



GENERATIONS CHURCH

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Church Profile



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OUR HISTORY

Generations Church has a rich history rooted in the early 20th-century Pentecostal movement. By 1922, Alva Walker, a Vancouver-based evangelist, brought the Pentecostal message to Nanaimo. The church formally organized under the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, acquiring its first building on Victoria Road in 1925. The church's earliest activities included children's meetings, street services, and hospital song services. Joseph Hitchen became pastor in 1926, serving for 22 years.

In 1975, under the leadership of Brian Clark, the current building was constructed primarily through volunteer labor, and was dedicated on May 16, 1976. Subsequent lead pastors included Al Werbiski (1982-1987), Ross Tegart (1987-1989), Fred Nerling (1989-2000), Lester Markham (2000-2008), and Darcy Siggelkow (2008-2024).

The church continued to maintain, update, and expand its facilities, including a youth wing (1997), carpets & windows (2002) and kitchen renovations (2004). The church's most recent renovations, completed in 2024, include a café space in a now-expanded foyer, completely new main floor bathrooms, and external renovations along the exterior of the west side of the building.

The church is known throughout the community as home to the Singing Christmas Tree. It is a tradition that began at the Victoria Road church in the 1960s and was revived in 1993 by Pastor Dave Wood, running for more than 20 years under three lead pastors. The tree performances were revived again in 2023 after a three-year hiatus from 2020 to 2022. The tree and drama production blesses the community with 10 performances a year.

The church has strong ties to Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp (NBPC) which is located just half an hour north on Vancouver Island. Members of our congregation serve on NBPC's board, volunteer at summer camps and have good attendance from kids, youth, families, and seniors at the various camps held there.

The church streams its Sunday morning service and has a strong following online. Between the fall of 2017 and the spring of 2020, the church held two identical Sunday morning services. The congregation is back to pre-2020 attendance levels and regularly has 400+ people attending its Sunday morning Service, including 60-80 children in our Generations Kid ministries. Attendance each Sunday is now at or above 80% capacity in our single Sunday Service. In March 2024, the board and pastors started conversations and plans to consider two services again - this is currently on hold.

Throughout its history, Generations Church has remained committed to its mission of promoting the teachings of Jesus Christ and providing a place for worship and fellowship. Over one hundred years after its founding, the church continues to passionately promote the teachings of Jesus Christ and the truth contained in the entire Word of God, providing a vibrant place of Christian worship, work, and community.

CHURCH STAFF

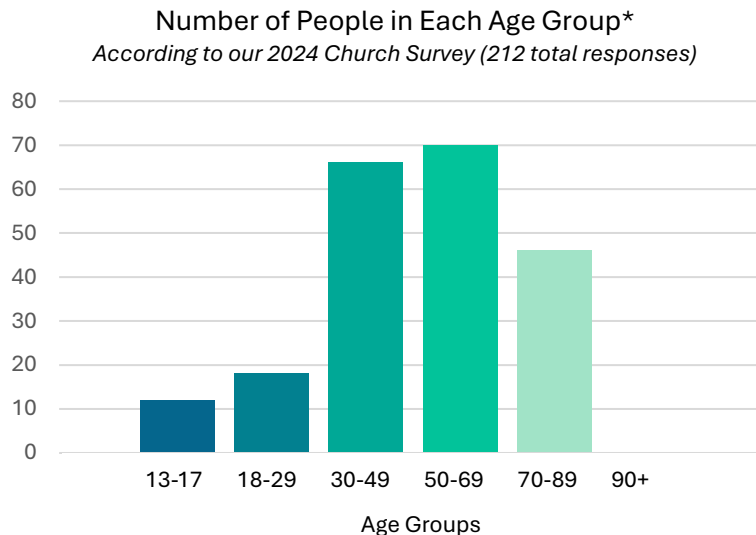
Dallas Siggelkow	Interim Lead Pastor
Linda MacLeod	Interim Community Pastor
Chantalle Alfaro	Preteen & Community Pastor
Darlene Nagy	Families Pastor and rentals
Caleb Gait	Youth & Young Adults Pastor
Nicole Tomkins	Administrator
Terry Gillespie	Custodian
Jadine Golbeck	Custodian
Sandy Saunders	Bookkeeper

BOARD MEMBERS

Grant Boyd	Treasurer
Ron Faa	Secretary
Norm Lundeen	Facilities
Andrew Torgerson	Grounds
Anne Donkers	Church Ministries/Connections
Ivan Serunkuma	Church Ministries/Connections
Cheryl Eakins	Staff Health/Transitions

OUR CONGREGATION

We cherish the diversity represented in our church community. As our name suggests, we believe that each generation contributes uniquely to our church family, and we want to foster this rich blend of perspectives and experiences. We also value the multicultural variety in our congregation, which enriches our collective worship and strengthens our fellowship.



