

A Message from the SBCV Executive Director

Seven Encouragements for Investing in the NEXT GENERATION NOW

The next generation matters now!

I can look back and see how the Lord worked in my own life as a student (and I am from the 20th Century). One thing has not changed through the years: our Lord is at work in the lives of the next generation. While on summer mission trips, the Lord worked in my life and called me to serve Him in vocational ministry. I am thankful for my family and for church families investing in my life. I am thankful for the investment our loving church family made in my own children; and I can say, it has made a difference!

Thank you to all the pastors, youth ministry leaders, children's ministry leaders, the countless volunteers who are at summer camps, on mission trips, and working with Vacation Bible Schools (one of my first church memories is Vacation Bible School). I am thankful that churches make substantial investments of time, money, and energy in the younger generation. SBC of Virginia is thankful to partner with churches and their families as we invest in and impact the next generation.

Thank you for investing in the next generation now because God is at work in and through them. Here are seven encouragements for investing in the next generation now.

1. GOD IS AT WORK in the next generation, now.

2. God loves our families and wants them to EXPERIENCE HIM more than we can imagine.

3. God calls us to INVEST in reaching and discipling our children and youth.

4. God is raising up our FUTURE LEADERS as we build up our current younger generation in the faith.

5. God is pleased you are SERVING HIM by giving your time and energy investing in the next generation.

6. God gets the attention of those around us as they see our heart for their FAMILIES.

7. God BLESSES us by inviting us to be a part of seeing Him work in this next generation now.

Thank you for investing in the next generation now!

Your brother in Christ,

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