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## A Church Experiences New Hope, New Life, New Vitality

Something's stirring at Dorothy Lane Baptist Church in Kettering, Ohio.

In one year, membership jumped from 39 to 55—an increase that's particularly significant because this church, not so long ago, considered closing.



What's even more significant is the story behind it: American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) and American Baptist Churches of Ohio are working with the local congregation to bring transformation to this fellowship of believers.

The story centers on "Got Style!"—a personality-based evangelism strategy developed by ABHMS with support from the America for Christ Offering. Got Style! considers evangelism a key component of individual and congregational spiritual vitality that leads naturally to genuine sharing of faith as part of a vibrant relationship with God.

As the congregation faced declining membership, Dorothy Lane began the seven-stage Got Style! journey of renewal with the help of region minister, the Rev. Mark Click, trained in the strategy by ABHMS.

Now the future looks brighter every day. Says Click: "Got Style! has changed this church by giving it new hope, new tools and a new understanding of what it means to be a healthy church."

**Provided in your America for Christ materials, the "Encouraging Evangelism" video—perfect for a worship Mission Moment—tells more of the Got Style! story. Or visit [www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org) > Ministries & Programs > Evangelism > Evangelism Resources or call Dr. Jeffrey A. Johnson, national coordinator of Evangelism and New Church Planting, at 1-800-222-3872, x2406.**

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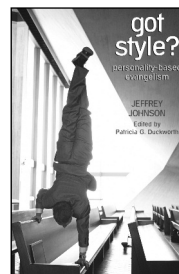
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