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.Generation Z: What we need to know as a Church.

Periodically, I will read journal articles and books on Sociology. It's important for the church to know what is going on generationally so we can be prepared to teach the gospel to a younger generation that is going to be effective. Recently, I read an article titled [10 things you should know about Generation Z](#) by Thom Rainer. Below is what he has found about this up and coming generation.

I doubt the generational name will stick, but for now we call them Generation Z. There was Gen X, then Gen Y (the Millennials), and now Gen Z.

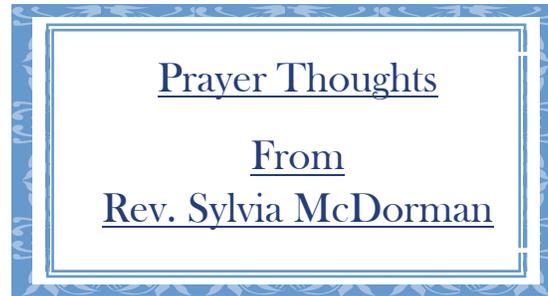
Their birth years are 2001 to 2020. The oldest Gen Zer is 15; the youngest has not yet been born.

We have much to learn about this young generation, but we have learned much already. Church leaders, particularly, need to keep an eye on this generation. There are some fascinating trends taking place.

For now, let's look at ten things you should know about Gen Z.

1. ***They will be the largest generation in history.*** Each of their birth years is already a large cohort. By the time 2020 concludes, this generation will include about 82 million people. They will supplant the Millennials who supplanted the Boomers as the largest generation.
2. ***The majority of this generation is non-white.*** That is a first in the history of the United States.
3. ***Hispanics are the fastest-growing group in Gen Z.*** It is simply a matter of fertility rates. Hispanic mothers have an average of 2.4 children, compared to black mothers (2.1), and Asian and white mothers (1.8).
4. ***At least one of ten of this generation will marry across ethnic and racial lines.*** But the number could be higher.
5. ***Homosexual marriage will be embraced as normative.*** But we cannot tell yet what percentage of Gen Z will be in a homosexual marriage.
6. ***Two historic events have shaped Gen Z.*** Most of them were not born when 9/11 took place, but their parents and others have made the event a part of their lives and insecurities. The second event, the Great Recession, is still a reality though the recession is officially over. Gen Z parents, and thus, their children still feel the impact of a weak jobs economy.
7. ***Gen Z will be highly entrepreneurial.*** They have learned from their parents that you cannot trust an employer to take care of you. It is best to create your own job.
8. ***Gen Z is and will be in church more regularly.*** I read one study by Joan Hope that noted a big spike in church attendance by Gen Z. My anecdotal observations confirm an increase in Gen Zers church attendance, but I was surprised by the magnitude of the increase in Hope's study. We will need to monitor this behavioral pattern closely.
9. ***Rapid change is normative for Gen Z.*** None of us could have imagined the Internet of Things or wearable technology or many other technological trends. They are normative for Gen Z. This generation is accustomed to rapid change.
10. ***Gen Zers prefer personal contact.*** Yes, they are fully immersed in the Internet and social media, but they really want to have personal interaction. Perhaps it is because of the Internet and social media that they desire personal interaction. The trends are early. The demographics are breathtaking. And the signs are, to a large extent, hopeful. The trends are early. The demographics are breathtaking. And the signs are, to a large extent, hopeful.

As I read this, I notice some things that are hopeful for the church and some things that are terrifying. As Followers of Christ, we need to be bold and make a lasting impression in or Gen Z-ers.



As a little girl, I longed for summertime! Time with no school, only wearing shoes when absolutely necessary (when Mom said so), riding my bike for hours and playing outside from morning till night! June was an especially great month because of long evenings. When the June evening would turn dark, it was time to catch lightning bugs, or fireflies! Those little creations were quite interesting; they are really not flies but beetles. They were created with bioluminescence that light in the dark to attract mates, or could attract prey as well. I would get a big mason jar and see how many I could catch, then bring them inside with hopes of continuing to watch them light up. Those little creations were really meant to be free to fly and light up, so I rarely kept them inside all night, but put the jar outside so they could escape and enjoy their freedom.

Freedom is what Christ means for all of us, to be released from the bondage of sin and burdens. With that freedom in Christ, we have the Holy Spirit to light and guide our way. Galatians 5:1 tells us *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free....."*. I Peter 5:7 tells us *"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you"*. These scriptures remind us that we can live free from worry and baggage. We don't have to do it alone, but rely on the counsel and presence of God. With that we also experience His love and promises!

As we enter the summer season, remember to exercise your faith, experience freedom in Christ. Give him the steering wheel for everything, experience the joy of Christ!

