

Resound Revitalization Findings Spring Valley Baptist Church Discovery

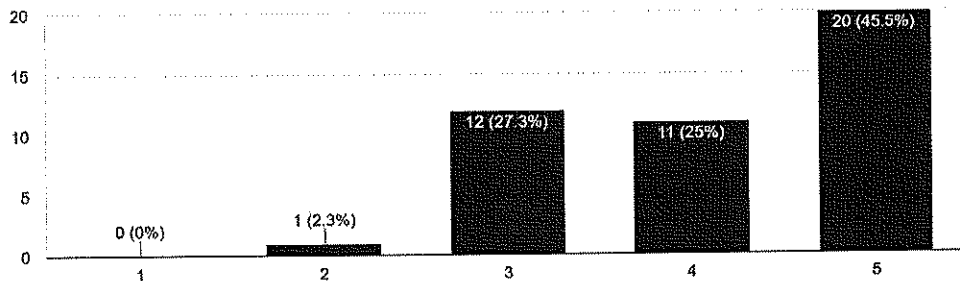
I. Health Observations

Healthy Identities, Foundations, and Structures

a. Healthy Identities

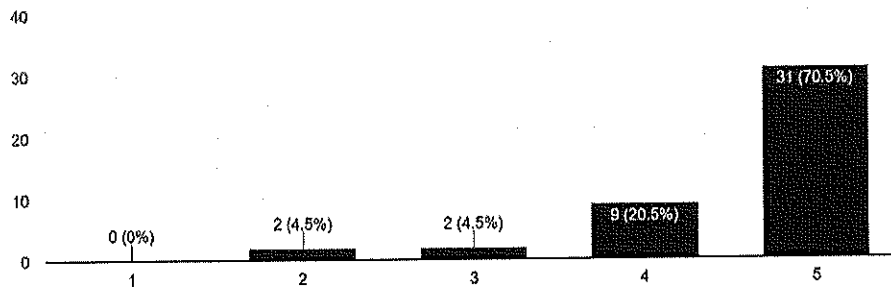
i. Worshippers-strong

We regularly express praise and thanksgiving to God throughout the week
44 responses



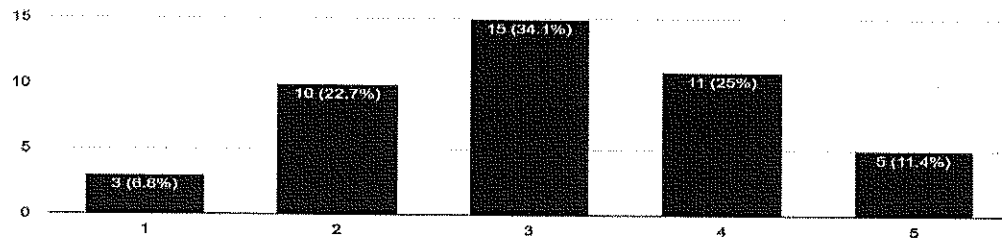
ii. Family-Enjoy and care for one another, not as strong in conflict and incorporating new people.

We enjoy spending time together inside and outside of the church building.
44 responses

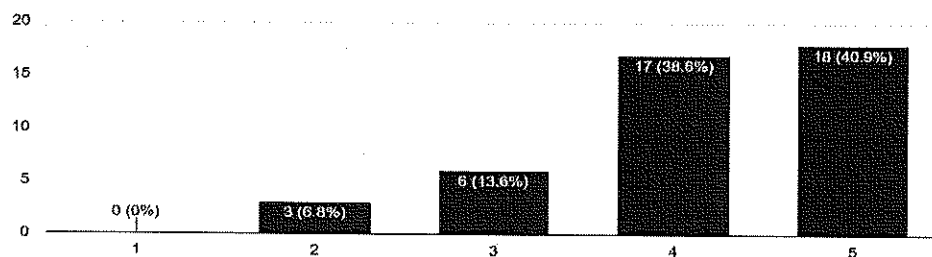


Pastor John Mark Clifton 2/19
Reclaiming Glory (book)

