

RenewRestoreRevive

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Pastor - God wants to renew, restore, and revive the church.

Trashy - (brings in large black trash bag) Here I am to help in renewal. (walks among congregation) Do you have any soda cans to recycle? Maybe you have some glass bottles? How about you - do you have any old newspapers.

Pastor - No, we aren't recycling, God wants to renew the church.

Trashy - Well, why didn't you say that! (leaves)

Painty - (brings in paint brush and paint) I am here to restore the church. What color do you want it?

Pastor - We don't want to restore the paint job. God wants to restore the people.

Painty - (walks among congregation) That's no problem. Some of these people could use a new hair color. (goes to older woman) How about you? Wouldn't a bright pink hair color make you look modern?

Pastor - No, no, God wants to restore our spirits.

Painty - Well, why didn't you say that! (leaves)

Meddy - I am here with my medical bag. Who needs reviving? Is it a heart problem?

Pastor - No, no, no, we don't need a paramedic. God wants to revive the church.

Meddy - Oh, THAT kind of heart problem.

Trashy - (re-enters with trash bag) Maybe God can renew us, if we are all willing to get rid of some of the garbage in our lives.

Painty - (re-enters with paint brush) And perhaps God can restore us if we let him paint a smile on our face and in our soul.

Meddy - And maybe God can revive us when we have a heart beating full of joy.

Pastor - Now, those are all good ideas. (to audience) What are you willing to do to be renewed by God?