min,
- Shannon S -> Min. Co, Super/Children's Min, MVP

Why Revitalization Meetings?

- Opportunity:
 - Healthy Open Dialogue
 - Change Related Feedback
 - Theology (or the WHY's behind change)
 - Ask Questions

Goals for This Revitalization Meeting

- Firm grasp on Revitalization Definition
- Open forum, ask questions, voice concerns
- Invite God to work in your heart.
 - Prayerfully consider how you are living out your life for Jesus, spreading His word.

Agenda

- Revitalization Definition & Brief History at BFCC (Joe)
- Anatomy of a Revived Church
 - Finding #1 (Kevin)
 - Finding #2 (Liza)
- Open Discussion (All)
- Prayer (All) (Shannon)
- Wrap-Up/What's Next/Survey (Jess)

Revitalization Definition & Brief History at BFCC

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Revitalization Definition & Brief History at BFCC

Church Life Cycle



- Why does it matter?
- Where were we? BFCC then
- IPM – Pastor Dave Brown
- Maintenance, Preservation Characteristics

Revitalization Definition & Brief History at BFCC

Vision Casting Meeting 2/25/24 - Summary

- What is the Church? -
 - Exercise – Associated words / phrases.
 - As defined in the Bible.
- Where has God shown to be faithful in BFCC's
 - Past – Where have we been?
 - Present – Where are we now?
 - Future – Where is God leading us and how do we respond?

Revitalization Definition & Brief History at BFCC

MVP Team Formed

- **Purpose** – Formed a diverse team to discuss & pray about the Vision Casting Meeting results and begin to determine actionable items aligning with BFCC's **Mission, Vision and Purpose**.
- **MVP Team** – Chris, Henry, Jacob, Jess, Joe W., Kevin, Kim, Laura, Shannon & Wendy H.

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MVP Key Discussion Topics

- **Church Foundation** - Sunday morning worship is the cornerstone upon which we build.
 - **Gospel-centered.** Vibrant! Foundational.
 - Focused on the **Great Commandment & the Great Commission.**
- **Ministries & Missions** – We need to be missional in our posture.
- **Purposeful use of our Mission & Vision Statements** to determine our Ministries & Missions.

Revitalization Definition & Brief History at BFCC

Revitalization / MVP – Biblical Basics

Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40)

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And second, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Revitalization Definition & Brief History at BFCC

BFCC's Mission Statement -

To glorify God through the faithful preaching of His Word, The making of disciples, and reaching the world for Jesus Christ.

BFCC's Vision Statement – To be a family of faith, hope and love, focused on joyfully giving and living to the glory of God.

Revitalization Definition & Brief History at BFCC

Church Life Cycle



- Why does it matter?
- BFCC then & **now**
- Launch =
 - Dream (Vision, People Gather, Dream)
 - Beliefs (Values, Unity, High Tolerance, Obvious Harmony)
- **Shifting to Launch mode!**

Revitalization Definition & Brief History at BFCC

Revitalization in Action

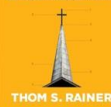
- God is calling us toward him
- We can't stay where we are
- Our charge – To move forward in faith and unity
- My pledge as a church leader

Anatomy Finding #1

Accepting Responsibility

- We need to face the fact that we need to Change or Die.
- At its core this is a heart change – inward focus to outward focus
 - Me -> Him: The Great Commandment
 - Me -> Them: The Great Commission
- We need to acknowledge our role as a member of the body of Christ.
 - Grow closer to Him to better understand His will
 - Serve for the benefit of others

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Anatomy Finding #1

Accepting Responsibility

- *"A healthy contemporary church has a desire to understand, reach, and minister to their communities. It's called contextualization" (Pg 19)*
- *"Perhaps your church might go out into the community instead of expecting them to come to you...I have never been in a community that has no one to reach. Never ever." (Pg 23)*
- *"But church leaders and members who embrace the reality of the Great Commission and Great Commandment for their lives will be a part of churches that don't just survive and live but also thrive and grow." (Pgs 24-25)*

Anatomy Finding #1

Accepting Responsibility

Biblical Example: ACTS 6:1-7

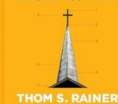
- *Apostles are boldly preaching the gospel and the community of believers is growing rapidly.*
- *Hellenist Jews raise a complaint that their widows are being neglected in the daily distribution.*
- *Apostles listen, but do not stray from their calling to preach the word of God.*
- *Appoint men to serve the community of believers.*

Anatomy Finding #2

Overcoming Traps of Traditions

- *"Tradition is not evil ... can carry generations of positive messages and legacies" (Pg 30)*
- *"Traditions can become more important than sharing the gospel message, reaching people, serving the community, and making changes to make a difference." (Pg 30)*
- *"Are we holding on to anything for our own comfort, routines, or preferences?" (Pg 39)*

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Anatomy of a Revived Church

Group Discussion

- *If someone were to look at your church from the outside, what are some of the traditions they would notice within a few weeks (or 10 minutes)?*
- *What are some of the traditions we have eliminated or changed in the past 5-7 years? What are some that we have kept? What are some new ones that we have introduced?*
- *Is it possible that I am expressing blame or not taking responsibility for BFCC's Revitalization? If so, How?*

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THOM S. RAINER

Let's Pray

Revitalization Prayer Prompts

- What does it look like for me to accept responsibility and to trust the leaders of this church?
- What traditions or personal preferences am I holding on to? Help me to let go.
- How can I lean into my God-given gifts and help in this church's Revitalization efforts?
- Help me to fulfill the Great Commandment & Great Commission



Revitalization Defined

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