



Generations Christian Church

# SeriesNotes



## Part 6: Experiencing Victory | September 25-26, 2010

**Main Point:** God is doing amazing things at Generations Christian Church. He wants to pattern GCC after the 1<sup>st</sup> century church so we can boldly change our world!

Generations Christian Church was launched with 12 people in June of 1974 and was known as First Christian Church of Tarpon Springs. In 2001, the land our church now sits on was purchased for \$3 million. In 2007, construction of our wonderful complex began, and then the economy turned ugly. At one point, our Elders were wondering whether we would be able to finish these buildings; but after much fasting and praying, God provided a way each and every time it appeared our options had run out.

Since our new facility opened one year ago, there have been 201 baptisms, and average attendance has jumped from 1,542 to 1,986. A fresh wind of God has blown over us, and our church leaders believe this is only the beginning. We believe God wants us to be like the dynamic early church with ever-increasing clarity, passion, and intentionality.

**In Acts 1:8 Jesus is about to depart from this earth after his resurrection, and He gives His disciples His vision for His church:**

Acts 1:8. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (TNIV)

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**In Acts 2 the Spirit of God arrived, and on that first day 3,000 people joined with the followers of Jesus, wanting to pursue God with their lives. Three thousand people were baptized on that day!**

Romans 6:3-4. Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (TNIV)

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The early believers devoted themselves to fellowship, to connecting themselves in meaningful ways to one another. They devoted themselves to prayer, studying God's Word, and celebrating communion together. And as they moved from house to house, they did life together and overflowed with love as they inspired one another to follow Jesus with a fully-devoted heart. The early believers were also committed to helping those in need.

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Generations Christian Church exists to connect people to Christ. Our goal is that everyone here be in a growing relationship with Jesus and His church. And we have three things that we are calling you to do between now and 2015, as part of our Vision 2015 Plan:

**#1 Worship With Us.** We are life-long worshipers of the living Lord. Just as the early church did, we will gather together and pursue God and His transforming power.

**#2 Join a CORE Group.** Learn from God's Word with others in your church! Come to our CORE Connection event on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**#3 Serve Others.** Get involved in our S.O.S. (Serve on Saturday) program and volunteer to help in other ways as well.

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**One of the reasons the first church had extraordinary unity is they prayed together.**

Acts 1:14. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. (TNIV)

Acts 2:1. When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. (TNIV)

Acts 2:44. All the believers were together and had everything in common. (TNIV)

Acts 4:24. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. (TNIV)

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**To accomplish a God-sized goal, it will take "God power." Jesus says He will give us supernatural power.**

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**The leaders of GCC are united together in this vision to transform the world one person at a time. And we commit to you that we are committed to this vision. We will show up every day with a towel over our arm, ready to serve, so that we together, with God's power, will change our world! Will you join us?**

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