

# What is the CoC current view on instrumental music inside the building? What about outside the building?

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The last 3 CoCs I have attended have one or more instrumental services.

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In regards during worship, no instrumental music or recorded music should be played (at most non-institutional CoCs). However outside of church services, we have played regular music when cleaning or such.



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During COVID lockdown I watched a lot of livestreams of Church of Christ services, and, since my guitar is always close at hand, I wound up privately accompanying a lot of a capella singing.

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# Change

- Sometimes change is forced upon us
  - Acts 1:26
- Sometimes change happens because it's for the better.
  - Exodus 26
  - Exodus 25:9 - "Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it."

# Change

- Sometimes change happens because it's for the better.
  - I Chronicles 17:1 "Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under a tent."
- Change - For building up our mutual faith
- Change - To execute the Great Commission: Go into all the world to make disciples of every nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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- 1 Corinthians 16:1-2: Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.
- Acts 6

# Change

- As a church, we need to get comfortable making changes not because we have to, but because that's what we need. Because that's the BEST thing for us.

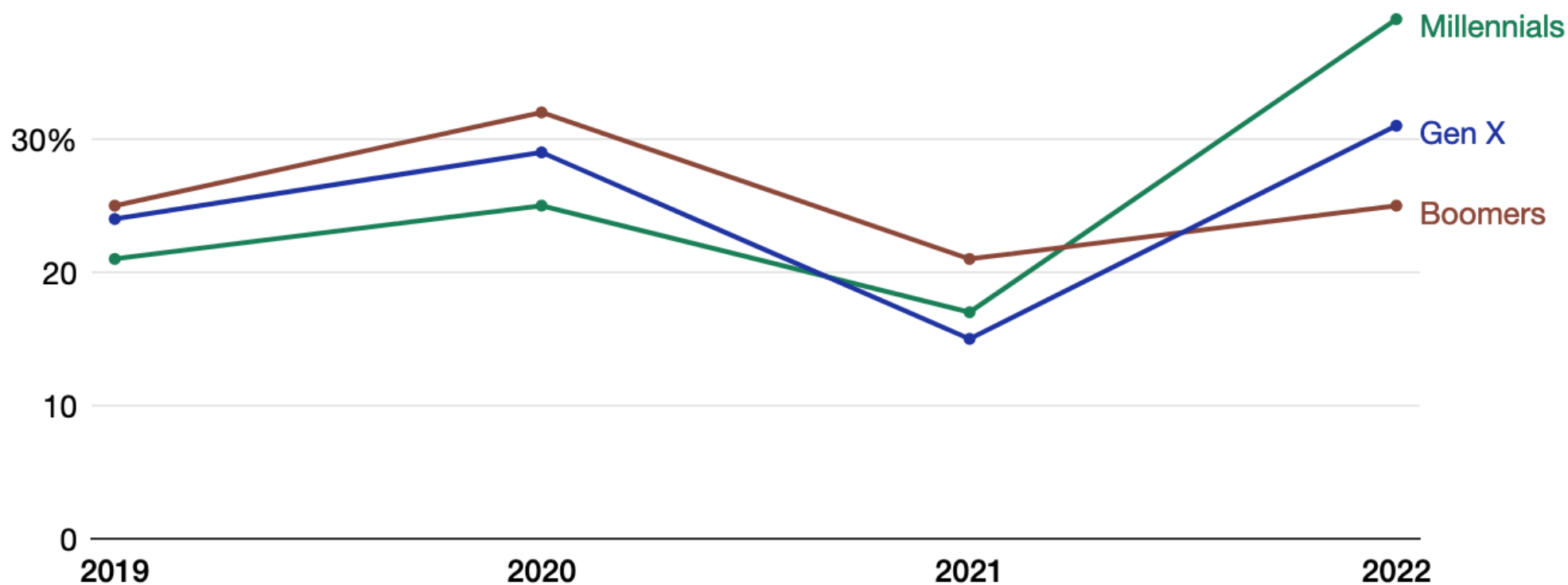
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- 80% of members in the Churches of Christ are my age and older
- Prior to COVID, across the US Churches of Christ lost 1 out of every 8 members
- In the same timeframe, Assemblies of God *added* 3 for every 8 members

