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ENCOURAGING THE NEXT GENERATION
TO GROW UP AND GO ON FOR GOD





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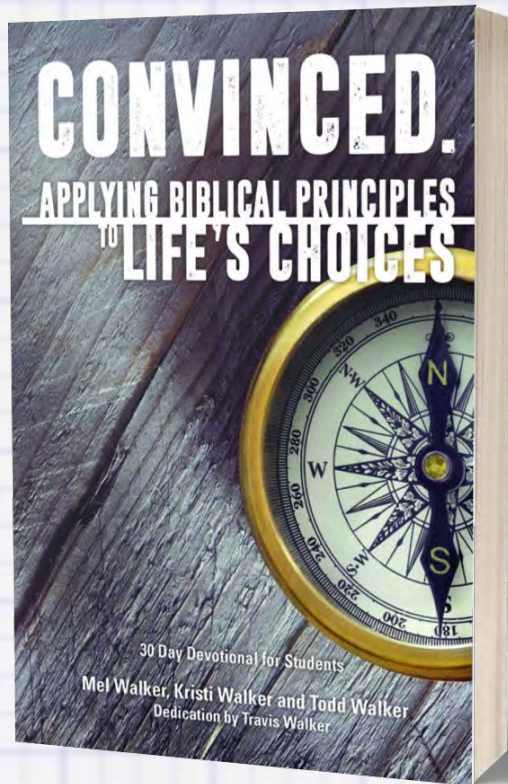


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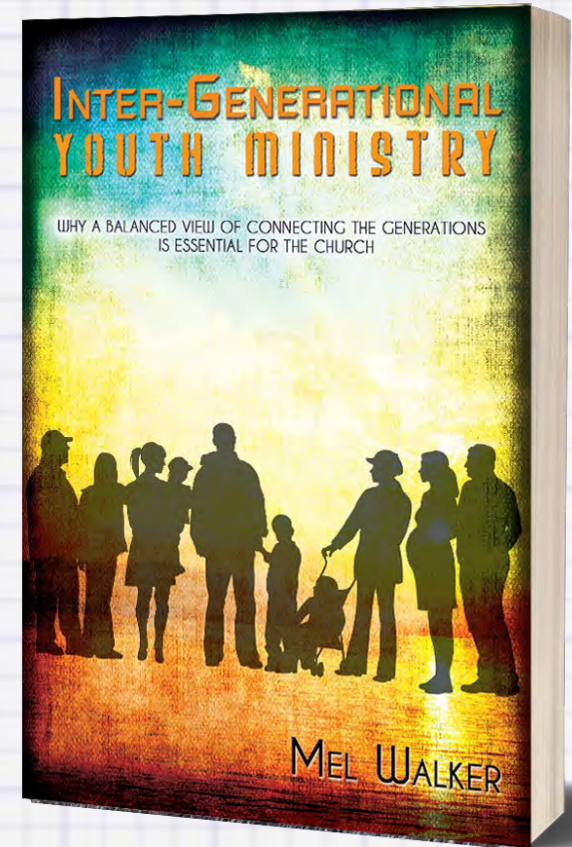
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RESOURCES TO ENCOURAGE THE NEXT GENERATION



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Ministering to Your Church's Kids Who Are Now in College

I live in a college town. A few weeks ago, I met a young girl who will be attending college here this fall, so I asked her if anyone from her home church recommended a good church to her while she completes her studies. To my amazement she replied that no one from her home... [Keep Reading](#)

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WHAT DO WE WANT FOR OUR KIDS?

If you are a Christian parent or grandparent, or if you are a pastor, youth pastor, or school leader, I think you would agree that we want our kids to grow up and go on for God as adults. Right?

Youth ministry should never be a terminal program where teenagers graduate from high school, finish their involvement in youth groups, and then walk away from the church. Yet that is what is happening in the lives of so many emerging adults. It's time to stop the apostasy of young adults walking away from God!

The book is a practical conversation for Christian parents and church leaders who are interested in proactive suggestions for encouraging the next generation to grow up naturally and to live lives as devoted followers of Christ. The process isn't easy, but it's a lot better than the alternative. We're in this together as part of God's work in the world today. We want our kids to grow up and go on for God!