***"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:4-7**

A Note from the Elder Board

For the last few months you have been seeing the new mission statement, *GET: Grow, Engage, Transform* here in the newsletter and weekly in the bulletin. Have you read it, prayed about it and taken it to heart? We want this mission statement to be more than just mere words on the page; we want it to grow strong hands and feet as it goes into action and becomes a reality, a living organism to impact the church and overflow to many others outside our walls.

Currently the Elder Board and Ministry Teams are working on some initiatives and church needs. We want to get these complete and really move on to more projects and outreach that impact more people for Christ. We always need to assess what we are doing and look at how to further the Kingdom of God. We all need to take initiative as God directs to do our part. Ministry teams play an extremely vital role in carrying out the ministries of the church. Look around the church, look at this newsletter and the weekly bulletin at everything that occurs. Take part in activities and ministries. Pray for the Board and the Ministry Teams. Communicate with us with questions or thoughts. It takes all of us together!

GET: Grow, Engage, Transform

Our mission is to **G**row in our relationship with Christ, **E**ngage in our community to share His love and **T**ransform our world into His likeness.

Grow: We strive to grow in our relationship with Christ through the divine inspiration of the Holy Bible, prayer, encouragement and fellowship with one another of the church. We believe that as we grow the Holy Spirit empowers us live out God's will. Ephesians 1:17-18, Philippians 2:1-5, 2 Peter 3:18

Engage: As Jesus commissioned the disciples to go out and make disciples, we must do likewise. By engaging with our community we have an opportunity to extend a helping hand and the love of Christ to the lost, hurt and broken people around us. Matthew 25:42-45, Matthew 28:19

Transform: As we grow and engage, we are transformed by the Holy Spirit into the image of Jesus Christ. Through this transformation and with the love of Christ, we can be vessels to further the Kingdom of God by our witness and example. Romans 12:1-2

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Next Meeting:
June 20, 201
6:30 pm



...Her Special
Missions

Rev. Debbie Brown



*Living Link Missionaries
David & Barbara Miller
Cochabamba, Bolivia*

Barbara says, "Old dogs can learn new tricks." Thirty-five years into their missionary career she was "blessed and challenged" in a new learning curve as she attended a **Mental Health and Missions** conference. "The workshop renewed my desire to build up the church through being healthy myself and helping others move toward emotional and spiritual health", reports Barbara. A presentation on Anger and Prayer using the Psalms reminded Barbara that it's ok to pour out our hearts to God ---even the angry parts. God is there to redeem it all and with the Holy Spirit's help we can move on.

The Global Alliance for Church Multiplication (GACX) is a consortium of churches and missions working together to plant five million new churches in our generation. The bi-annual GAXC Forum introduced David to new church planting strategies and co-workers who are well on their way to achieving this ambitious goal. David said, "One speaker reminded us that, despite dangers and obstacles, we are living in the most exciting era in history for advancing the Great Commission."

They launched the second **Global Disciples** leadership course being directed by a couple in Cochabamba who completed the training last year. They have a new group of 16 students.

In addition to this they have their usual schedule of preaching, teaching and counseling. Already this year David spoke to 600 **Church of God believers** at Pojo junta; the next week to 6,000 gathered in Quillacollo. Barbara meets each week with several women for mentoring/counseling. They are both scheduled to teach workshops at the **International Kingdom Workers Forum** in Lima, Peru which begins on their wedding anniversary. Continue to keep the Millers in your prayers as they serve.





Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

July 17th to July 21st

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

We need help in the following areas. If you would like to help during VBS please let Nancy Brown, Jamie Hendricks, Bob Morris, Carolyn Ringgold, or Brittany Truxell know.

Decorating

Prayer Support

Publicity

Missions Projects

Bible Teaching

Crafts

Group Guide

Recreation Games

Music

Activity Centers

Special Events

Snacks

Skits

Follow-up

Dates to Remember: For June 2016

June 5, 2016

Picnic on the Hill

Sue & Garland King
(moving to Florida)



