

# Life Shines at Church

## LIFE ISSUES



### Intergenerational Ministry

Research indicates that adolescents who attend churches that foster intergenerational relationships are more spiritually developed, have higher attendance rates, and are more satisfied with their religious experience.

Adolescence in the Church: Perspectives from College Students and Adults on Mentorship and Christian Formation. By Savannah Spicer.



### Family

Most people who were raised in a single religion – either by two parents of the same faith or by a single parent –retained that religion.

Modeling the Future of Religion in America. Pew Research Center.



### Elderly, homebound, and nursing homes

Spiritual support is a critical source of resilience for vulnerable older adults as they face life changes like loss, a medical diagnosis, or relocation to a care facility.

The Role of Religion and Spirituality in Long Term Care Environment. Coro Health.

# HIS WORD

**Psalm 145:4** One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

**1 Corinthians 12:26-27** If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**Psalm 71:17-18** O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

**2 Corinthians 5:1** For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

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### Intergenerational Ministry

- Teach God's word to the next generation.
- Consider church events that involve all ages.

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### Family

- Raise your children in the faith.
- Encourage and support other parents who are doing the same.

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### Elderly, homebound, and nursing homes

- Send cards of encouragement to nursing home residents and homebound.