We address sin and conflict with one another one on one
44 responses

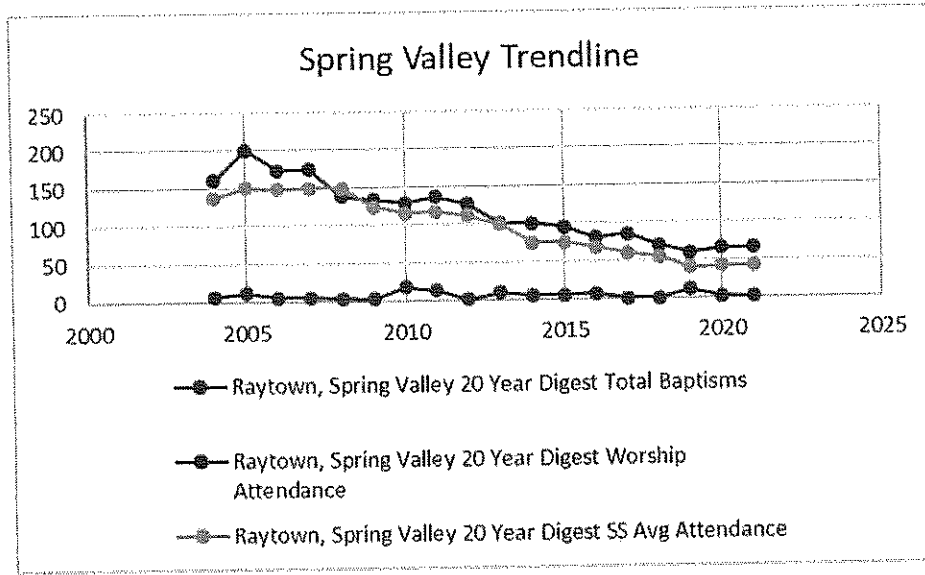


We sacrifice to ensure one another's needs are met.
44 responses



iii. Missionaries- Strong in raising disciples but not effective in reaching the lost.

The church attributes the decline in the following chart to a couple of major factors. The church disciplined young men and women who went to other faith communities and ministered. Young families left the Raytown area to surrounding communities and school districts. These young family's youth and children wanted to attend worship with their friends and left SVBC. Death of elderly population. There was a decline in attendance post-covid. Unless there is a catalyst for change these trends will most likely continue.



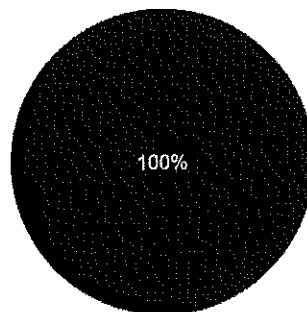
B. Healthy Foundations

i. Gospel-strong relating to God and others, need strengthening in how to share the gospel with unbelievers.

All 39 respondents to surveys have been a believer for more than five years.

How long have you been a Christian?

39 responses

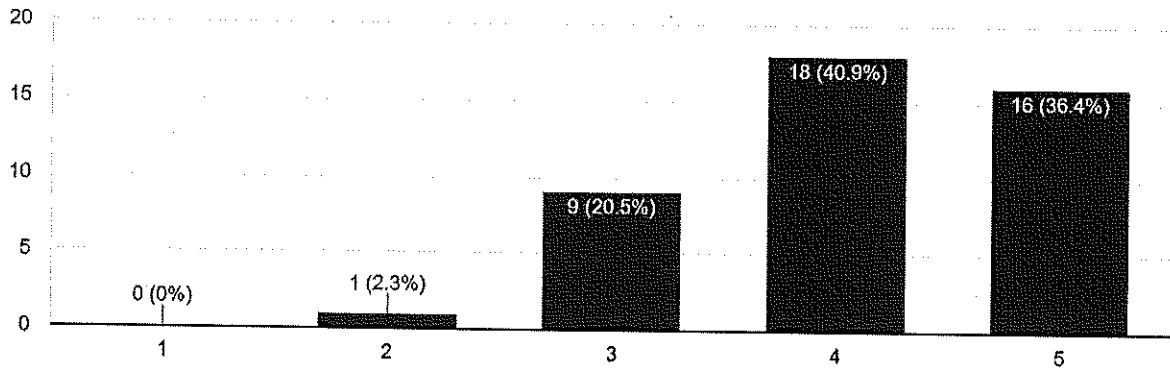


- 1 year or less
- 2 years or less
- 3 years or less
- 4 years or less
- 5 years or more

ii. Scripture-Great in many ways. There is some acknowledgement that tradition and effectiveness may outweigh scripture in determining practice.

We find our hope for personal and church health in the Gospel rather than programs and traditions.

