

My Dreams For Maddox

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But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure. I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim your righteousness, yours alone. Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.

– Psalm 71:14-18 (NIV)

Four Dreams For Our Coming Generations...

We can become the kind of believers they can follow.

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. – Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT)

And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.

– 1Corinthians 11:1 (NLT)

**The next generation has a lot of people telling them how to live;
What they need are those who are willing to SHOW them!**

Church can become the kind of place

that they will want to go.

**If we're a Club, then it's all about us as the members.
If we're a Church, then it's about those we're trying to reach!**

Where the ministry of the church connects with their world!

1Corinthians 9:22-23

Where the attitude of the church is one of joy!

Philippians 2:14

Where the heart of the church is one of love and acceptance!

Luke 15:1

Our community will be a better place in which to live.

As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. **Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed.**

– Acts 4:15-16 (NLT)

**We give them shoulders to stand on
to reach higher than we ever dreamed!**

We need to be encouragers!

We need to be mentors!

We need to be baton-passers!

You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. **Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.**

– 2Timothy 2:2 (NLT)