

Growing Young
January 6th & 7th

I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. - 1 John 2:12-14

“Growing Young” is about being a church that succeeds with younger generations as well as older generations.

What are the benefits of growing young?

VITALITY

MORE

Service
Passion
Innovation
Fun
Health

The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old. - Proverbs 20:29

The church has the answers to the deepest questions of young people:

1. Who am I? - IDENTITY
2. Where do I fit? - BELONGING
3. What difference do I make? - PURPOSE

We need EVERYBODY to contribute to the task of “Growing Young.”

How to “Grow Young”:

1. Value our young people as CURRENT CONTRIBUTORS, not just future leaders.

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12

2. Choose to be OPTIMISTIC rather than PESSIMISTIC about younger generations.

“The children now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders... They contradict their parents... and tyrannize their teachers.”

3. Help create the WARMEST and most AUTHENTIC environment possible.

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. - John 13:34-35

4. Set aside your PREFERENCES for the sake of those younger than you.

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. - Romans 12:10

5. BEFRIEND a young person.

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. - 2 Timothy 2:1-2