



# NEXT GEN

quick start guide



# **IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT IF ONE WANTS TO FINISH WELL, THEY MUST START WELL.**

This is also true with churches and the vital ministry of reaching the next generation. It is our hope, at Louisiana Baptists, that all of our churches will have a thriving and prosperous ministry to children and youth.

The importance of reaching the next generation with the life-giving power of the Gospel can never be overestimated. Whether you are planting a new church or revitalizing an existing one, creating a plan for ministry to children and youth from the very beginning will pay eternal dividends for years to come.

We hope that this booklet and the resources mentioned herein will be of great assistance for anyone starting a next gen ministry from scratch. At Louisiana Baptists, we stand ready to partner with anyone reaching the next generation.



starting a

# CHILDREN'S

ministry

**GREAT CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DO NOT  
HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT.**

All parents want the absolute best for their children and when they attend church, they do not make exceptions. With this in mind, churches need to think through and be intentional in their ministry to children and their families.

Providing high quality teaching and intentional activities will be a benchmark in a community for a church desiring to start a children's ministry from scratch or revitalize a dormant ministry.

May this guide help lay out a path for each church to be an anchor in their community, leading children and their families to our Savior.























starting a  
**STUDENT**  
ministry

**STARTING THE JOURNEY TO CREATE A  
NEXT GEN MINISTRY FOR STUDENTS IS A  
CHALLENGING UNDERTAKING. HOWEVER,  
THE REWARDS ARE GREAT!**

There is nothing more exciting than ministering and investing in the spiritual development of teenagers. This section of the booklet acts as a guide, offering insights and questions to assist in starting a youth ministry.

It is designed to help you think through the process of developing a strategy as you create a vibrant and welcoming place for students and parents to grow spiritually, build lasting friendships, and become active participants in the local church.























# RESOURCE LINKS

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **LOUISIANA BAPTISTS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

[louisianabaptists.org/about/teams/evangelism-church-growth/kids/](http://louisianabaptists.org/about/teams/evangelism-church-growth/kids/)

### **LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

[kidsministry.lifeway.com/](http://kidsministry.lifeway.com/)

### **SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES**

[lifeway.com/en/shop/ministries/special-needs](http://lifeway.com/en/shop/ministries/special-needs)  
[sandrapeoples.com/](http://sandrapeoples.com/)

### **SEND NETWORK CHILDREN'S RESOURCES**

[newchurches.com/course/childrensministry/](http://newchurches.com/course/childrensministry/)

### **WMU CHILDREN'S MISSIONS RESOURCES**

[wmu.com/missions-discipleship/children/](http://wmu.com/missions-discipleship/children/)

## YOUTH/STUDENT MINISTRY

### **LIFEWAY STUDENTS**

[studentministry.lifeway.com](http://studentministry.lifeway.com)

### **YM360**

[youthministry360.com](http://youthministry360.com)

### **LA. BAPTIST YOUTH (LOUISIANA BAPTISTS)**

[labaptistyouth.com](http://labaptistyouth.com)

### **TITHE.LY BLOG BY STEPHEN ALTROGGE**

[get.tithe.ly/blog/how-to-start-and-grow-a-church-youth-ministry](http://get.tithe.ly/blog/how-to-start-and-grow-a-church-youth-ministry)

### **CHURCHLEADERS.COM**

[churchleaders.com/youth/youth-leaders-how-tos/154252-how-to-start-your-youth-ministry.html](http://churchleaders.com/youth/youth-leaders-how-tos/154252-how-to-start-your-youth-ministry.html)

### **SMALLCHURCHMINISTRY.COM**

[smallchurchministry.com/starting-a-youth-ministry/](http://smallchurchministry.com/starting-a-youth-ministry/)

### **THELEADPASTOR.COM**

[theleadpastor.com/article/youth-ministry/](http://theleadpastor.com/article/youth-ministry/)



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**[LouisianaBaptists.org/Quickstart](http://LouisianaBaptists.org/Quickstart)**