

Dear Church Family,

Generation to generation. You've heard it before, I'm sure. But what does it mean?

- Deuteronomy 6:6-7 – “And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”
- Psalm 145:4 – “One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.”
- Psalm 78:4 – “We will not hide them from their children, but tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.”
- Psalm 78:6-8 – “...that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.”
- Psalm 71:18 – “So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.”
- Psalm 102:18 – “Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord.”

All the Scriptures above are Old Testament verses. So does that mean the idea of one generation passing on what they've learned to the next generation stops when we move into the New Testaments, and to now? Absolutely not! It means we all, as believers in Christ, all part of His One Body, do not hoard what we know. We do not keep the things God has taught us to ourselves. It means we pass them on, not only to our friends, but the generations that are coming behind us. You and your generation matter to the next generation (and you also are a next generation).

On Sunday, January 23, 2022, we are going to have a very special worship service celebrating the privilege we have as well as the mandate we have as generations to pass down our faith to the next generation. This will be a unique and encouraging worship service you will not want to miss. All generations will be involved in leading the service. All generations will be a part of the picture of what God calls those of us who follow Him to do and be. Please mark your calendars for January 23 at 10:00 a.m.

As a part of this service, we are making different colored tee shirts available for each generation to wear, as a picture of how God takes “many pieces, One Body, each generation, a different color. When one piece is missing, we are not complete. It takes all of us.” Please wear your generation shirt in the service on January 23.

On November 7, there will be sample shirts in the foyer with order forms and QR codes. Each shirt is \$10.

Orders for shirts will be taken November 7 through December 15. Orders may be placed online, with the QR code, or on a hard copy order form. If you are paying with an order form (hard copy), please place your order form and your payment in the offering plate.

Shirt colors are as follows:

- Preschool (Birth-4 yrs.) – Kiwi Green
- Elementary (K5-4<sup>th</sup> grade) – Red
- Preteen (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades) – Teal
- Students (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Blackberry
- Young Adults (18-25 yrs.) – Midnight
- Adults (26 yrs. – 64 yrs.) – Maroon
- Sr. Adult (65+ yrs.) - Navy

Please plan to participate in this worship service, whether you choose to buy a shirt or not. Our prayer is that this service will bring glory to God and will be a precious reminder of our charge from God, to tell of His faithfulness to all generations, for the Kingdom!

Psalm 145:13 – “Your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.”

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