**Course Objectives**

1. To address the contemporary church profile and the pressing need of church revitalization in North America along with the related issues.

2. To acquaint the student with specific quality literature that deals with the issues of church renewal and revitalization.

3. To determine Biblical models and theological principles applicable to church revitalization.

4. To identify those factors which bring church stagnation and decline.

5. To develop a program of church revitalization that is faithful to the Scripture, relevant to a specific situation and clearly prioritized for practical application.

**Course Assignment**

1. Complete all reading assignments and write a one page review and critique for each volume. (Approx. 2000 pages)

2. Develop a historical analysis of the last 10-15 years of your chosen church ministry with an identification of the contributing factors for the current condition of the church.

3. Develop a proposed ministry prospectus for your particular church or one with which you are acquainted. The ministry prospectus will contain the following elements:

   - The Mission Statement
   - The Vision Statement
   - The Ministry Principles
   - The Ministry Strategy

4. Develop a Long Range Plan with action steps related to the prospectus. The Long Range Plan must identify 5-7 objectives for the next year with 3 action steps for each objective.

5. Develop a prayer support plan for revitalization ministry that incorporates church leaders and members.

6. Interview three pastors who are now facing the task of church revitalization and also three pastors who have been involved in an effort of church revitalization. Develop a paper that contains all six interviews - and your assessment of each situation.

*6 can be substituted for #3 and #4 if you have taken Luder Whitlock's class or if you are a layman. Approval to substitute will be obtained from the instructor.*
Church Revitalization

Vital Information regarding the first class:

Students will need to meet with Dr. Reeder at 10:30-11:30 on Thursday (1/20) to discuss the course before it actually begins that afternoon. The second meeting with Dr. Reeder will be during the Friday evening dinner time. If you would like housing in Birmingham, please contact Carolyn Phillips at Briarwood Presbyterian Church. (205-776-5399 They will be happy to house you but you must contact them by December 15. Carolyn’s email address is embers@briarwood.org.

The fee for the conference is included in your tuition ($915) which is due to RTS Charlotte by December 16. Send checks to Tari Williamson or call with your credit card info.

Dr. Reeder suggests you bring an elder with you. The fee for someone not taking the course for credit would be $170 and this would be handled directly with Carolyn.