



proving it

Impacting Kids
for Generations
to Come

 **Bethany**
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Dear Bethany Church Family

Sixty years ago, a few young families wanted a church that would place a priority on children and their families. When they couldn't find one, they prayed and decided to start one! With the belief that the greatest thing a church can do is reach children and future generations for Jesus Christ, Bethany Church was born, officially organized on August 27, 1963. We have a great legacy of investing in the lives of young people. It's woven into our DNA.



KIDS is one of our core values. The way we say it is that “your kids matter to God and to us and we are going to prove it to you.” That’s why we are calling this campaign **PROVING IT! Impacting Kids for Generations to Come.**

We want to prove our commitment to reaching kids and impacting the next generation for Christ by having the very best children’s ministry space, including children’s ministry space, we possibly can. We want our children’s ministry space to say that kids are important to God and to us.

Since relocating to our present campus in 1985, we have expanded and remodeled all of our ministry spaces with the exception of our children’s space. We built our Family Life Center in 2000, that included a new lobby, gymnasium, and classrooms. About ten years ago, we built our Student Center, to allow us to do student ministry in a relevant and relational way. While our children’s ministry space has undergone several minor remodels, it is the only ministry space we haven’t made a significant investment in for almost 40 years.

After a couple of years of studying different options for improving our children’s space, we believe that the best option is to completely demo and remodel the existing children’s ministry space and add 2500 square feet of new construction. This new and completely remodeled space will enhance our children’s ministry on Sundays and Wednesdays. It will meet and improve several areas of need, such as:

- ★ **Children check-in and security**
- ★ **Infant and toddler nursery areas**
- ★ **Larger classrooms for all age groups**
- ★ **Two theater, larger group meeting areas**
- ★ **Wider hallways**



This new space will also be used by Bethany Learning Center (BLC), our weekday preschool ministry. For over 25 years, BLC has been one of our most effective outreach ministries into our local community. This new space will allow BLC to grow and provide needed administrative and office space, as well as improving security.

This remodel plan also includes additional pastoral office spaces and a work area. Currently, our offices are located in different parts of the building in converted classrooms.

Our existing children's space is almost 40 years old and besides interior limitations, our building is beginning to show its age on the outside. That's why this campaign includes enhancing our "curb appeal" by updating the exterior of the church building. We believe that the appearance of our buildings also communicates what we value and is important to us.

The estimated cost for the total project is \$3 million. That's a lot of money, but we believe kids are worth it! **Our MIRACLE GOAL for PROVING IT!** is \$2 million. To reach that goal will require two things.

They are the same two things God has called us to over and over again at Bethany Church, **FAITH** and **SACRIFICE**.

FAITH

Throughout our history, groups of people have stepped out in faith to see God accomplish some amazing things through this church. Once again, we're going to have to trust God in an extraordinary way as we embark on **PROVING IT!**

SACRIFICE

Because of those who came before us and made sacrifices, all of us have experienced life-change here at Bethany Church. Now it's our turn to sacrifice for those yet to come.



We began **PROVING IT!** sixty years ago. Let's keep **PROVING IT!** for future generations. I am inviting you to take this journey with us!

I love being your Pastor,

Pastor Randy

Exterior
& Interior

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KIDS

One generation
commends your works
to another; they tell of
your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4

action people
experience a
changing relationship
with Christ.



IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT TO REACH KIDS!

01 KIDS

Kids ministry provides kids consistent opportunities to hear the message of the Gospel and learn the lessons of the Bible in environments created just for them. Children are the greatest mission field. Did you know that nearly half of all Americans who accept Christ do so before the age of 13? Statistics show that over 85% of people who come to Christ, do so before the age of 18. We must invest our time and resources where we will see the greatest results.

02 FAMILIES

Kids ministry is family ministry. Kids go home with questions, stories, and lessons they learned. Often, it is the kids that bring their parents to church and Christ.

03 CHURCHES

Kids ministry is essential to growth and health of the church. One of the best investments we can make as a church is in a great children's ministry and facility. It will pay for itself many times over by the families it reaches.



SUGGESTED STEPS FOR DETERMINING GOD'S WILL

01 PRAY

Begin by praying every day.

"Lord, I want to give sacrificially in a way that stretches my faith. Now please show me how."

If you are married, pray together with your spouse.

02 LISTEN

Don't rush your decision.

Give yourself time to hear from God. You are receiving this information several weeks before Commitment Sunday on **October 8**. You'll find the longer you genuinely pray, "*Show me how*," the more ways God will show you, and you'll be able to give more than the first amount that popped into your head.

03 INVOLVE

Plan a family conference.

Ask your family members to suggest creative ideas. Be sure to involve your children, no matter how young they are. This is a great opportunity to teach generosity and faith to your whole family. Allow this to be an experience in which God's spirit guides you through the facts and faith journey.

04 DECIDE

Decide as a family the total amount you'll give and pray a commitment similar to this:

"Father, this is a big step for us. We're asking you to strengthen our faith and help us grow spiritually through giving. We thank you for all you have given us. You're delivering on promises you've made in your Word that you'll take care of our needs if we trust you. Thank you for this opportunity to grow, and thank you for our church family. In Jesus' name, Amen!"

MY GIVING COMMITMENT

The most important decision you or your family will make during our **PROVING IT!** campaign will be about your own giving commitment. How do you know what God wants you to give? Here are some suggestions to consider.

As you pray about your part, keep in mind the Biblical theme “equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.” Obviously, everyone doesn’t have the ability to give the same amount. However, God does want all of us to make a genuine sacrifice for Him.

Remember, your commitment can include both a gift now and a 3-year giving commitment. Most of us can give far more than we initially think by giving it over a 3-year period. More important, you will grow spiritually if you develop the habit of consistent, weekly giving.



God says, **“On every Lord’s Day you should put aside something from what you have earned during that week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.”** -1 Corinthians 16:2

MY GIVING POTENTIAL

PER WEEK	PER MONTH	PER YEAR	3-YEAR TOTAL
\$2,000	\$8,667	\$104,000	\$312,000
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$300	\$1,300	\$15,600	\$46,800
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$75	\$325	\$3,900	\$11,700
\$60	\$260	\$3,120	\$9,360
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$40	\$173	\$2,080	\$6,240
\$30	\$130	\$1,560	\$4,680
\$20	\$87	\$1,040	\$3,120
\$15	\$65	\$780	\$2,340
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560
\$8	\$35	\$416	\$1,248
\$5	\$22	\$260	\$780

Your kids matter to God
and to us
and we're going to
PROVE IT to you.

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Commitment Card



My Information

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

My Commitment

After prayerful consideration, our family will pledge the following financial contribution, above our regular tithes and offerings, for the Proving It Building Fund.

\$ _____ per week for 156 weeks

\$ _____ per month for 36 months

\$ _____ per year for 3 years

\$ _____ one-time donation

Total Pledge:

(over 3 years)

\$ _____

One generation will commend your works to another. Psalm 145:4