



Heart for the House

A House of Generations

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Heart for the House offering will go to:

1. Interior Sound System for the building
2. Existing and new launching prison campuses
3. TV and Radio broadcasts

Genesis 11:1-9 (NKJ) *Now the whole earth had **one language and one speech**. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, "Indeed the people **are one** and they **all have one language**, and this is what they begin to do; now **nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them**. Come, let us go down and there **confuse their language**, that they may **not understand one another's speech**." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.*

- Uniting behind a person is temporary; you will find dislikes eventually.
- Uniting behind a purpose or a vision is God's way of unity.

"If you want to change culture, invest into the lives of children."
 –D.L. Moody

One of our core values as a church is: The Younger Generations

There are 6 different generations in the world today:

G1 Generation
 Born 1901-1926 (The World War II Generation)

Generation X | Busters
 Born 1965-1980

Mature, Silents | The Traditionalists
 Born 1927-1945

Generation Y | Millennials
 Born 1981-2000

Baby Boomers
 Born 1946-1964

Generation Z | Boomlets, Digital Natives
 Born after 2001

- 19 out of 20 Christian people become Christians before they reach the age of 24.
- After the age of 25, 1 in 10,000 come to Christ.
- After age 35, 1 in 40,000.
- After age 55, 1 in 300,000.
- After age 65, 1 in 500,000.
- After age 74, 1 in 700,000 people.

In America, only 12% of those under age 18 regularly attend church. That means a stunning 88% of America's teenagers are unchurched.

By current trends, of all children born in the last five years only 4% will serve Christ as adults.

Out of 7 billion people on earth, 4 billion are under 20 years of age. The majority of our world is made up of kids. Spiritually, we are losing this generation.

82% of all Christ followers come to know Him between the ages of 4-14.

The world is full of all kinds of divisions that the Church has also been affected by:

- Racial Divisions (Jewish believers struggled with Gentile believers)
- Gender Divisions (male vs. female)
- Doctrinal Divisions
- Generational Divisions (perhaps one of the greatest and least addressed issues facing the Church today)

Satan wants:

1. The young to despise the old.
2. The old to despise the young.

The external age of a person is not as important as the internal quality of that person.

At the age of 6, Mozart gave piano concerts across Europe.

At age 7, Helen Keller (blind and deaf) mastered a vocabulary of 625 words.

At age 10, Thomas Edison set up a laboratory in his basement.

At age 15, Louis Braille began devising a system of raised-point writing for the blind to read and write.

David is assumed to have been around 15 when he was anointed as the king of Israel.

Einstein wrote his first documents about the theory of relativity when he was 16.

Joan of Arc led 3,000 French soldiers to victory in Orleans when she was 17.

At age 19, Bill Gates co-founded Microsoft.

William Pitt II was 24 when he became Prime Minister of Great Britain.

And on the other end of the spectrum...

At age 59, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

At age 65, Colonel Harland Sanders drove around the country looking to license his special “finger lickin’ good” chicken recipe and started to build what became the Kentucky Fried Chicken empire.

Also at age 65, Winston Churchill became the Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Golda Meir was 71 when she became Prime Minister of Israel.

Michelangelo designed the dome of St. Peter’s Basilica when he was 72.

Ronald Reagan was re-elected President of the United States when he was 72.

At age 75, John Glenn returned to outer space (several decades after having been an astronaut).

At age 79, Benjamin Franklin invented bifocals.

George Burns won his first Academy Award at 80.

At 81, Benjamin Franklin engineered the diplomacy that led to the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

John Wesley became annoyed when, at age 83, he could not write more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his eyes. At 86 he was ashamed he could not preach more than twice a day. He complained in his diary that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed **until 5:30** in the morning.

At 89, Arthur Rubenstein gave one of his greatest concerts in New York’s Carnegie Hall.

Michelangelo was still composing poetry and designing structures in his 89th year. He painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel on his back on a scaffold at near 90.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, the Supreme Court Justice who retired at 91, said, “Men do not quit playing because they grow old; they grow old because they quit playing.”

Hebrews 11:9 (ESV) *“By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, **living in tents** with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.”*

Jesus owned nothing but He used everything.

- He needed a platform, so He used Simon Peter’s boat.
- He needed to feed a multitude, so he used a little boy’s lunch!

- He needed to ride into Jerusalem and didn't have a donkey colt of His own, so He had His disciples borrow one from a man they didn't even know.
- He needed a room to celebrate Passover with His disciples and found an upper room to use.
- The tomb He was buried in was not His; it was borrowed.

Matthew 19:5 (ESV) *"and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?'"*

If you'll flex on the non-essentials, you'll be able to pass the essentials on to your kids!

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Exodus 3:6 (ESV) *"And he said, 'I am the God of your **father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.**' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God."*

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (MSG) *Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whatever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!*