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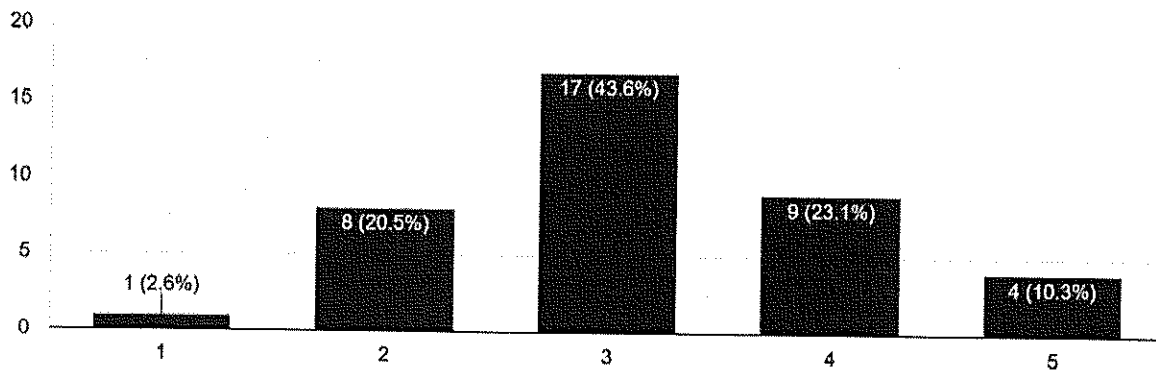
iii. Prayer- Strong

C. Healthy Structures

2/3rd of the church said 3 or less out of five regarding church health. 1 being poor- 5 being very healthy.

How would you rate the general condition of the church at present?

39 responses



i. Leadership-Great respect for leaders, lack clear direction and leader development.

ii. Membership-Strong, need clarification on membership commitment.

iii. Discipleship-committed to teaching, lack of clear process that is holistic.

iv. Demographics

The membership of SVBC does not represent the community in which it resides. Though the church has made tremendous effort in reaching the community through ministry events rarely do the events produce on-going evangelism/discipleship opportunities.

87% have been at SVBC over five years. Many of those recognize they are at SVBC as a result of personal relationships. There is also a recognition that the church body does not have those type of relationships with the lost in the community.

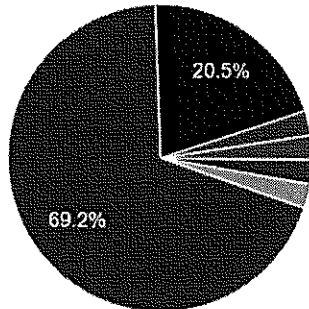
While mapping church members homes in proximity to the church we discovered many members do live relatively close. However, the “younger leadership” of the church live outside a five-mile radius. The “younger leadership” on the committee acknowledged how difficult it was to invite people to be committed to SVBC.

a. Race/Ethnicity

	2010		2022		Proj-2027
White	25,200	51.3%	21,780	44.6%	20,433
African American	18,827	38.3%	20,399	41.8%	21,090
Hispanic/Latino	2,543	5.2%	3,231	6.6%	3,551
Asian	2,528	5.1%	3,369	6.9%	3,772

Why is the church in its current condition?

39 responses



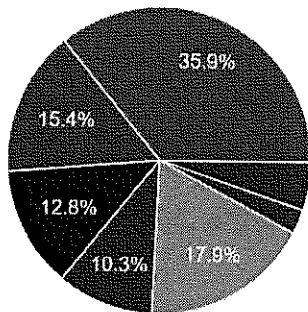
- Church Conflict/Splits
- Church Resistant to Leaders/Change
- Poor Leadership
- Lack Youth / Too Old
- We are unified and prayerful-seeking God's future for our church
- Most of the leadership and membership lives away from the community and th...
- Poor leadership and lack of youth outreach

b. Population by Generation in 2022

Gen Z	2002-	12,734	26.1%
Millennials	1982-	12,988	26.6%
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Survivors	1961-81	12,404	25.4%
Boomer	1943-60	8,593	17.6%
Silent	1925-42	2,020	4.1%
Builders	-	42	.1%
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What age bracket best describes you?

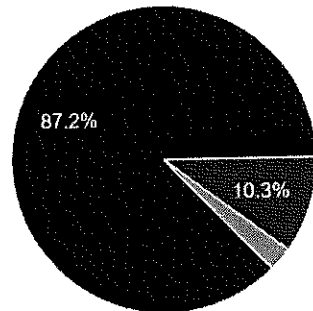
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- Under 20
- Under 30
- Under 40
- Under 50
- Under 60
- Under 70
- 71 or older

How long have you been attending or a member at the church?

39 responses



- 1 year or less
- 2 years or less
- 3 years or less
- 4 years or less
- 5 years or more

v. Building and Grounds-

a. The church has plentiful worship, education and parking space.

b. Portions of the facilities need updating. Examples would include Fellowship Hall, Parking Lot, and Signage.

vi. Finances

a. The church has a strong reserve.

b. Total Receipts are less than Total Expenditures.

vii. General Observation of the Revitalization Committee

a. Leaders and Volunteers are overwhelmed.

b. The church does not have "the bells and whistles" that other churches seem to have.

c. The church needs more members to carry the load.

d. The church needs younger families.

e. The church needs a black pastor who looks like and can reach the community.

f. The church needs a new outreach strategy.