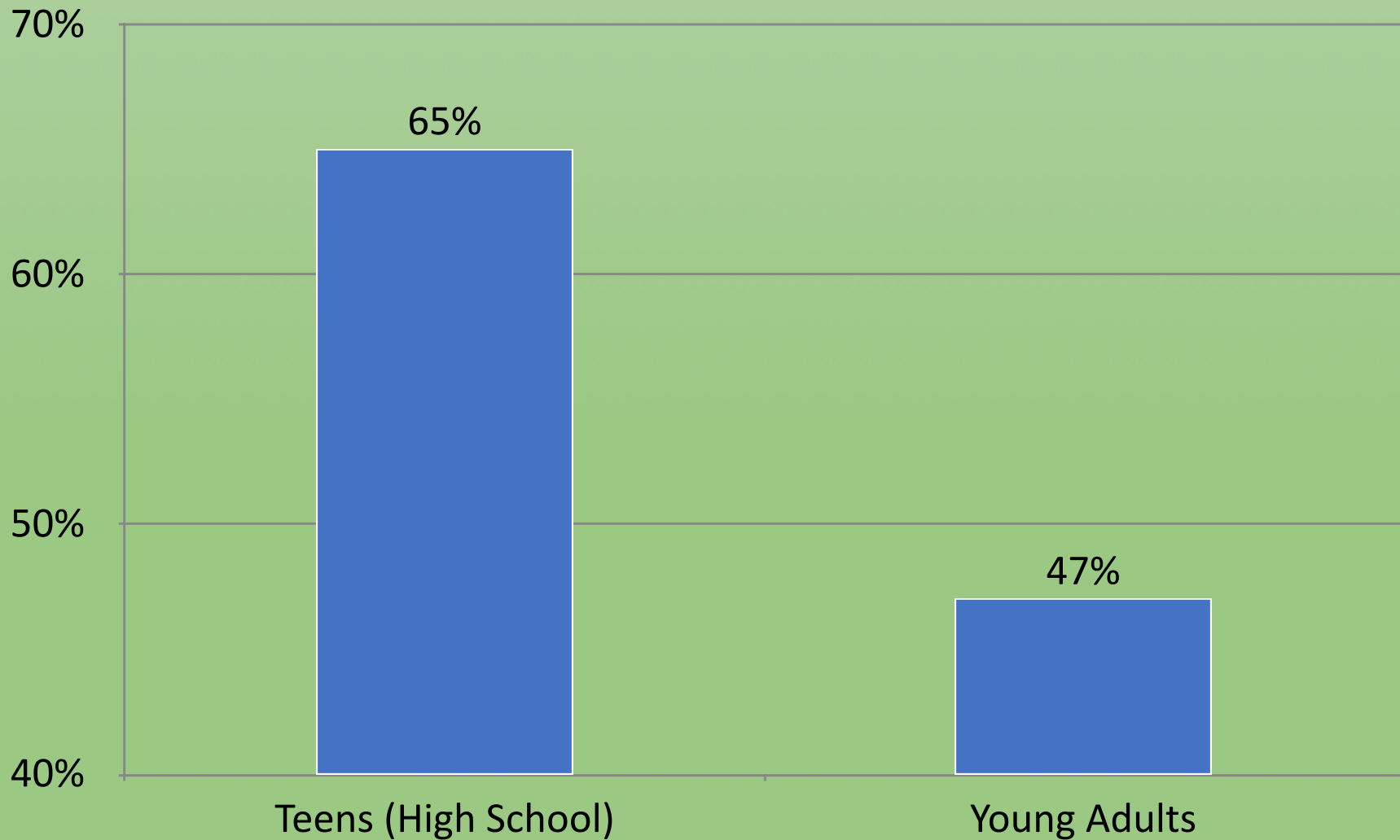
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## WEEKLY CHURCH ATTENDANCE, BY GENERATION

