



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: NextGen Sunday
Speaker: Matt Manno – Next Gen Ministries Pastor
Scriptures: 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Thanksgiving

3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Appeal for Loyalty to Paul and the Gospel

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Sermon Summary:

The next generation doesn't need a flawless church — they need a faithful one.

Right now, kids and teens are forming their faith by watching the way we live. Just as Paul urged Timothy to “fan into flame the gift of God” (2 Timothy 1:6), we are called to nurture our faith today in a way that can be seen, shared, and followed. A vibrant, living faith in the present is the greatest gift we can pass on to the future.

Sermon Questions:

1. Paul speaks of the authentic faith he saw passed down from Timothy's mother and grandmother to him. Pastor Matt shared about the influence of his neighbor Joe in his life. Who has most influenced your faith? What did they pass down to you?
2. Discipleship according to teens is: 1) Someone investing in me 2) Someone showing me how to live out my faith in real life. Who from the next generation is watching you? What and how do hope to invest in their lives?
3. **Paul told Timothy**, “For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” We don't start the fire by ourselves, it is a gift from God. As followers of Jesus, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. However, we can be intentional with tending to our faith so it doesn't grow cold. What are ways you fan the flame of your faith or desire to be intentional to fan it into flame?
4. Pastor Matt invited us to consider taking a few intentional steps this week:
 - Name your one (A young person or family to pray for). Ask God how to love and encourage them.
 - Practice presence- make space for one intentional interaction with a younger person in your life.
 - Partner with NextGen

Who would you like to be intentional in praying for this week? How can you intentionally practice presence with a young person in your life this week?