

Welcome

Dr. Michael Spradlin and *The Journal* Committee

The issue of revitalization in this nation is an important one to discuss. The movement sweeping through our cities is one of rebirth and renewed energy in places where sometimes hope has seemed a fleeting thing. As Christians, we know that “the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” (James 5:16, NASB) When you read the stories and encouraging articles on the following pages, you will see a thread of effective prayer woven throughout. It is my prayer that this issue will encourage you to pray for the churches and people highlighted here as well as the churches in your cities and communities. May we see a great revitalization in this country.

In Christ,

Dr. Michael Spradlin
President, MABTS

This issue features articles relating to Revitalization of Urban Ministry. This edition also includes articles related to other subjects that you will find helpful and interesting.

All of our writers have extraordinary expertise in their fields. You will be informed, inspired, and challenged about the needs and opportunities in urban America. The world has arrived across the United States, especially in urban areas. The modern mission fields begin inside existing churches that need revitalization in order to fulfill their commission from our Lord. Revitalization churches join church planting in twin emphases of many of these articles.

Some articles are theological in nature, others are inspirational, all are practical. We pray you will benefit from the investment of each writer. May the Lord be glorified as His church continues the business of His Kingdom.

We pray that these writings challenge and inspire you to reach more people in your setting and “to all the world for Jesus’ sake.”

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