



# HOPE OPENS DOORS

Chances are, fewer people will pass through the doors of the church than last year. Many churches are declining and closing when their communities still need the hope of the gospel.

*Options for at-risk churches*

# At-Risk?

A congregation whose current status is vulnerable to imminent decline or closure is an “*at-risk*” congregation.

## Three Options:

1. **Revitalization:** an existing congregation experiences new life through a change of strategy and/or leadership but does not require a change of identity.
2. **ReSTART:** an existing congregation experiences new life through a change of identity, leadership and strategy.
3. **ReInvest:** an existing congregation experiences new life through closing with dignity and investing its remaining resources in a life-giving congregation or mission.

There is no better way to display the hope of the gospel than for a church to find new life through the power of God and the faithfulness of His people.



# *There. Is. Hope.*

*There is hope for at-risk churches in South Carolina. Will you take the next step toward continuing the mission of proclaiming eternal hope in your community?*

## ***Start a conversation***

to determine which option is best for your church. Complete a short survey at [hopeforchurches.org](https://hopeforchurches.org) and one of our team will contact you.

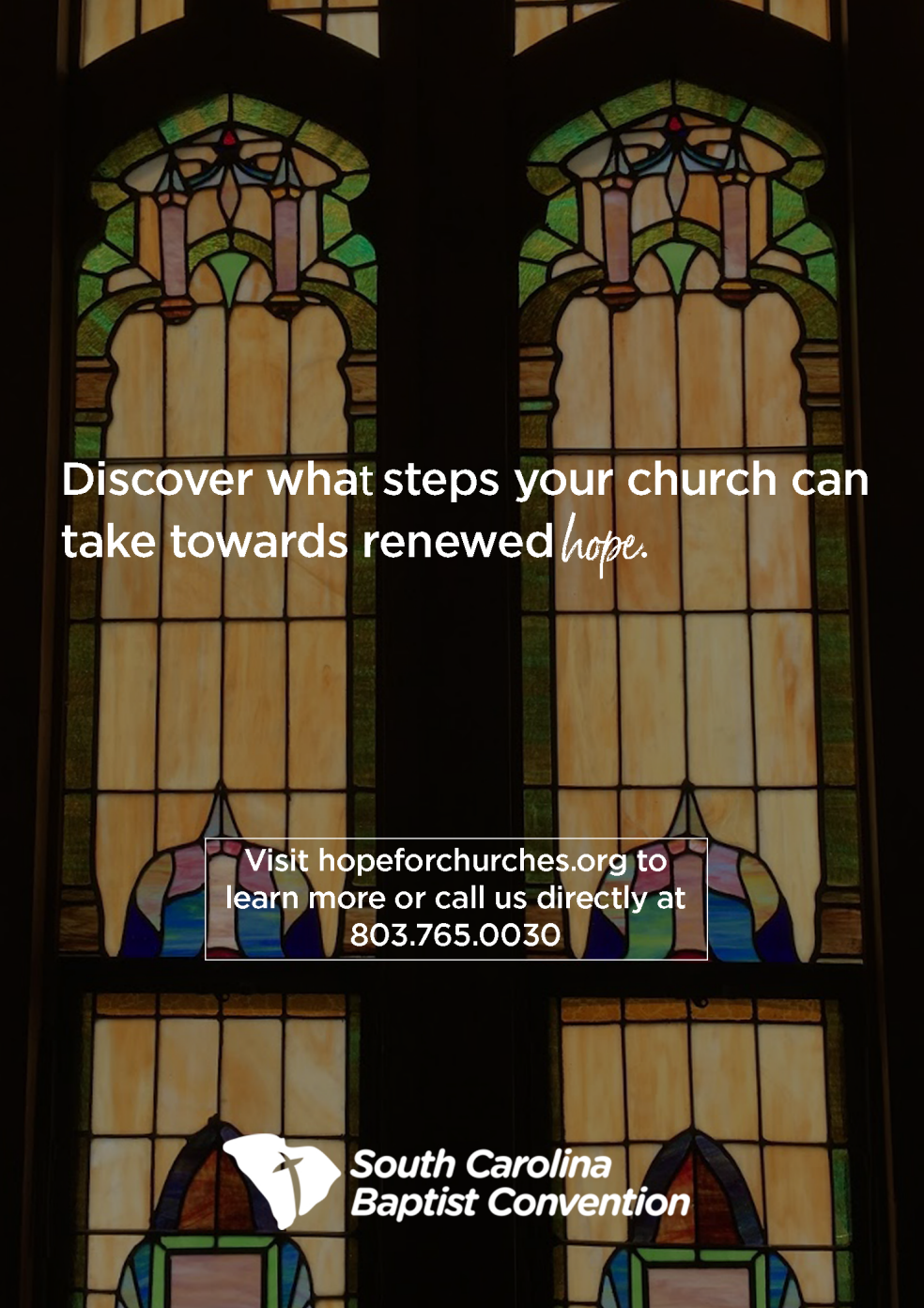
## ***Become a sponsoring church***

to assist an at-risk congregation as they take steps of faith toward reclaiming their mission to the community.

## ***Pastor an at-risk church***

Do you have the unique gifts and calling to be a revitalization pastor or replanter?

Visit [hopeforchurches.org](https://hopeforchurches.org) to take your first step toward preparing to serve an at-risk church.

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Discover what steps your church can  
take towards renewed *hope.*

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learn more or call us directly at  
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