Six Generations Active Today

A generation is a group of people shaped by the same early life experiences.

**Builders (or Traditionalists, or G.I. Generation)** (born 1915-30): shaped by WWII as young adults.

**Silents** (1930-45): shaped by WWII as children and youth.

**Baby Boomers** (1945-1965): shaped by prosperity, optimism, and Viet Nam.

**Baby Busters (or Survivors or Generation X)** (1965-1982): shaped by shortages and lowered expectations.

**Millennials (or Generation Y)** (1982-2000): shaped by the post-modern world

**Generation Z** (after 2000):

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The Legacy of the Builders Generation

*Direct democracy*

*Large boards*

*“Functional Committees”*

*Traditional worship and music (which has lost its power in many churches)*

*Pastor-Centered style*

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