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Across the United States, an alarming trend continues to unfold behind the doors of quiet sanctuaries. According to research from Lifeway and denominational analysts, more than 4,000 to 4,500 churches close their doors each year in America. Across traditions and regions, congregations that once buzzed with Sunday morning fellowship are turning off the lights for good.

Many factors influence church decline, but research shows leadership quality is most critical to church sustainability and **growth**.

The Law of the Mantle

During my time playing the piano and organ for 452 chapel services at Liberty University—gatherings now known as Convocation—the late Dr. Jerry Falwell pounded a single principle into our hearts:

"Everything rises and falls on leadership."

That principle holds whether you are looking at academia, private enterprise, civic government, or the local church. When leadership is fractured, self-serving, or financially careless, instability follows. A church board can collect all the tithes and offerings it wants; without sound administration, fiduciary discipline, and moral backbone, the foundation rots away. Good intentions cannot survive reckless stewardship.

Alignment at the Top

True church health depends on spiritual alignment among leaders, not just administrative skills, to maintain **unity and purpose**.

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When a senior pastor, executive pastoral staff, ministry directors, and board members pull in different directions, the congregation feels discouraged. But when a leadership team shares genuine unity of heart, clear vision, and humble devotion to the Gospel, hope and confidence grow within the church community.

I saw this firsthand in Southern California. In the early 1980s, I served as a musician at Central Baptist Temple in Huntington Beach. When the long-serving pastor, Dr. Bruce Melton, retired, he did not leave the future to chance. He carefully selected and mentored his successor, Dr. Bruce Garner.

The church—now known as CrossPoint Church—did not merely survive that pastoral transition; under Pastor Garner's steadfast leadership over the past two decades, it flourished. Today, CrossPoint draws so many worshippers across multiple services that its campus parking lot cannot hold them—requiring shuttles from neighboring commercial lots just to welcome everyone who wants to hear the Word of God preached.

That is the difference the right leader makes.

<https://crosspointhb.org/>

Another growing church in Orange County, CA, with great leadership is Second Baptist Church in Santa Ana, CA. Senior Pastor Ivan Pitts.

<https://www.sbc.family/>

Why the Right Placement Matters

Churches rarely fail because people stop needing hope, community, or salvation. They fail because the wrong people end up in the wrong seats, or the right ministers are left searching without a trusted bridge to the congregations that need them most. Your choices matter—empowering you to make confident, character-based decisions.

If you are a church board or search committee seeking pastoral, musical, administrative, or youth leadership, do not gamble on guesswork. Let character, theological harmony, and administrative wisdom lead your decision.

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If you are a minister, director, or administrative professional seeking your next call, your gifts are needed in a ministry field that cannot afford compromise.

Connecting faithful workers with healthy pulpits and ministry desks isn't just recruitment—it is church preservation.

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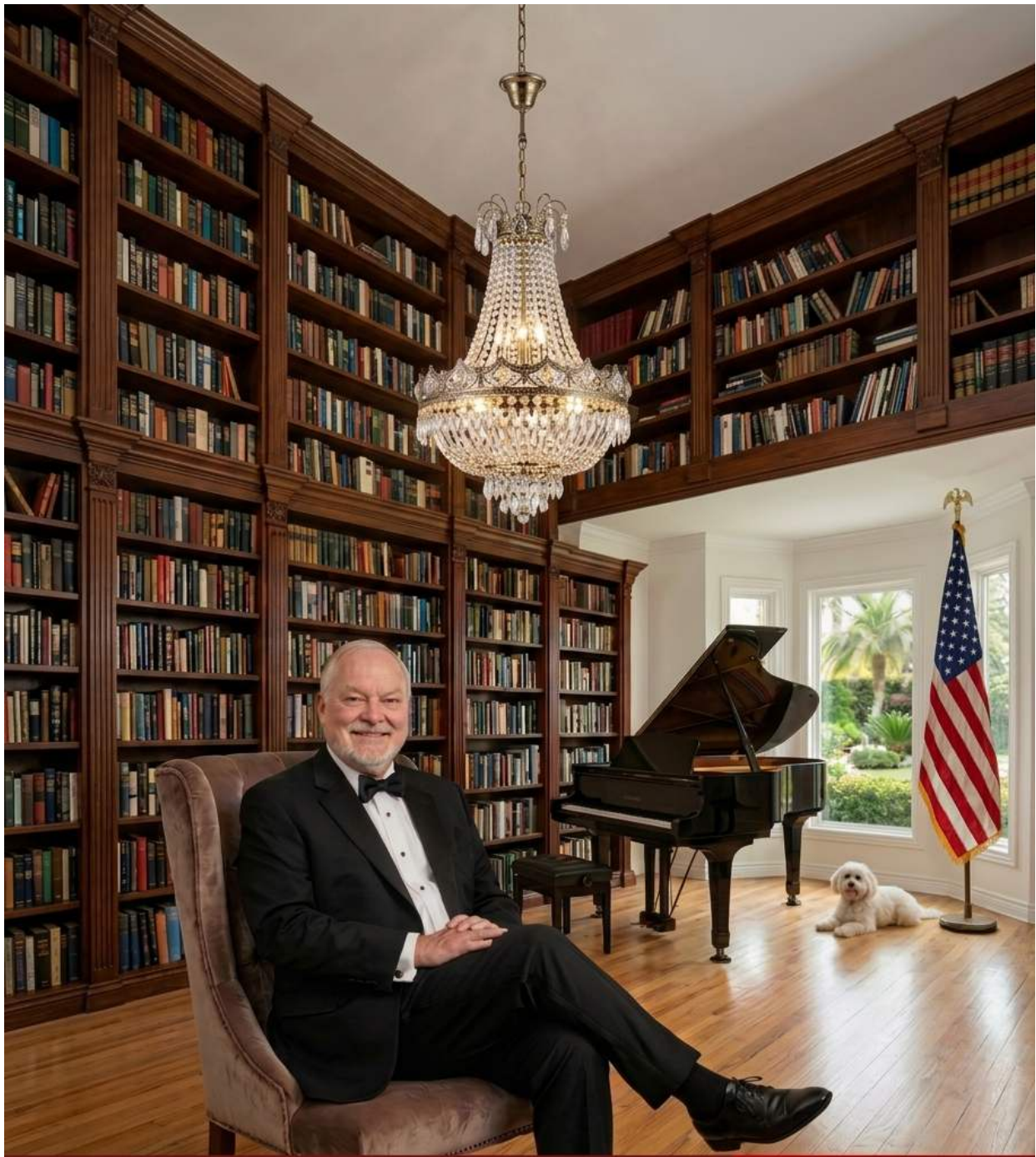
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 **Daily Quote:** 