—Mel Walker

Mel Walker has been 40 years of practical experience in teaching, preaching, writing, and speaking. He has a small private press, produces, administers, manages books, and writes. He has worked with churches, youth groups, and youth leaders in a wide range of settings. There are also the parents of three adult children—all of whom are successful, career-driven, and have never had a grandchild. Mel's ministry and family experiences have inspired him to help both Christian parents and church leaders to be intentional about encouraging the next generation to grow up and go on for God.

For more resources or additional information see: www.OverboardForGod.com



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**WHAT DO YOU WANT
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WHAT DO WE WANT FOR OUR KIDS?

*“...that (they) should no longer be children...
but, may grow up in all things into Him who
is the head – Christ.” Ephesians 4:14-15*



BASIC PREMISE



THE CHURCH

THE HOME



children



youth

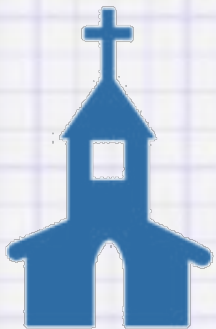


adults

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THE CHURCH

*“...that we should **no longer be children**, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, **may grow up in all things** into Him who is the head—Christ—”*

Ephesians 4:14-15

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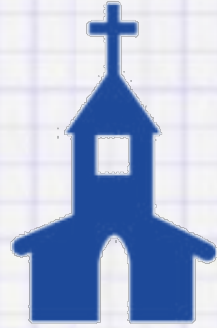
THE HOME



*“...**bring them up** in the training and admonition of the Lord.”*

Ephesians 6:1-4





THE CHURCH

Both institutions must be committed to helping our children grow up into spiritual maturity so that they go on for God as adults.



THE HOME



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adults



OUR KIDS ARE LEAVING THE CHURCH



WHY ARE THEY LEAVING?



**Not grounded in
Biblical truth**



**Not receiving consistent
messages from
influential adults**



**No ownership in
their local church**




**Not connected with
other generations**



WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT?



REASONS	<p>1 </p> <p>Not grounded in Biblical Truth</p>	<p> 2</p> <p>No ownership in their local church</p>	<p> 3</p> <p>Not receiving consistent messages</p>	<p>4 </p> <p>Not connected with other generations</p>
CHURCH	<p>Preach & Teach the Scripture (with Real-Life Application)</p>	<p>Help Emerging Generations Build “Sweat Equity” ...</p>	<p>Build Godly Adults Into the Lives of the Next Generations</p>	<p>Develop Growing Inter-Generational Connections</p>
FAMILY	<p>Help Your Children Learn & Apply the Scriptures</p>	<p>Build Loyalty Toward the Local Church</p>	<p>Live Godly & Consistent Lives in Front of Your Kids</p>	<p>Help Your Children Connect with Other Godly Adults</p>



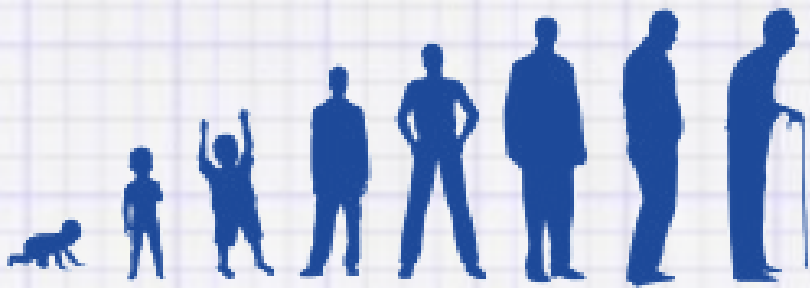
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**PRACTICAL, PRO-ACTIVE
SUGGESTIONS:**



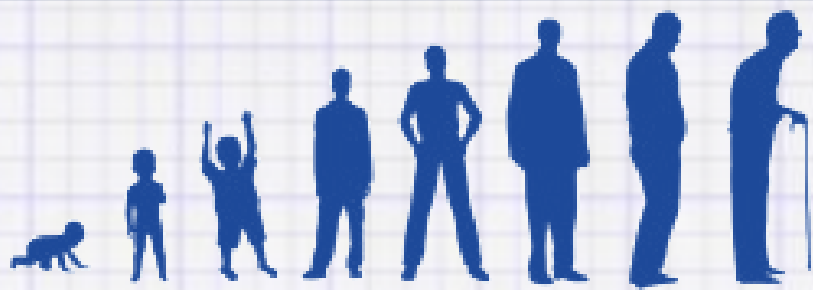
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1. Mentoring in ministry – How is your church developing the next generation to serve the Lord?



