

# GENERATION *to* GENERATION

A CULTURE-SHAPING MOVEMENT

**CORAL RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# LETTER FROM PASTOR ROB

— A CULTURE-SHAPING MOVEMENT —

This year was a defining moment for Coral Ridge. In the midst of civil unrest, a polarizing election, and a global pandemic, we felt called to launch a culture-shaping movement to reach the next generation.

It has been over 30 years since our church held a vision campaign to build for the future. I believe it is time to recommit ourselves to the ongoing work of God here at Coral Ridge. This is not for us, but for our children and our children's children. By God's grace, we trust that He will continue to use our church to advance His Kingdom to the ends of the earth for generations to come.



On November 10, 500 people gathered in the Kennedy Fellowship Hall for an Evening of Celebration as we dreamed of what God could do in our midst. The evening ended with the story of Robert Lewis Stevenson as a young child in Edinburgh: *"As dusk was turning to darkness, Robert had his face pinned to the window at the front of his house, fascinated by the lamplighter coming down the street with his ladder and burning wick, lighting the old-fashioned gas street lamps and setting them ablaze for the night. His parents asked him, 'Robert, what in the world are you looking at out there?' With great excitement he exclaimed, 'Look at that man! He's punching holes in the darkness!'"*

My prayer is that God would use our church for generations to come to be a beacon of light in the midst of the darkness. God is calling all of us to be lamplighters in His story, punching holes into our dark world. As we approach the 2021 year-end, would you consider partnering with us financially? We must dare to dream again, to believe that God will do something great at a key moment in the life of our church, our city, and our world.

For Christ and His Church,

*Pastor Rob*

Pastor Rob Pacienza  
Senior Pastor

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# PURPOSE



◀ Mary Jane and Elena Vanden Berge attend A Quiet Moment event where over 200 mothers, daughters, and grandmothers were taught about the love of our Good Shepherd while they spent quality time together. Fostering community and building families is a key goal of Generation to Generation.

▼ Mia and Nicolas Kostelidis admire the new fellowship plans. The new campus hub will welcome guests, create areas for gathering, provide a café, and allow for seamless flow between all areas of the campus.



In the 21st century, there is an increasing lack of relevancy of the church to the next generation. Statistics show that 72% of youth who grow up in the faith will walk away during their freshman year of college. Thirty-five million youth raised in Christian households will walk away from the faith by 2050.

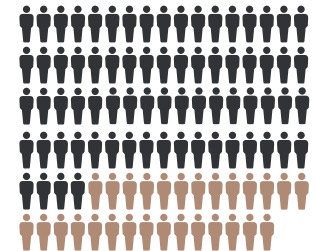
Research shows that worldview begins to form at 18 months and is fully developed by age 13. Research also shows a common denominator among Christians who do not walk away from the faith: biblical literacy that results in a biblical worldview. Children, youth, and adults who have a biblical worldview understand that Jesus is Lord of all and see the relevance of their faith in every aspect of life. They have an understanding of the Bible as the source of absolute truth that shapes their understanding of everything.

What would our community and our church look like if there was a clear connection between what is professed on Sunday morning and what is practiced during the week? The Generation to Generation movement will help us equip families at every stage of life and foster spaces for community which are central to a growing church.

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*The Barna Group*





# PRIORITIES

Coral Ridge can lead the way in the 21st century Church and reach the next generation by focusing on four priorities.



## FELLOWSHIP

A new campus hub will allow for a café, reception, and extended seating areas. This space will allow us to connect with visitors and foster community within the church body.



## EDUCATION

A center for training in theology, evangelism, and cultural issues, will continue Coral Ridge's legacy of equipping the saints for the work of ministry.



## WORSHIP

Three distinct spaces for Worship and the Arts will be connected to the past while reflecting the present. A new contemporary worship center and improved Sanctuary and DeVos Chapel will continue to bring worshipers into God's presence for decades to come.



## NEXT GENERATION

Families will be equipped at every stage of life through our Children & Family Center and Gangway Youth Facility. Our children and youth will not only be taught the message of the Bible but will be equipped to make a difference for the Kingdom of God in every sphere of life.

