

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Sunday Morning Worship

Brookwood Baptist Church

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"GROWING YOUNG"

FOCUS

Prelude Breathe on Me, Breath of God Anna Williams

Arr. Hayes/Keveren

Welcome / Prayer of Approach Dr. Blake Dempsey

Hymn Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish Melody

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Chad Vianey

¹²Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. ¹³Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.

¹⁴Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress. ¹⁶ Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.

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Book Synopsis

Growing Young

Dr. Blake Dempsey

by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin

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Prayer of Confession

Keith McLeod

Father, You created us to live in community. We are not wired to be alone. We long to group ourselves with others like us or those in which we share common interests. Often times as the church, we default to the safety and comfort of those who look and sound just like ourselves. A purely homogeneous church reflects our human nature to hang with those who are like us and to shun those who are different.

Forgive us when we segregate by age, for that is not at all a picture of the kingdom of God.

When a nonbeliever encounters a gospel community that is diverse in ethnicity, social strata or age, they realize there is something different about such gatherings. We confess this is not the normal way people group together unless they are motivated by higher values.

Forgive us when our church adopts our own values and not those You have taught us through Christ's example. Grant us a glimpse of what it looks like in heaven.

You have shown us in Scripture how the first-century church was a multi-generational church. Paul instructs Timothy concerning his youth and leadership. He guides Timothy in the process of correcting the older men. Instructions are given to young women and older women, to young men and older men. Lord, we sometimes see churches that have very few older people. We also see churches that are dying because there are very few younger people.

Forgive us when our church does not reflect the family. Help us to value each generation.

Father, a church made of many generations is uncommon and difficult because Satan fully knows the powerful testimony a multi-generational church will have upon a self-centered world.

Forgive us when Satan uses all the weakness of our flesh to work against us as we seek to embrace generations unlike ours. Forgive our impatience with people who see the world, understand technology, make decisions, and process information differently than we do.

Lord, we desire to lead with love and understanding always. Help us to subordinate our desires for Your glory and the advancement of Your ever-present kingdom. Remind us how our young children observe older children and adults in the way we worship and serve.

Help us to model faithfulness in our Christian walk and not just in our Christian talk.

Father, our struggle to embrace a different generation cuts both ways. We want to witness the joy in passing off leadership from one generation to the next. Help older ones to resist idolizing the past or holding on to the need to control. We rejoice in what work You have allowed us to join You in. Help younger ones to identify real and meaningful struggles older people face. The constant sense of loss. The loss of a career, the loss of loved ones, the loss of mobility or control over their lives. Help them to seek wisdom and knowledge from older generations, gained through years of experience. May our seniors offer guidance and direction in the Christian life.

Forgive us when lack compassion for one another. Remind us of the golden rule and bring us together in healthy ways that lead us to experience life in Christ more fully throughout all the generations.

We humbly ask this in the name of the One who when His disciples tried to segregate by generation would not have any of it saying, "Let the little children come to me."

Amen.

ENCOURAGE/GRATITUDE

Assurance of Pardon

Larry McCutcheon

"If anyone is in Christ they are a new creation. The old is gone. The new has come. Friends believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven alleluia, amen."

Young Adult (YALL) Panel Annie Hamm, Anna Kate Medlin, Ben Parker

COMMIT

A Call to Respond

Dr. Blake Dempsey



Song of Response

One Pure and Holy Passion

Words and Music by Mark Altrogge

SHARE

Benediction Dr. Blake Dempsey

Postlude Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Melinda Dressler

Arr. Al Travis

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Upcoming Events

Deacon Ordination Service Sunday, January 30 @ 6:00 pm in Sanctuary

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