*Children under 13 were not respondents in our survey, however, we have between 60-80 children in our kid's ministries.

Our congregation includes a wonderful mix of long-time members and newcomers. Here is a snapshot of how long people have been with us:

42% have started attending in the last 3 years

18% have been attending for 4-9 years

17% have been attending for 10-19 years

23% have been attending for 20+ years

The results of our 2024 Church Survey show that 96% of the congregation attend church three or more times a month, with the majority coming back for the great Sunday morning service, quality preaching and worship.

Two thirds of respondents highlighted the community and fellowship aspect of our church as a significant reason for attending.

We have a strong volunteer base of around 120 people.

MINISTRIES

Sunday Morning Service

- **10:00 AM**

Prayer and Worship Ministries

- **Simply Worship** (An hour of praise and worship songs once a month)
- **Tuesday Morning Prayer**
- **Wednesday Night Prayer**
- **Prayer Walking**

Generations Kids & Youth

- **Sunday mornings:** Babyzone (0-2), Totzone (2-4), Kidzone (4-10)
- **Summer Adventure Camp (August):** 150 children from K-Gr 5 from our church and community
- **Area 57:** Grades 5-7
- **Generations Youth:** Grades 8-12

Bible Studies

- **Ladies Bible Study**
- **Gen 55+ Bible Study**
- **Sunday Bible Study**
- **Men's Bible Reading and Memorization Group**

Connection and Discipleship Groups

- **Young Adults** (18-30+)
- **Gen55+** (For those aged 55 and up)
- **Generations 360** (Three-week small group for newcomers)
- **Pain to Purpose** (Creating healthy rhythms for healing)
- **Freedom Groups** (Growing in faith, walking in freedom)
- **Moms Connect, Dads Connect**
- **Women's Connect**
- **Men's Breakfast**
- **The Marriage Course**
- **Alpha Course**

Global and Local Missions

- Our church financially supports 9 mission projects monthly.
- Last year, we sent two intergenerational short-term mission teams to Costa Rica. A third group will be heading down this fall.
- We partner with Loaves & Fishes, a local food bank in Nanaimo as a Free Food Market location each week

BUILDING AND FACILITIES

We are blessed to have a large building and we recognize the importance of keeping it financially viable and in good repair. We facilitate rentals to school groups, a youth theatre group, choir groups, a counsellor, and we host conferences and weddings.

Building Specifics:

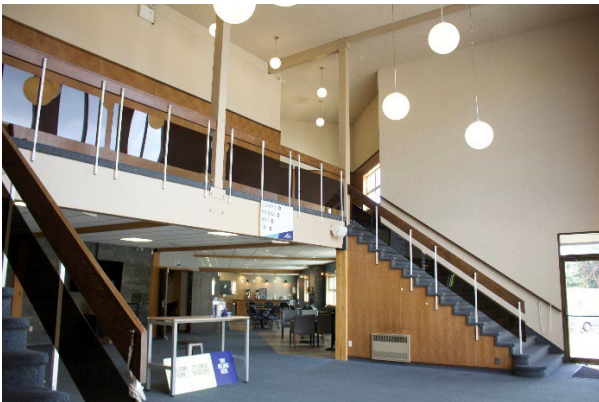
- Approximately 30,000 sq ft
- 500 seat sanctuary
- 8 offices/meeting rooms upstairs
- 5 classrooms/meeting rooms downstairs
- Full kitchen and pantry (VIHA certified)
- Multi-purpose room downstairs with adjustable partitions
- Kids theatre
- Baptismal tank built in above stage
- Ample storage and supply areas