“Growing up as a teenager in South Florida, I was confused, had major questions, and needed help. By God's grace, help came through a place called Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church. This ministry has left an indelible mark on my life. Everything I have come to know of authentic, biblical Christianity was a result of the witness of Coral Ridge.

**ALBERT MOHLER**

President, The Southern Baptist  
Theological Seminary





# POTENTIAL

Today, South Florida is one of the most unchurched regions in America, because the church has failed to connect the dots between the message of Christianity and what is actually taking place in a person's life. The Church is failing to meet the needs, problems, and hardships of our community. We have the potential to equip the people of God to be sent out as whole-life disciples into the marketplace and public square, transforming culture both locally and nationally.

In 10, 20, or 30 years, what will look different at Coral Ridge, in South Florida, in our country, and around the globe? We believe that God is calling us to move the needle. Through our four priorities, Generation to Generation can exponentially grow the number of committed Christians in South Florida. Additionally, we can expand our digital reach and the resources we put into the hands of churches and Christian leaders across the nation.

Through our **EDUCATION** goal, we will transform the way churches equip Christians in South Florida and beyond and produce print and digital resources that integrate faith with everyday life. Our **NEXT GENERATION** goal will prepare every child raised at Coral Ridge with a biblical worldview. Our **WORSHIP** goal will expand our weekly reach through both physical gatherings and digital platforms. Our **FELLOWSHIP** goal will increase Gospel-centered community and allow our campus to become a place of physical and spiritual rest.



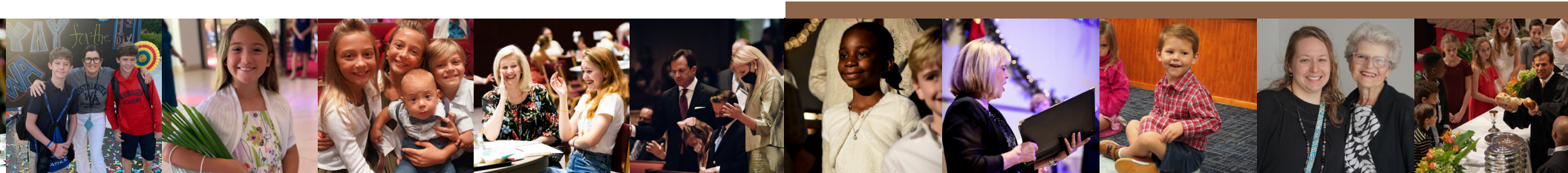
◀ Donna Perez, Chase Meacham, and David Watt explore the Generation to Generation prayer gallery. The gallery was designed to reflect Psalm 145 and encourage people to pray through each area of the campaign.



▲ Al Rothwell browses through the Generation to Generation brochure at the Evening of Celebration, reflecting on Coral Ridge's history of impacting the nations.



◀ Eliza Ora looks at the statistic that only 7% of North Americans possess a biblical worldview. Through our Next Generation facility, we can ensure that our children are equipped from an early age.





# LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY

*All financial gifts must be received or postmarked  
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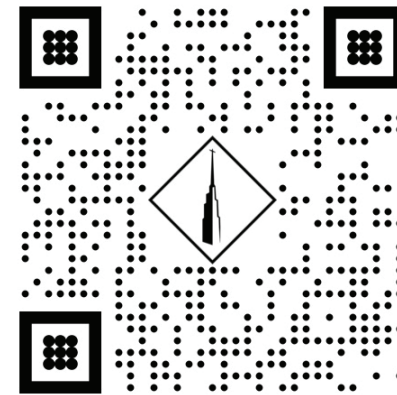
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*\*Include gift designation (Generation to Generation)*

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I think being a lamplighter is one of the most beautiful descriptions of the Christian life I have ever heard. That is exactly what we are. We are all lamplighters.

**D. JAMES KENNEDY**

Founding Pastor



**EVENING OF CELEBRATION:**

LEFT: WESTMINSTER 8TH GRADER LUIS RAMIREZ REENACTS THE STORY OF PUNCHING HOLES IN THE DARKNESS

CENTER: FRANK & RUTH WRIGHT JOIN IN PRAYER FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

RIGHT: TORI BARBAR DISTRIBUTES LANTERNS TO ATTENDEES, A REMINDER THAT WE ARE ALL LAMPLIGHTERS



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