By motivating parents to work with the church for the long-term spiritual success of their children! Titus 2:1-8
By teaching churches to be a family to all generations in God's global & eternal mission! 2 Timothy 3:14

How this ministry will seek to accomplish this purpose:

Preaching & Teaching Ministry
Effectively and clearly communicating Biblical principles that apply to life today

Teaching & Motivating Christian Parents & Church Leaders
Helping God’s people understand and appreciate the importance of inter-generational connections

Training Seminars
Holding effective & interactive seminars and workshops to encourage church leaders and families, helping them to impact the next generation

Books & Resources
Providing relevant materials and resources for church leaders & family members

Mentoring & Internships
Mentoring and training next generation leaders for the church

Young Adult Ministry
Prioritizing youth & young adult ministries to be a part of God’s work

When Barnabas came and saw God at work, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should go on for God. — Acts 11:23
Inter-Generational Youth Ministry: Why a Balanced View of Connecting the Generations is Essential for the Church
Overboard Ministries / Vision For Youth Publishing; ISBN 9780983456872

It’s time to bridge the generation gap in the church. For too long traditional churches have isolated the various generations from each other. This segregation has expedited a mass exodus from the church following active participation in youth ministry. It’s time to reverse that trend by taking proactive steps to connect the generations without destroying the many positive aspects of youth ministry.

The Greenhouse Project: Cultivating Students of Influence
Word of Life; ISBN 9781935475002 with Mike Calhoun

Our churches and families must work together with a unified Biblical strategy to cultivate students of influence. The teen years are not a “holding pattern” but should be a time of utilizing the power of youth. We are not just preparing them to be leaders in the future – we are preparing them now for this moment. Being salt and light is not a post-graduate concept.

Mentoring the Next Generation: A Strategy for Connecting the Generations
Regular Baptist Press; ISBN 9780872279988

We live in a busy world. Yet many adults could have a ministry in the lives of the teenagers in their churches. This book challenges interested, Godly adults to become actively involved with the students in their churches. It presents clear Biblical examples and principles on mentoring – and it discusses the basics of a mentoring ministry, including the recruiting of mentors and lists several very practical ideas.

Impacting the Next Generation: A Strategy for Discipleship in Youth Ministry
Regular Baptist Press; ISBN 9780872278660

Modern Christianity has ignored this critical priority – investing in the lives of the next generation, and has replaced it with services, activities, and programs. Based on the concern that churches have turned youth ministries into youth programs, thus failing to actually make disciples of the next generation, this book offers a strategy churches can implement to actually make disciples in their youth groups. Readers will learn how to identify which students to disciple; the limitations and costs of discipleship; and will gain ideas for Bible study and ministry training. This is a proven discipleship strategy.

Pushing the Limits: Unleashing the Potential of Student Ministry
Thomas Nelson; ISBN 9780849903496 with Mike Calhoun

What would you give to sit down with some of the most influential youth workers in the country, not just the big names, but those individuals who have proven time after time that they have a passion for reaching teens today that is pushing the limits of traditional youth ministry? This book contains some of the best writing from youth pastors and leaders in churches, both big and small, around the country who are doing what it takes to tap into the true potential of youth ministry. This book will give you the opportunity to find out what these youth leaders are doing that is making an impact so you can put it to work in your own ministry.

Reaching the Next Generation: Strategies for Evangelizing Today’s Youth
Regular Baptist Press; ISBN 9780872274150

Today’s teenagers may be more open to the gospel than at any other time in modern history. This practical and easy-to-read book on youth evangelism develops the rationale for reaching youth, and traces the history of youth evangelism. This book outlines and presents four key emphases that should comprise each church’s youth outreach strategy.

For more information or to order copies of Mel’s books, please visit www.intergenerationalyouthministry.com