June 18, 2016

Tool Time

5:00 pm

Men of the Church



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June 19, 2016

Happy Father's Day

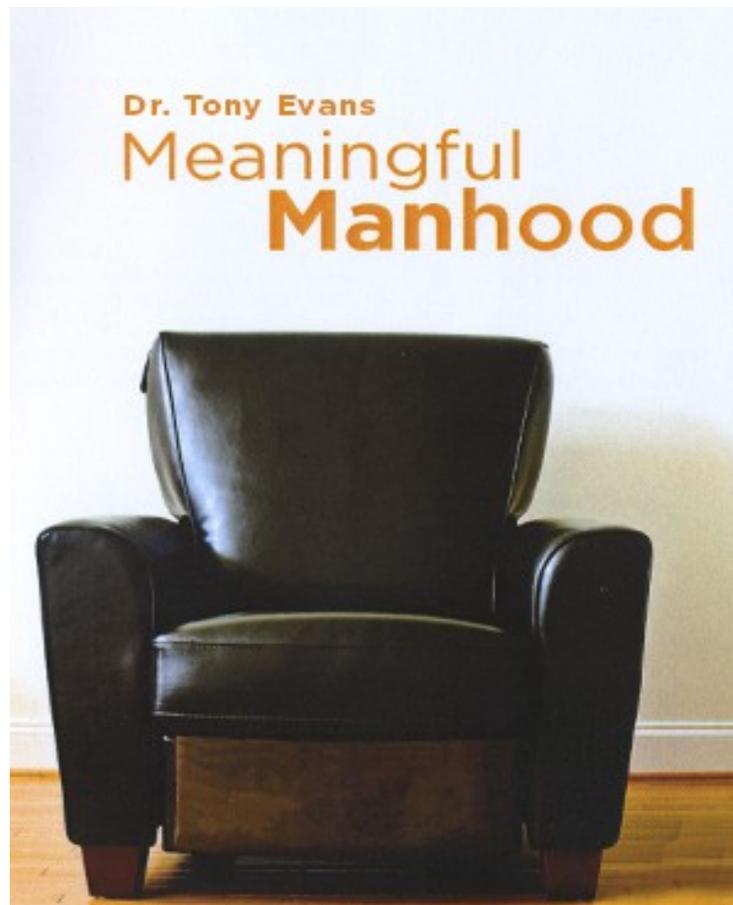


What’s Right Now on RightNow Media

Meaningful Manhood

This series is a wonderful look at what a Godly Man is, looks like, and acts like. Dr. Tony Evens hits on every aspect of what a Real man looks like from being a sinner, developing into a godly man, and being a Spiritual Patriarch. You will also find what a husband role is in the home, how to be a wonderful husband to your wife, and a wonderful father to your children.

This series is not the typical series that we usually see in right now media, but they are the most sought after sermons on manhood from Dr. Tony Evans. His passion and knowledge of the Word will make you laugh, cry, and think about how a man can be a better man. Watching a few of these messages, I am always learning something new about my role as a father and a husband. I also notice some of the tweaks I need to make to be the Man God wants me to be so I can better serve my family. This is a must see for any man regardless of where you are in life.



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12 Advantages of Love INC to Churches

1. Helps generate untapped volunteer resources that already exist in local churches to meet needs both within and outside the church.
2. Screens requests for help as to nature, extent, and legitimacy.
3. Helps coordinate church engagement with the community while reducing church duplication of existing services already available to the community.
4. Discovers if people requesting assistance are already receiving help from other churches or agencies, stopping the duplication of assistance. The Love INC screening process ensures legitimate needs are met.
5. Provides long-term, self-help solutions for people who are chronically in need.
6. Enables churches to build new ways to assist people outside of the congregation while being good stewards of church resources.
7. Discovers and solves problems at the root level to help prevent churches from building dependency in people they assist.
8. Helps the church own an enhanced outreach ministry to people in need, since Love INC's Clearinghouse is the key to connect people to churches' ministries.
9. Helps provide specific, manageable opportunities for churches to reach out with God's love to people in need.
10. Lessens the burden of any one church by increasing the use of volunteers to meet legitimate needs and rotating assistance among network (partner) churches. Love INC is very cost-effective.
11. Offers a proven, replicable model that can be easily translated in new communities. Love INC has an established track record in cities of all sizes.
12. Offers a unified witness of God's love as a light to the community – Christian churches working together in the name of Christ.

Christian Women connection

A Place for Every Woman Where Every Woman Takes Her Place



The CWC ladies will be meeting together on June 6 at 7:00 pm. We will begin with a short meeting and then enter into this month's special focus, and that is PRAYER! We will have prayer stations set up throughout the church and outside in close proximity to the church building for personal prayer and devotion. After the ladies go through the stations, we will gather in the sanctuary to close out the time of prayer. We will enjoy light refreshments after the prayer time is complete. ALL ladies are invited to come!!

What time is it? It's **"Tool Time"!!!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 18th, 5:00 pm. The CWC ladies would like to show our appreciation to all the men and their guests with a special meal and fellowship time. *There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board so we know how many to prepare for.*

Sign up for "Tool Time



The logo for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, featuring the text "BLUE RIDGE AREA FOOD BANK" in white serif font on a dark blue rectangular background with a red border.The logo for Feeding America, featuring the text "a member of FEEDING AMERICA" in a sans-serif font, with a small wheat stalk icon above the word "FEEDING".