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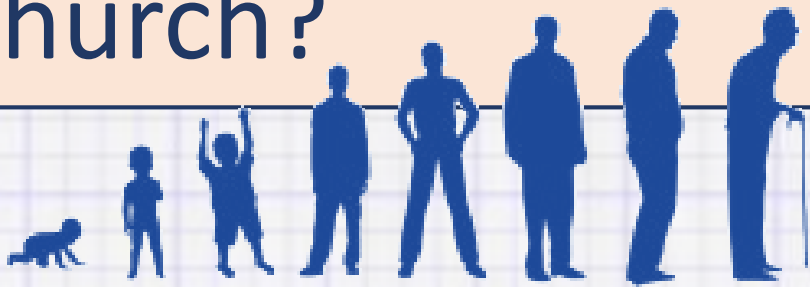
2. Bible teaching curriculum –
What does a fully-devoted follower of Christ look like? What should fully-devoted Christ-followers know, do, or believe in?



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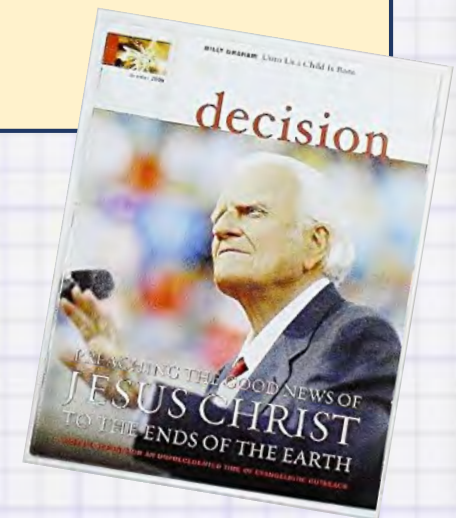
3. Inter-generational connections

– How is your church developing intentional connections between adults & young people? How are all generations included in your church?



“Here’s the bottom line: every kid needs five adult fans. Any young person who shows any interest in Christ needs a minimum of five people of various ages who will say, ‘I’m going to love that kid until they are fully walking as an adult member of this congregation.’”

By Dr. Chap Clark –
Decision 8.17.2004

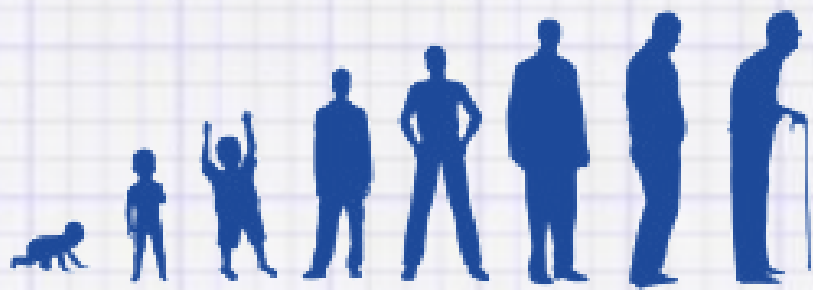
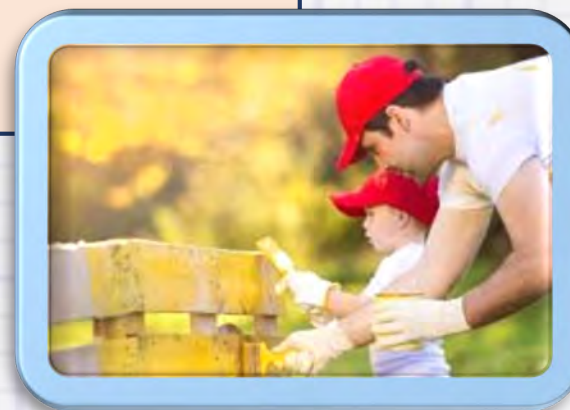


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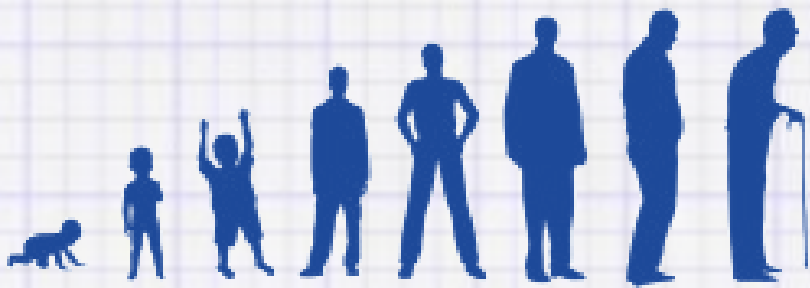
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4. “Sweat equity” – How is your church helping young people get actively involved in the ministries of your church?



