



Our Core Values

#5 - BRIDGING GENERATIONS

BRIDGING GENERATIONS - *Helping multiple generations to learn from, support, and bring out the best in each other so that the church may thrive for generations to come .*

We celebrate the fact that Ephesus is . . .

A _____ - _____

BRIDGING GENERATIONS means . . .

- 1) we cherish our church’s rich _____ and the _____ of _____ who have gone before us.

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain; when he was but one I called, then I blessed him and multiplied him.” (Isa. 51:1-2)

“The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.” (Ps. 16:6)

“Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far the Lord has helped us.’” (1 Sam. 7:12)

“Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.” (Heb. 13:7)



BRIDGING GENERATIONS means (cont.) . . .

- 2) we value the _____ and _____ of every _____ represented in our church.

“You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the Lord.” (Lev. 19:32)

“Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.” (1 Tim. 4:12)

“They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green to declare that the Lord is upright. He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.” (Ps. 92:14-15)

*“Josiah was eight years old when he became king....And before him there was no king like him who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.”
(2 Kings 22:1, 23:25)*

- 3) we encourage generations to _____ and to _____ each other with _____ and grace.

“One generation shall praise Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts.” (Ps. 145:4)

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.” (Rom 12:10)

“...with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.” (Phil. 2:3b-4)

- 4) we _____ and _____ with _____ to fulfill their calling of discipling their own _____ and _____ in the home.

Deut. 6:6-9

“Train up a child in the way he should go. Even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Prov. 22:6)

“...and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Tim. 3:15)

“For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.” (2 Tim. 1:5)

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4)

- 5) we bring ALL generations of the church _____ to prioritize doing _____ to impact and invest in the _____.

“We will not conceal them from their children but tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God but keep His commandments.” (Ps. 78:4-7)

“This will be written for the generation to come that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord.” (Ps. 102:18)

*“And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He might touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they began rebuking them. But Jesus called for them, saying, ‘Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”
(Luke 18:15-16)*

*“And He said to His disciples, ‘It is inevitable that stumbling blocks should come, but woe to him through whom they come! It would be better for him is a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.’”
(Luke 17:1-2)*

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 1:6)