

Out of My Mind...

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From the field: from a satisfied Camp Burton Family Camp customer



“My family just returned from a week at Camp Burton and we have found one of the best kept secrets in the district! Where else could we go to have great interaction with other families who share similar values, hear quality messages from Pastor Brian Landrum, receive top-notch child care, experience all the challenging activities Camp has to offer and eat terrific food (with no preparation and minimal cleanup on our part) and have plenty of free time to boot?!



Because it is camp, I don't expect the facilities to be resort caliber, but the care and attention we received from the staff throughout the week were definitely five star! God worked in our lives in significant ways to encourage and equip us to serve him more effectively. The price was right and the blessing to my family was priceless. We're looking forward to next year already”

For your Consideration:

For better or for worse, I am a card carrying member (AARP & Golden Buckeye) of the first wave of Baby Boomers. My generation changed the way churches did ministry. Youth for Christ and Campus Crusade were created to respond to the influx of children / teen agers after WWII. Because of this rising tide youth ministries developed and flourished and continue to do so to this day.

Now Baby Boomers are causing anxiety at the other end of the age spectrum! We're going to bankrupt Social Security and Medicare. We're going to mess up the job market because we're still healthy and capable of significant work. Some would even say we're going to create unwanted stress in the churches of which we are a part. I'd like to head that off at the pass.

I'm wondering if churches are prepared for us this time around. Our experience and expertise suggests that we are able to be more than a target for entertainment at a monthly luncheon / dinner and travelogue or for solicitation for the next youth mission trip. We are vital and ready to engage intergenerationally just like Paul suggests in Titus 2:1-8. We shouldn't be relegated (or allowed to relegate ourselves) to pew warming!

When considering staff additions, how many churches look at hiring someone to direct ministry for 2nd half adults, finding them a new wave to ride? What a potentially great group with which to work for the furtherance of the Gospel and the advancement of the Kingdom! Instead of “sitting, soaking and souring” we need to be engaging, expediting and enjoying the work of God for which He has gifted us.

Some of us can figure that out on our own; some of us may need a little push.

ON OUR PRAYER WATCH:

Alan Gross

home at last after 8 month hospitalization! PTL!

Abigail Holloway
chronic headache pain

Madison Allison
neurological issues



In My Briefcase:

Missional Renaissance

by Reggie McNeal

Always By My Side

by Jim Nantz

The Hole in Our Gospel

by Richard Stearns

Selah: “Conflict is about leadership.

Leadership is about character.

Character is about community.”

Jim Van Yperen