

Dear Centennial Park Baptist Church worshiper,

You are invited to participate in a study on narrative forms of preaching in an intergenerational context. The goal is to enhance my preaching and our common experience of preaching in intergenerational services. We are looking for volunteers who will represent multiple generations and are worshipping at Centennial Park Baptist Church.

The study will include the filling out of a questionnaire for each narrative sermon that is preached on March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 4th and then participating in one of the two focus groups, which will be recorded audibly, formed by the facilitator on April 6 for group (A) and April 8 for group (B). One final debrief session will take place with all participants which will help to provide richer feedback. The study is designed to help the preacher determine the impact of narrative sermons. This study is designed to indicate the value or nonvalue of narrative preaching as a strategy for enabling a variety of generations to remain meaningfully together during the preaching which takes place in a service of Christian worship. The goal is to use this research to enhance my preaching practice within the life of this congregation.

In the presentation of this work the identity of participants will be kept confidential—except their generation. Although I ask all participants to maintain the confidentiality of anything said in the focus group, I cannot guarantee that they will abide by my request.

Your decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice your future relationships with Centennial Park Baptist Church. If you decide to participate, you are free to discontinue participation at any time up to thirty days after the final debrief session.

If you do decide to withdraw, on request, any specific information you have provided up to that point will be deleted. Since the survey material will be anonymous it cannot be withdrawn after it has been submitted. Since the focus groups will be recorded, identifiable individual contributions if requested will not be used but they will remain on the audio recording until it is deleted at the conclusion of the research

Parents/guardians of minors participating in this study can request to view and on request have deleted any information relating to their child/ward's contribution at any time up to thirty days after the final debrief session. Since the survey material will be anonymous it cannot be withdrawn after it has been submitted. Since the focus groups will be recorded, identifiable individual contributions if requested will not be used but they will remain on the audio recording until it is deleted at the conclusion of the research

After the final thesis approval is granted, all stored data on the study will be destroyed.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chris Stefanidis 365-336-1119, 11 Kennedy Road, Grimsby, ON, L3M 1E8.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Sincerely,  
Rev. Chris Stefanidis.