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#### **Editorial Review**

Review

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--Reggie McNeal, director of leadership development, South Carolina Baptist Convention (ww.scbbaptist.org)

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--Dale Galloway, dean, Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership (www.beesoninstitute.org)

"This book is an awesome tool for everyone involved in ministry. It will empower the body of Christ to look past ethnic differences and to embrace the needs of the different people that make up the modern church. It's

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#### From the Inside Flap

Change a church's culture, and everything else changes, including its future. When you find the keys to advancing the "right" culture for your church, you will unlock the reality of a transformed and revitalized church.

Would you describe your church's culture as thriving and irresistible? Are your church's members confidently using their gifts, talents, passions, and energy to serve and advance the kingdom of God? If you hesitated in answering, Culture Shift is the hands-on resource that can help your church release its full potential as a force for good.

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The good news is that you already have everything you need—but you must look within for radical, transformational power. Your job is to develop a healthy atmosphere and let the Holy Spirit do the work through you. Once this fundamental shift has occurred and the new habits and values become central to everything your church does, a healthy, energetic, God-honoring church will be unleashed into a world that is desperately crying out for it.

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