"You do not determine the worth of a person by their wealth or possessions, but rather by what it takes to discourage them." Dr. Jerry Falwell quoted this relentlessly during chapel services at Liberty University. This quote was from Vince Lombardi, the legendary American Football Coach and executive best known for leading the Green Bay Packers to five NFL championships and victories in the first two Super Bowls during the 1960s.

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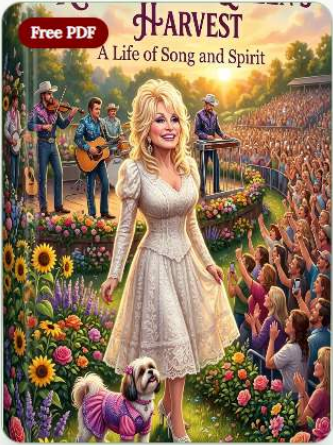
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Dr. Scott is a fan of Dolly Parton. The day she passed, Dr. Scott wrote a book to honor her life, music, and Dolly’s extreme gift of giving. In Tennessee, her business acumen employs over 10,000 people. Dolly Parton’s My People Fund provided \$10,000 in direct financial assistance to each family who lost their home in the devastating 2016 [Great Smoky Mountains wildfires](#) in Tennessee.



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Core Professional Pillars

Dr. Scott's PsyD in Behavioral Health Leadership (2023) and ongoing PhD in Developmental Psychology (2026–2030) reflect his commitment to advancing his expertise and inspiring others.

Music Pedagogy & Performance: A professional musician and educator for over half a century, he holds a B.S. in Music Education (1980). While completing his undergraduate degree at Liberty University, Dr. Scott traveled extensively with two major singing groups: **The LBC Road Team (1975–1976)** and **The Enpsalms (1976–1980)**. Together, these music teams represented over 500 church concerts, visited 35 states, and logged over 100,000 miles. In addition, Dr. Scott played piano and organ for over 450 chapel services and participated in 72 shared Student Recitals across his four years at the university. An expert in piano and organ performance, he remains active in teaching and hosting local recitals.

Career Consultancy: From 1985 to 2005, he owned and operated “Resumes While You Wait,” where he personally coached and prepared career documentation for 4,000 clients, including Marines from El Toro, Tustin, and Camp Pendleton.

Digital Publishing & Global Influence

Prolific Author:

Through his self-titled publishing company, Dr. Scott has authored and published 110+ e-books. His library covers diverse subjects, from leadership manifestos like

CORE

and

No is a Powerful Word

to professional guides such as

My Legacy: The Footprint I Leave

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With a social

media following of 250 million, Dr. Scott's

digital influence

demonstrates his leadership and relevance, inspiring followers and collaborators to engage with his work.

AI & Design:

He is at the forefront of digital content creation, personally directing the use of AI for graphic design to produce branding, book covers, and website assets for his various projects.

Personal Interests & Values

Photography:

He possesses a keen “visual eye” for architectural and nature photography, with a specific interest in documenting church architecture, pipe organs, landscapes, and holiday displays.

His

commitment to integrity, mentorship, and passing the baton to the next generation demonstrates his dedication to community and shared growth, encouraging potential collaborators to feel aligned with his values.

Technology:

An early adopter of modern solutions, he manages his vast digital enterprise using tools like Microsoft 365 and Dropbox, and he drives electric vehicles.

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Dr. Scott's Music Bio;

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One of Doctor Scott's favorite hymns is

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Enjoy Whitney Phipps

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBaEIJX-bDO>

My Ebook

Churches in America face an unprecedented decline, with thousands shuttering each year because of poor leadership and a lack of vision. Dr. Arthur George Scott reveals that effective, character-driven leadership is the key to revitalizing congregations and ensuring their longevity. Through real-life examples and insightful analysis, Dr. Scott offers a roadmap for church boards and ministers to align their efforts and cultivate thriving communities of Faith.

