

Senior Adult Ministry Resources

The following references and resources are provided to move you toward a more powerful and effective senior adult ministry. The following resources and links to other Web sites are provided as a service. Inclusion on this page does not imply endorsement of the content of any resource or site.

General Senior Adult Ministries

Arn, Win and Charles, Catch the Age Wave: A Handbook for Effective Ministry with Senior Adults. Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 1999.

Carlson, Dosa. Engaging in Ministry with Older Adults. New York: The Alban Institute.

Dyctwalk, Ken. Age Wave: The Challenges and Opportunities of an Aging America. New York: Bantam Books, 1990.

Elliot, Nancy R. Golden Opportunities: Ministry Ideas for Senior Adults. Birmingham: Woman's Missionary Union, 2000.

Gallagher, David P. Senior Adult Ministry in the 21st Century: Step-by-Step Strategies for Reaching People over 50. Group, 2002.

Gentzler, Richard H. Jr. Designing an Older Adult Ministry. Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2000.

Johnston, John G. "Jay", Forward Together: A New Vision for Senior Adult Ministry. Nashville: LifeWay Press, 1998.

Baby Boomers and Retirement

Buford, Bob. Half Time. Zondervan, 1997.

Buford, Bob. Game Plan. Zondervan, 1999.

Freedman, Marc. Prime Time: How Baby Boomers Will Revolutionize Retirement and Transform America. New York: Public Affairs, 1999.

Gambone, James V. ReFirement: A Boomer's Guide to Life after 50. Minneapolis: Kirk House Publishers, 2000.

Yates, Cynthia, Living Well in Retirement. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2005.

Sunday School Leadership Materials

Craig, Bill, et al., Essentials for Excellence: Connecting Adult Sunday School to Life. LifeWay, 2003.

Edwards, Rick. Teaching Adults: A Guide for Transformational Teaching. LifeWay, 2000.

Francis, David. The 5-Step Program for Sunday School Growth. LifeWay, 2005.

McClendon, John. How-To Sunday School Guide: Curriculum Workshop for Adult Leaders. LifeWay, 2004.

Reid, Topper, Beyond the Walls: Focus on Adults and Young Adults. LifeWay, 2002.

Walter, Jim. Understanding Today's Adults: 25 Years and Older. LifeWay. *This book is available online at www.lifeway.com/download.asp. Click on tools then downloads.*

Must-Read Magazines For Senior Adult Ministries

Mature Living, LifeWay. This is available as leisure reading and in a leader edition. Enjoyable content and good leadership articles.

The Senior Musician, LifeWay. A joyous resource for senior adult choirs providing easily sung and enjoyed music.

Leading Adults: Energizing Dynamic Ministry, LifeWay. A great quarterly magazine for leaders of any kind of adult Sunday School ministry.

AARP: The Magazine, AARP. If you are serious about ministering to senior adults, or being one, you need this magazine, whether you agree with it or not.

Websites of Interest for Senior Adult Ministries

(A "Google" search found 1,620,000 entries for "Senior Adult Ministries".)

www.lifeway.com - the entry point for all LifeWay products and services

<http://sam.ag.org> - the Senior Adult Ministries website of the Assemblies of God denomination.

www.lifelongadultministry.org - ALAM – the Association for Lifelong Adult Ministry works to link people in churches of all Christian denominations in the ministry of senior adults.

www.hometouchministry.com - Reaching the Shut-ins, hospitalized and homebound of your congregation.

www.elderquest.org - Biblical teaching, training and resources about biblical eldership for those who want to make a difference for God's Kingdom through intergenerational camps and seminars.

www.family.org/focusoverfifty/ - Focus Over Fifty, the seniors ministry of Focus on the Family, contains many resources and articles on senior adult living.

www.refdesk.com/seniors.html - Resources from A-Z for senior adults.

www.gocasa.org - CASA, The Christian Association of Senior Adult Ministries, serves Member Groups in 31 states, Canada and Australia by connecting a cross-section of denominations, independent churches and other ministries to 50-something Christians that look to CASA as a leadership resource partner.

www.elderhostel.org - The nation's first and the world's largest educational and travel organization for adults 55 and over.

www.churchgrowth.net - A unique church-growth perspective on senior-adult ministry and outreach.

www.agewave.com - Age Wave, LLC is a dynamic entrepreneurial business development company that is creating a portfolio of ventures addressing the specific needs of the aging population.

www.significantliving.org - A nonprofit membership organization created in 1994 as a response to the need for an organization that represented the values and morals of Christian seniors in America.

www.joyfulnoiseletter.com - Newsletters, books and prints which focus on the joy, humor, celebration, and healing power in our Christian faith.

[National Institute on Aging](http://www.nia.nih.gov) - One of the 25 institutes and centers of the National Institutes of Health, the NIA leads a broad scientific effort to understand the nature of aging and to extend the healthy, active years of life. Information for Older Americans and their families as well as those concerned about providing the opportunities and services to enrich the lives of older persons and support their independence.

[AARP](http://www.aarp.org) - Browse through many free and low-cost resources for seniors of faith and those involved in leadership of seniors.

www.hhs.gov - The Department of Health and Human Services is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

www.ssa.gov - Social Security Online provides news on the Social Security program as it happens, and even contains downloadable forms and online applications.

Acknowledgements:

This article was prepared by Dr. Dale “Geno” Robinson. Geno, until recently, served the California Southern Baptist Convention as Director of Adult Leadership and Senior Adult Ministries. He has led conferences on Senior Adult Ministries at the Glorieta West, Equipped for Excellence Sunday School Leadership Events and at various associational training events. He has written adult curriculum and a host of articles for LifeWay Christian Resources.