

## **Intergen/Multigen Grandparenting Ministry**

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Grandparenting Ministry is probably more multigen and intergen than any other ministry in the local church. There are at least two reasons to make this statement.

1) The Sheer Demographics: Because the average age of *first time* grandparents in the U.S. is 47 years, this means there are grandparents in their late 30's and spanning all ages to the end of life. The average age of all grandparents in the U.S. is 60 years old. So grandparents cover almost all adult ages in the church family. Grandparents are deep in the DNA of the church family. It is likely, according to the national census, that about 25% or more of the total attendance at the local church is made up of grandparents. They are also some of the most frequent attenders and givers.

2) The Scope of the Ministry: A grandparenting ministry is designed to encourage, equip and resource grandparents in their God given, biblical mandate to intentionally pass on the faith to their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. This means that a grandparenting ministry is actually reaching, through the grandparents themselves, people from birth to the grave. A true, whole church family, ministry.

“When your leadership appeals to only one generation, you are limiting your leadership in the future. Leading cross-generationally occurs when you are able to lead people in your own generation, the generation that came before you, and the generation that comes behind you. Connecting to all generations is what forward leaders will do.” Ronnie Floyd in [\*Forward: 7 Distinguishing Marks for Future Leaders\*](#).