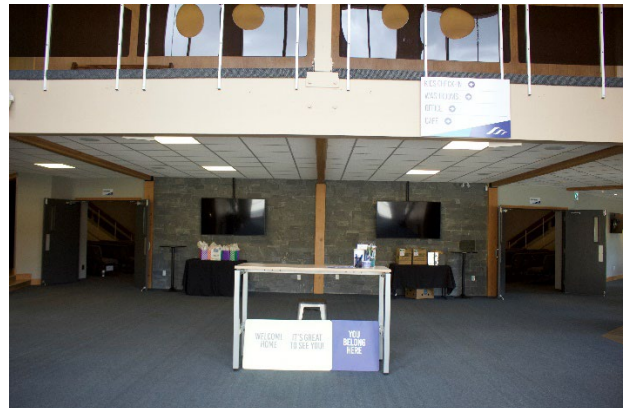
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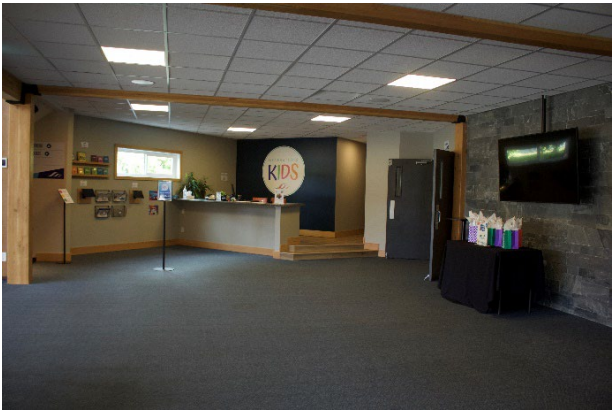
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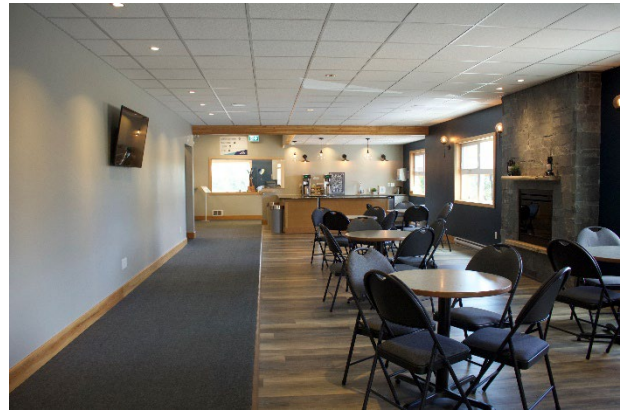
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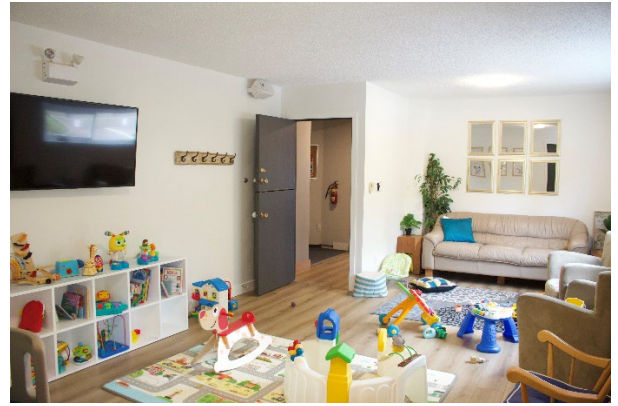
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Café and seating area



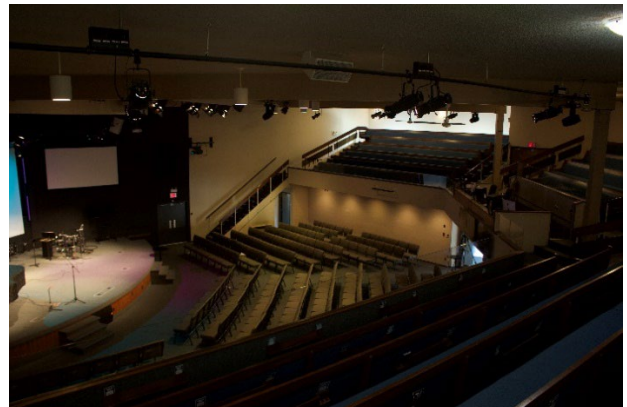
Lounge (Prayer Room)



BabyZone



Sanctuary



View from balcony



Theatre Room



TotZone



Library and games room



Lower auditorium, with adjustable walls



Kitchen



One of several classrooms



Staff Kitchen / Copy Room



Lead Pastor Office