



**Purpose Statement:** *The Maturing Churches Team exists to assist the local churches of the SBCV in enhancing relationships between pastors, staff and lay leaders and to assist them in becoming a healthier and growing congregation as they carry out the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Through a called, equipped and decentralized missionary team of Church Health Strategists, Associate Church Health Strategists, Specialized Strategists and support staff, the SBCV provides...

1. **Pastoral and Staff Growth Opportunities** through such means as bi-monthly regional **Connection Fellowships** for pastors, staff, and wives and bi-monthly neighborhood restaurant **Power Meals** for pastors and staff. For a chance to get away, the **Pastors, Staff and Wives Retreat** or **Student Pastors Retreat** are weekends of rest, relaxation and inspiration. Ministers of Education are also challenged at their annual conference.
2. **Comprehensive Church Health Analysis and Seminars** where churches utilize self **discovery tools** to determine their congregation's current health. The church, once diagnosed will receive prescriptions of resources and strategies that will help the church move to the next level in the church health cycle.
3. **Church Growth Opportunities** through Statewide ministries and events like **Studentz Camp**, the **Singles Conference**, the **Men's Conference** and multiple **Women's Ministry Fellowships and Conferences**.
4. **Lay Leader Training** not only on the state and regional levels through the **E-4:12 Conference**, but also trainings that are customized for your local church needs.
5. **Outreach and Evangelism Events and Strategies** such as the **Youth Evangelism Conference** and the 10 year national initiative brought to you in partnership with the North American Mission Board called **God's Plan for Sharing**.