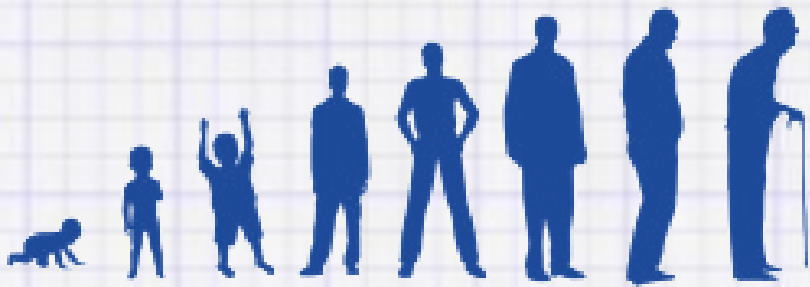
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5. Developing younger leaders – How is your church identifying & training the next generation of leaders?



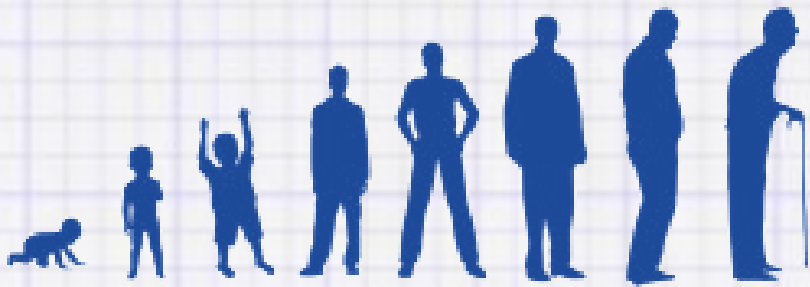
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6. Outreach to children & teenagers – What is your church doing to reach young people for Christ in your community?



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7. Equipping parents & being “family friendly” –
How is your church training and helping parents & families?



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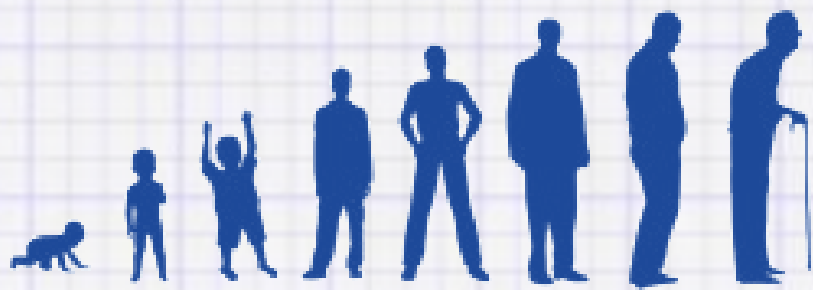
8. Child protection policy –

Is your church a safe place for minors to attend – and do family's feel confident about your children's & youth ministry program?



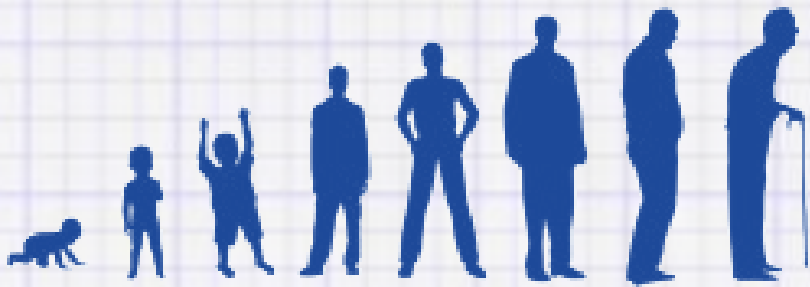
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9. Spiritual disciplines – How is your church assisting families in encouraging spiritual disciplines in the lives of people?



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10. The church as a *family* – How is your church reaching out and ministering to the growing number of non-traditional families & households in your community?



When Barnabas came and saw God at work, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should go on for God.

– Acts 11:23



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