

## **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):

## **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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