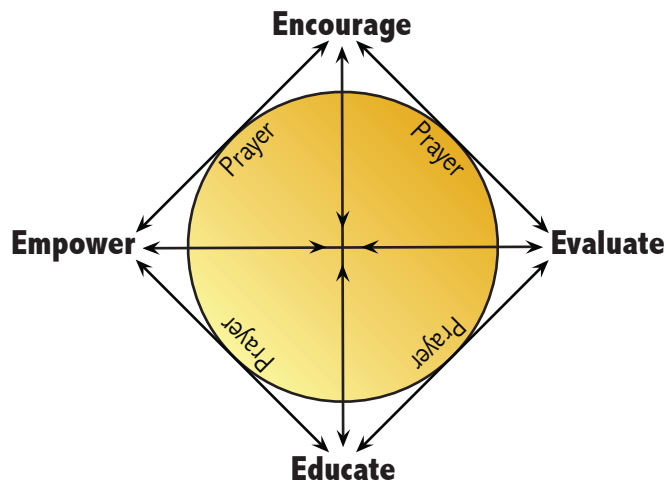


## 4 Essentials of a Dakota Revitalization Process

- Encourage
- Evaluate
- Educate
- Empower



Revitalization is a constant cycle that can start at any point. It can start anywhere and lead anywhere. The process is integrated, interconnected and interdependent.

***Just remember...***

- ***The Pastor is key***
- ***Prayer is key***



# Revitalization

## Definition

"Church revitalization is doing the essential spiritual work that prompts a movement of God which propels the church into a state of health and wholeness that leads to growth and reproduction."

## Timeline

- Meet with pastor
- Meet with church leadership
- Meet with church body
- Church decides to pursue revitalization
- Select prayer emphasis and dates
- Select assessment tools
- Meet to interpret assessments
- Determine level of revitalization
- Meet with pastor and leadership to determine customization
- Determine timeline for implementation
- Determine timeline of events
- Debrief and assess process
- Re-Assess

## Process



### Prayer Emphasis

1. 40 Days of Prayer tool
2. Consecrate the People (8 Day)
3. 40 hour prayer intensive



### Assessment

1. Online assessment tool(s) at [www.dakotabaptist.com](http://www.dakotabaptist.com)
2. On-site assessment with DBC staff



### Customization

1. Staff led or church led process
2. User guided - based on survey results



### Implementation

1. Goals and plans with target dates
2. Ongoing measurement



### Celebration

**"**Little doubt exists that many churches in America are sick. The statistics paint a dismal picture. But I remain optimistic about churches across our nation because we serve a God of all possibilities.

*Can a dying church find life? Absolutely. But it takes leaders who are willing to do the hard work of leading their churches toward health.*

*-Thom Rainer*