THE CWC LADIES GROUP ENCOURAGES SUPPORT FOR THE BLUE RIDGE AREA FOOD BANK ALL THROUGH THE YEAR. DURING THE SUMMER THE FOOD BANK OFTEN SEES A DECLINE IN DONATIONS. FOR THAT REASON, THE CWC LADIES ARE ASKING FOR EXTRA SUPPORT FOR THE BLUE RIDGE AREA FOOD BANK DURING JUNE TO **"BOOST THE BANK"**. THERE'S TWO WAYS TO **"BOOST THE BANK"**.

BRING NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS (NO GLASS CONTAINERS) AND FILL THE FOOD BARREL. IN FACT, LET'S **OVERFLOW** THE BARREL IN JUNE!

HERE IS A LIST OF THE MOST NEEDED ITEMS: Cereal, peanut butter, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned veggies, canned fruit, canned beans, dry beans, pasta, rice, spaghetti sauce, paper products, baby food, formula, diapers, soap, toothpaste and feminine products.

THE FOOD BANK ALSO NEEDS MONETARY DONATIONS. EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN TO THE FOOD BANK WILL PROVIDE FOUR MEALS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION, YOU CAN SEND IT DIRECTLY TO THE BLUE RIDGE AREA FOOD BANK, 96 LAUREL HILL ROAD, VERONA, VA 24482. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A DONATION THROUGH THE CHURCH, WE WILL SUBMIT IT FOR YOU. IF YOU MAKE A DONATION THROUGH THE CHURCH, JUST DESIGNATE THAT YOUR IT IS FOR THE BLUE RIDGE AREA FOOD BANK.

Let's work together and **"BOOST THE BANK"**!

Our Food Bank serves an average of 118,600 people per month. We distributed 24.8 million pounds or 20.6 million meals last year.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45AM

For All Ages

Worship Service

10:45 AM

Everyone Welcome

WEDNESDAY

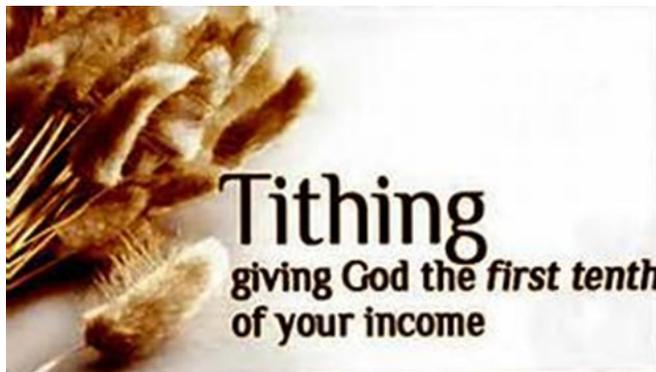
6:30 PM

Adult Bible Study

Our Vision

Our mission is to **G**row in our relationship with Christ, **E**ngage in our community to share His love and **T**ransform our world into His likeness.

Have you remembered to “cross” someone?
 Remember the cross cards are available in the narthex.
 Take a few cards with you, do little acts of kindness and
 give them a cross card.
 Be a blessing to others and share the love of Christ!!



“Jesus on the Main Line” Newsletter Published Monthly. To Submit an article or idea
 contact: Judy Huffer: jhuffer@staunton.k12.va.us or 540-290-1374
 All Articles must be turned by the 20th of each month. Thank you.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Bible Study 6:30	2 Administra- tive Team- Meeting 6:30 pm	3	4
5 Picnic on the Hill for Sue & Gar- land King 5:00 pm	6 CWC Meet- ing 7:00 pm	6	6 Bible Study 6:30	6	6	6
12	13	14	15 Bible Study 6:30	16	17	18 Tool Time 5:00 pm for Men of the Church
19	20	21	22 Bible Study 6:30	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Bible Study 6:30	30		

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Happy Birthday & Anniversary

SUN	MON	THUS	WED	THRUS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Birthday Gary Kennedy	3	4 Anniversary Ray & Clara Wright
5 Birthday Keith Brown	6	7 Birthday Sylvia McDorman	8	9	10 Birthday Jessie Kline	11
12 Birthday Joan Knicely	13	14	15	16	17	18 Anniversary Gary & Susan Kennedy
19	20 Birthday Thelma Brown	21 Anniversary Dennis & Rhonda Carwell	22 Birthday Harold Carwell	23 Anniversary Tony & Phyllis Simonetti	24 Anniversary Jim & Phyllis Brown Birthday Lanny Sutton	25 Birthday Linda Bolton
26	27 Birthday Phyllis Brown	28 Birthday Inez Henderson Thelma Sheets Anniversary Jerry & Debbie Hendricks	29	30		