

What Makes HealthierChurch.org Unique

- 1. Enlisting the right people, in the right way, at the right place and time
- 2. Serving six or more congregations simultaneously, any size, rural and urban
- 3. Identifying and enlisting respected local stewardship leaders
- 4. Preparing congregations for spiritual and economic growth
- 5. Discovering congregation deltas to reverse negative growth
- 6. Using a sliding-scale investment schedule based on each congregations capacity with equal sacrifice
- 7. Reviewing congregations twice a year to adjust, fix, encourage, and add value
- 8. Motivating others by God's grace to discover their spiritual gifts/passions
- Respecting others personalities, personal style, and availability to make a difference with their God-given gifts
- 10. Connecting congregations today with the New Testament model of people with different capacities sacrificing equally

In this way, we reduce costs for congregations as much is 75%. We reduced costs by working with multiple congregations at the same time in a common venue. We have measurable results that are replicable locally when congregations no longer need to engage our full services. We revitalize congregations in clusters and cohorts. We have unearthed the treasures of being inclusive and flexible in practical application.

We honor the past. We shatter barriers that hinder our future. Our understanding of Scripture has been enriched by the Book of Faith method, supplemented by hermeneutics (principles of biblical interpretation), some of which date back to the 16th century. Law and Gospel are in rhythm. All Scripture is Christo-centric. Literary insights and traditions are appreciated.

Our most God-inspired understanding is God's grace in Jesus Christ. Grace is the unconditional love that God has for each of us. We live in *simul iustus et peccator* – we are, and will be, simultaneously sinful and forgiven, 100% of the time. How awesome! Scripture applies to every life discipline, in every context. Thriving congregations revitalize annually.

One of our assumptions, *sine qua non*, without which the very foundation crumbles, is that congregations can only be revitalized by the Holy Spirit, and every congregation's identity must be in mission internally (gathered in worship) and externally (scattered in service to God and others), living beyond our walls.

To request information on two subjects, a *Spiritual Gifts Inventory* or an idea document *What Will Help Our Church:* ed.kruse@healthierchurch.org