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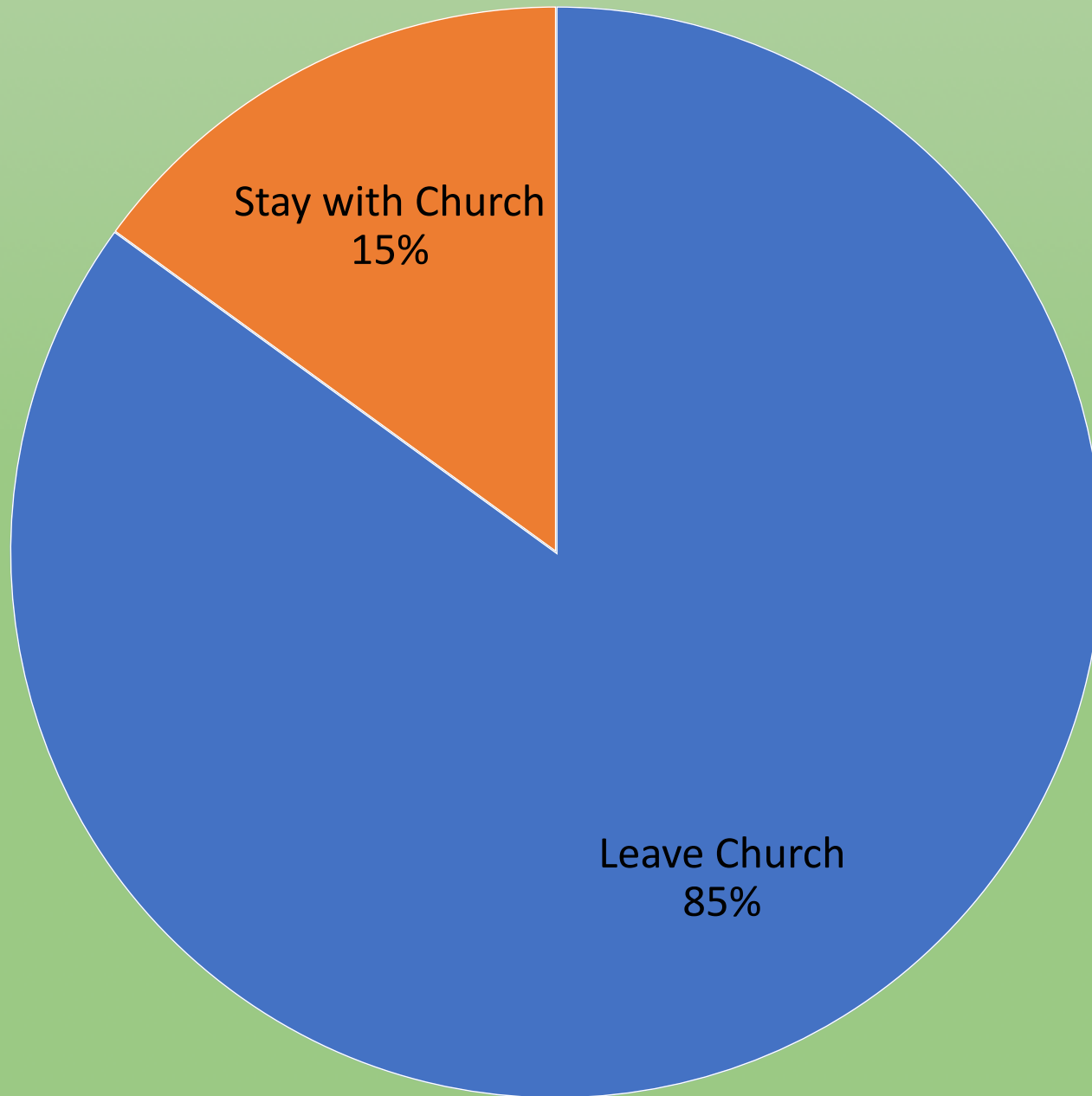


# The Younger Generations...





# Within the Churches of Christ, those raised in the church...



# Does God Care?

- Joshua 4:5-7: “Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the LORD your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.”

# Does God Care?

- Exodus 12:26-27: “Then your children will ask, ‘What does this [yearly Passover meal] mean?’ And you will reply, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. And though he struck the Egyptians, he spared our families.’” When Moses had finished speaking, all the people bowed down to the ground and worshiped.”