

## How Healthy is Your Church?

Read all three statements in each group, then choose the one statement that *best describes your church today*.

	<p>A. We have a vision for our future.</p> <p>B. We focus on maintaining our current ministries and programs.</p> <p>C. We don't have a vision.</p>
	<p>A. Energetic and innovative</p> <p>B. Unchanging and status quo</p> <p>C. Apathy and/or losing ground</p>
	<p>A. Focused on reaching the community</p> <p>B. Focused on the needs of our members</p> <p>C. Focused on not losing any more members</p>
	<p>A. Decisions are guided by prayer and faith</p> <p>B. Decision made based on current resources</p> <p>C. Decisions are often reactionary to something that happened</p>
	<p>A. Continual presence of new guests in worship</p> <p>B. We might see a new face on Sunday</p> <p>C. Same crowd every week</p>
	<p>A. People of all ages worshipping together</p> <p>B. Some young families and children in worship</p> <p>C. Mostly older adults in worship</p>
	<p>A. We baptize new members often</p> <p>B. We may have a few baptisms each year</p> <p>C. We haven't baptized anyone in over a year</p>
	<p>A. New ministry leaders and volunteers every year</p> <p>B. Same leaders and volunteers every year</p> <p>C. Losing leaders and volunteers</p>
	<p>A. Sufficient funding for ministry and missions through giving</p> <p>B. Reducing budgets due to decreased giving</p> <p>C. Dependent on reserve funds to meet expenses</p>
	<p>A. Sending disciples as leaders and missionaries</p> <p>B. Participate in missions regularly</p> <p>C. Decreased our mission involvement and giving</p>

Count the number of each A, B and C responses and record them in the blanks below:

# A's \_\_\_\_\_

#B's \_\_\_\_\_

#C's \_\_\_\_\_

**More A's than B or C's** – Your church is probably healthy and could benefit from conversations about multiplication, partnership opportunities, or developing a new vision for future growth.

**More B's than A or C's** – Your church is probably showing some early symptoms of unhealth that should be discussed in a consultation. Addressing certain needs now, while your options are many, could prevent future decline and loss of ministry vitality.

**More C's than A or B's** – Your church is showing symptoms of unhealth, but there is hope. Beginning a consultation about your current reality and options for a hopeful future might renew vitality and mission through your steps of faith.

**What are your next steps?**

- 1) Prayer – Begin praying together intentionally as a congregation. Consider using Morning Sacrifice Devotional for Church Revitalization to guide your prayers and discussion times.
- 2) Start a Conversation - Contact the Church Strategies Group or your local associational leadership to discover how they can serve you and provide helpful resources.

**Churches across South Carolina are taking steps of faith toward their hopeful future through a conversation with the Church Strategies Group and associational partners.**

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