

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting  
On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,  
To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His  
commandments to do them.

Psalms 103:17-19 NKJV



**Berean Bible Church**

Service of  
**Worship & Communion**

Sunday, September 3, 2017

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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# Senior Adults and Teens - Unlikely Ministry Partners

Senior adults and teenagers in the 21st century do indeed have some amazing similarities in interests, needs, and characteristics. These similarities make these two diverse groups, although unexpected, potential ministry partners.

## Common Needs

Because they are attaining a new status in life, senior adults and teens often ask three basic questions about themselves:

**Who am I?**

**Why am I here?**

**Where am I going?**

Both groups are searching for identity, purpose, and direction. Your church can offer activities and ministries that will help answer those questions with biblical truth and mobilize a vast army of ambassadors.

## Ministry to One Another

In order for senior adults and teens to work together in ministry, the local church must break down any walls that exist culturally, traditionally, and otherwise. Seniors and teens must see their value in the eyes of the Lord and their potential for helping one another grown in Christlikeness and for leading others into the kingdom. The possibilities for ministering to one another are endless, but they should focus around these three areas:

**Personal growth**

**Rites of passage**

**Sharpening one another**

## Partners in Growth

Have senior adults and teens visit the others' Bible study class to dialogue about struggles, victories, and how Scripture supplies answers to the three life questions of identity, purpose, and direction. Encourage senior adults to assist with retreats to learn the teenagers by name. Provide opportunities for teens to give testimony or to lead worship during senior adult Sunday School department time.

## Rites of Passage

Have seniors and teens partner together to celebrate significant milestones in life. Whether the milestone be a physical reality or a spiritual symbol, all the events help shape identity, purpose, and direction.

Retirement Reassignment – Invite recent retirees to a banquet in their honor. Have the students serve tables and share about what God is doing in the youth group. Ask senior adults to consider volunteering to be part of your student ministry leadership team.

Relocation Celebration – When a senior adult has to leave his or her home to move to a nursing home or into assisted living, have a youth take balloons, flowers, or a small house-warming gift to celebrate the new home as a new ministry field.

Senior's Bus Ride – Have teens also sign up for the annual Senior Bus Ride. The youth can assist with serving the meals, join in playing old fashion games, while the seniors could give career advice and share life skills and experiences.

Drivers License Ceremony – Gather all the 16-year-olds who are about to receive their drivers' licenses and have senior adults share food and funny stories about their driving history. Close with some useful driving tips and a prayer of dedication, asking God to remind the teens of this significant responsibility.

### **Sharpening One Another**

In partnering together, teens and senior adults make each other better. Teens can provide energy, creativity, and youthful insight at an after-school ministry or in a nursing home. Senior adults provide wisdom, creativity, and life experience. Senior adults can mentor a teen in crisis while also leaning on teens to help them understand the life needs and cultural issues of teenagers.

### **Ministry Through One Another**

What will senior adults and teenagers doing ministry together look like? Truthfully, the picture will be unique for every congregation, but they can begin to look at the strengths in each group and build ministries around them.

Computers & Gadgets – Technology provides opportunities to minister to the church and unchurched in either age group. Young and old alike are using technology to stay connected to their loved ones. Teens can teach senior adults how to use and navigate these devices.

Evangelistic Bible Study – Whether at a backyard Bible Club, or a mission trip, or in a nursing home, teens can provide the energy and excitement about searching for truth while senior adults can provide wisdom, stability, and order.

### **Building a Bridge**

A team of teenagers and senior adults can make a powerful team when they work together. The most crucial step is to first build a bridge – to get the two groups to work together, to help them believe that these two groups can together understand their identity in Christ and their daily direction from Him. Then students and senior adults will be able to minister to and through one another. The kingdom will take on new meaning to them, and God will be able to do extraordinary things.

# Order of Service

Ministry of Music – Choir

Invocation

Hymn 523 'He is able to deliver thee'

Hymn 530 'Shelter in the time of storm'

Hymn 710 'Jesus loves the little children'

1st Reading: **Psalm 122** (Unison)

Hymn 875 'Got any rivers'

Prayer

Notices & Offering

Ministry of Music – Choir

Hymn 872 'Brighten the corner'

Sermon – Rev. Ronald Trotman

Hymn 414 'Trust and obey'

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

2nd Reading: **John 16:1-15**

Ministry of Music - Ryan Bayne

Benediction – Choir



## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- Impact World Outreach success and volunteers to assist with events.
- The Church to transform lives.
- Teachers and children returning to school.
- ISIVCF and Gideons.
- Our Hothersal community.
- The healing of our sick and shut-in.
- Those grieving and mourning loss.
- Our Government, Police and Military.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**Seniors'  
Service**  
September 10th



**Seniors'  
BUS RIDE**  
September 16th  
*Sign up sheet on the notice board*

## September Birthdays

2nd – Mikeala Smith-Clarke

7th – Myrna Belle

9th – Julia Ifill

– Gavin Neblett

10th – Cynthia Trotman

11th – Shelley Peters

12th – Ormenta Hoyte

13th – Kenny Maycock

17th – Shelah Alleyne

19th – Diana Bentley

20th – Anne-Marie Cruickshank

24th – Marva Springer

25th – Esmay Maycock

26th – Adrian Greenidge

– Aubrey Maloney

27th – Cardinal Alleyne

– Sylvine Marshall

30th – Beverley Wason

## Anniversaries

2nd – Joan & Michael Aimey

11th – Shelley & Glen Peters

22nd – Nicholas & Rachel Williams

26th – Lauraine & Ian Bovell

27th – Patrick & Eartha Skeete