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Dr. Bob & Ben's Excellent Adventures Continue!

Liberty Barn Church - Delaware/Columbus, OH

Folks in Delaware, Ohio will likely remember Liberty Barn Church, the site of the most recent live Legacy Imperative NextGen Summit, as Liberty Presbyterian Church. However, Church members decided the new name would best reflect the church's welcoming brand and status as a local, Amish-built landmark.



Who knew a barn would be so inviting?



When Dr. Bob and Ben came to Liberty for the Summit, they were welcomed by a sign that said: "All are welcome here." At the exit, they encountered another sign that reminded members of their purpose: "You are now entering the mission field." The sanctuary environment reinforced Liberty's warm and welcoming messaging, set up with round tables, rather than the usual pews, to encourage community and conversation.

Summits have an unending impact!



The Liberty Summit was facilitated by Lynn Matyas and enthusiastically supported by Senior Pastor Chris Atwood! 58 grandparents representing 36 families attended. Their reach is exponential, impacting 548 adult children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. But the total doesn't stop there! Who



knows the viral impact the Gospel message will have when young loved ones reach out to their peers for Christ?

Here are some of the most significant things attendees learned:

"You cannot fix everything. You have to let God handle it."

"Be patient when your grandkids go to the Far Country."

"Bite my tongue and share my stories."

"Listen, listen and listen – without judgment."

"Remember that we get to their heads through their hearts." "Do not judge or be a parent to your grandchildren."

"Faith is caught more than it is taught."



Sanctity of Life Ministries (SLM)—Fairfax, VA

Dr. Bob and Ben just completed a trip to Fairfax. They met with Pastor Jeff Ling, an enthusiastic supporter of LI and the NextGen Summits; and Michael Osterhoudt, Executive Pastor of The King's Chapel, who'll be co-hosting a breakfast meeting along with SLM, for area pastors in November.

A continuing legacy.

That evening, Dr. Bob was the keynote speaker at SLM's Gala Dinner, "Leaving a Legacy: Advancing God's Kingdom One Life at a Time," giving his testimony to 80 supporters of the pro-life ministry. As Dr. Bob said, "If someone would have helped my teen-aged mother, she might not have had 5 kids by 5 partners." SLM's CEO, Janet Custer, would agree: "By stepping in alongside a pregnant woman, providing care and support, you impact 2 futures: the woman and her baby." It's a natural transition from pregnancy support – the first quarter of life – to supporting those in the fourth quarter to pass on their legacy of faith to future generations.



A Busy Calendar!

Summer may be a time of rest and relaxation for many. But not for Legacy Imperative!

Dr. Bob is in demand and will be speaking at the following events during the upcoming season:

- **Chequamegon Pregnancy Center** A pro-life ministry in Ashland , WI, founded by former Covenant Church of Naples Elder, Dave Berg.
- New Canaan Society (NCS). Dr. Bob recently addressed the Naples
 chapter of this national group of men who gather to encourage and
 support each other in faith and friendship. Their aim? To be better
 husbands, fathers and men. It's a mission that ties in well with that of
 Legacy Imperative: To call and equip grandparents to pass on a legacy of
 Faith to their loved ones.

- **September Summits** at Calvary Church, Roseville, MN, and Rockpoint Church, Lake Elmo, MN a repeat performance.
- The Moorings Community, Naples, FL, will hold an ongoing series of Virtual Summit segments followed by Mission Training Groups for men and women members of the 3 Moorings communities comprising some 1,000+ people. The series starts on October 28th. It's another example of the ways in which individuals can facilitate the viral spread of Faith to the NextGens.

Legacy of F.A.I.T.H.

Join us for a Week of Prayer!

There is profound beauty and power in coming together as a community to pray with one accord! Our prayers have the power to move our heavenly Father to unleash all the forces of heaven to protect our NextGen loved ones from harm and evil. The best grandparenting begins by joining Jesus in prayer for them.

Join us for 5 days as we walk through the acronym of F.A.I.T.H., providing reflections, prayer prompts, and questions to equip you in your walk as a grandparent.

Day 1: F - Family

Day 2: A - Attention

Day 3: I - Identity

Day 4: T - Trainers

Day 5: H - Health

Be on the lookout for our email about how you can participate in this upcoming guided Week of Prayer.

Hot Button Help is Here!

Videos, Study Notes.

Dr. Bob has created over 100 brief, 3-5 minute videos, and a series of Study Notes to

help you pass on your Faith as you discuss today's Hot Button topics with your NextGen loved ones. These resources, available on the LI website "Toolbox," cover virtually everything you need to effectively break through communication barriers with your loved ones on controversial subjects.

Try them out.

Click Here

Here's the first of a 6-part video series on "How Boomers Mess Up with GenZs"— one of the top areas of concern for grandparents. Click on the button to download and view.

Do you desperately need guidance on "When Your Kids Are in the Far Country, How Do You Bring Them Home?" Here's one of several Study Notes on the topic. Click on the button to download.

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Help Is at Your Fingertips!

Visit www.legacyimperative.org/Toolbox for more videos and Study Notes!

Viral, Virtual Reach: How About YOUR Community? YOUR Church or Small Group?

The NEXT GEN Summit is reaching churches across the U.S. via referrals by church members and leaders like you, and Legacy Imperative outreach initiatives. However, the new VIRTUAL Summit makes the riveting 7-part presentation totally portable and customizable for your community and small group Bible study.

Will you consider introducing the Virtual Summit to your community? Your small group Bible study? Click on the link and we'll provide the tools.

Contact Elin Raymond at elin@legacyimperative.org, 239.206.9378.

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