

Comeback Churches

How 300 Churches Turned Around
and Yours Can, Too

by Ed Stetzer and Mike Dodson

ABOUT THE BOOK

Research shows that over time, most churches plateau and then eventually decline. Typically, they start strong and experience periods of growth, then stagnate and lose members. Since 1991, the North American population has increased by 15 percent while the number of “unchurched” people has increased by 92 percent. Large church houses that were filled in the 1950s and ‘60s now hold a fraction of their capacity.

To counter this trend, authors Ed Stetzer and Mike Dodson surveyed 300 churches from across ten different denominations that recently achieved healthy evangelistic growth after a significant season of decline. What they have discovered is an exciting method of congregation reinvigoration that is shared in the new book entitled *Comeback Churches*.

BEST-SELLING POINTS

- Leading church growth expert Ed Stetzer extends his missional writings with *Comeback Churches*, studying 300 once-declining congregations to determine what it takes to revive a dying body of believers.
- “As a successful pastor, church planter, researcher, and advisor to thousands of churches, Ed Stetzer speaks from a wealth of experience with all kinds of churches. Now, in one volume, your church can benefit from his wisdom. This book is a winner!” —**Rick Warren**, *The Purpose-Driven Life*, *The Purpose-Driven Church*
- Chapters include “Building a Spiritual Fire,” “Climbing Out on the Limb of Leadership,” “Stirring the Waters—Intentional and Strategic Church Evangelism,” and more.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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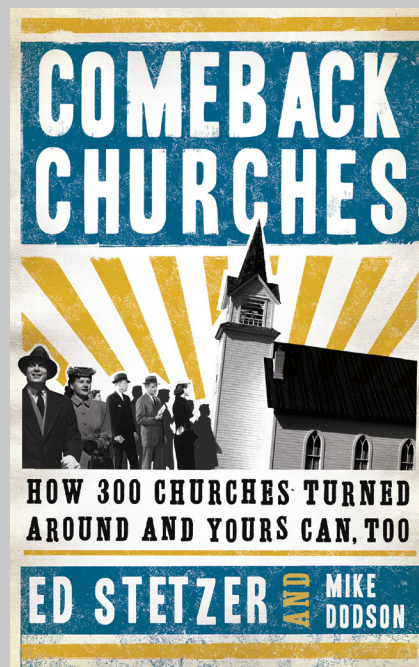
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