



The Next Chapter of Our Story... Be The Light!

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When God first let us occupy this property in September of 2004, He gave it to us at an incredibly low lease rate. When we initially got the building, it was an unusable empty shell. However, God gave us the ability to put our money (almost \$2 million) into renovating the building and making it what it is today. The lease we signed was a 10-year lease, and we're now half-way through that agreement. We have the right to purchase this property at any point during the lease. As part of this lease, we've already negotiated a purchase price for the property that is below its current market value.

Therefore, we have five years to buy this property, and "Be The Light" will get us ready to make this purchase.



"We thank God for Bethel because of the amazing community of Christ-followers and leadership which are present in the Church. We recently moved to the area and were welcomed with open arms and are thankful for the new relationships God has blessed us with."

Dave & Hilary Chandler
Attending since June 2009

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HERE'S HOW:

- 1** It will allow us to pay off all of our existing construction debt, about \$420,000.
- 2** In order to get a mortgage, we will incur various expenses (Philadelphia transfer tax, title insurance, etc.) about \$194,000.
- 3** There are various "big-ticket" expenses that we have not been able to pay for out of our existing budget (roof-top air conditioning units, etc.). These are costly and necessary expenditures to keep the building well cared for in order to get a mortgage. Such expenses total about \$186,000.
- 4** We will renovate the room next to the Youth Center, turning it into a multi-purpose room. This will give us more room for our youth and will also, finally, give us much-needed meeting space for adults. This will cost about \$200,000.
- 5** Perhaps the coolest part of "Be The Light" will be our ability to take 10% of everything we receive to bless those around the world. We're praying that God gives us at least \$100,000 to use worldwide to help the poor, hungry and suffering. How cool will it be to realize that God is allowing Bethel to be a blessing around the world, and not just locally? What a great next chapter for Bethel!!!

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"It's been a thrill for Kelly and me to be a part of Bethel and it has been an amazing journey these past 13 years. Over this time, we've seen hundreds of lives changed forever and God has allowed us to meet and become friends with some incredible people. And, as great as this has been, how neat will it be to meet all the people yet to come to Bethel, those that God will bring as a result of our faith and obedience to Him? That's what "Be The Light" is all about... making sure that we're ready to keep growing long into the future. We can't wait to see what God has in store for Bethel!"

Pastor Rob & Kelly Tarnoviski



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"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (NASB)



Our Story So Far...

For most of us, Bethel's history begins at Franklin Mills and the renovated movie theater that we first occupied in September of 2004. If you were to ask some long-time Bethel attendees, though, you might hear about Bethel's very first meeting in 1917, or how Bethel bought its first building just as the market was crashing in 1929 (talk about bad timing!), or how Bethel outgrew the Oxford Avenue property (doing four Sunday services!).

For the past 92 years, God's faithfulness and provision at Bethel have been nothing short of amazing. While it would be impossible to list all of the great things that God has done at Bethel since 1917, here is some of what God has done at Bethel in just the past 10 years:

- God has grown us from 100 people to about 1,000 today. While growth is neat, the really cool thing about our growth is that it represents mostly unchurched people, hundreds who have given their lives to Christ and have been baptized at Bethel!

- On any given weekend, we have hundreds of "spiritual seekers" in our classes and services, people who are investigating Jesus and His claims. The great thing about this is that we get to see people regularly give their lives to Christ! It's like having a front-row seat as God continues to draw people to Himself!

- One of the unique things about Bethel today is our diversity. If you were to come to all of our services or classes one weekend, you would see that Bethel is now made up of people of different ethnicities, cultures, ages, and economic backgrounds, all unified around Christ.

We could go on and on about the many ways that God has blessed Bethel over the years, but if you want to get a full picture of all that God has done, next time you're at Bethel, stand in the lobby and look at the people.

Bethel's people are the best picture of what God has done here, for in our people you'll see:

- Those freed from addictions
- Those whose marriages have been healed
- Families who have been reconciled
- People freed from their fears
- Faces smiling because God really did show up when He was needed most
- Those who are growing towards full devotion in Christ
- Lots of lives changed for eternity

"We thank God for Bethel because He's given us the opportunity to serve Him in this awesome place of worship. The teaching here is refreshing to our souls, and we can apply the teaching to our daily lives."

Harry & Mayra Zambrana
Attending since Fall 2004



Bethel's looking pretty good for 92, isn't she?

Why the need for "Be The Light?"

We only have five more years to purchase this property, and our regular budget will not allow us to do everything that needs to be done fast enough. "Be The Light" will allow us to raise the additional funds while our current giving and budget pays our day-to-day expenses.

Why can't I just divert my regular giving at Bethel and put it towards "Be The Light?"

We need to keep paying our regular bills (our lease, utilities, salaries, etc.), and our weekly offerings pay for this. If you divert your regular giving and put it towards "Be The Light," we won't be able to meet our daily financial obligations.

So you're asking me to give more than I'm already giving?

Yes. Everyone is being asked to do this. You'll get more information as Bethel works through "Be The Light."

When does our current lease expire?

August, 2014.

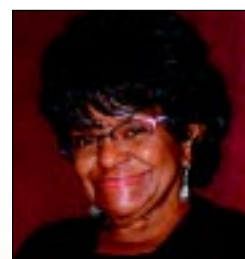
What happens if we don't purchase the property before that?

We would have to renegotiate our lease, and there is no guarantee that the lease-holder will be willing to do this. Worst case scenario? Our lease-holder is unwilling to renegotiate with us and we lose the property, including the \$2 million it cost for the original renovations. Best case scenario? Our lease-holder renegotiates with us, but we end up paying a much higher lease rate and a much higher purchase price. Also, if we are able to purchase the building within the next five years, we will be able to apply the current tax bill of \$26,000 per year to a mortgage. We currently pay taxes because we are leasing the property. So, when we purchase the property, because we are tax-exempt as a church, these taxes will go away.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQs About "Be The Light"

"I thank God for Bethel because of the love here and because it's a place where truth is taught. I now read my Bible daily and am trying hard to follow God."

Phyllis Lee
Attending since Fall 2003



What will it cost to purchase this property?

In our current lease, the purchase price is \$3.6 million. Even at today's lowered property values, this is a wonderful opportunity!

Is the purpose of "Be The Light" to get us a mortgage?

No. By paying off our debt and by caring for our building, "Be The Light" puts us in a position to get a mortgage within the next five years.

Will we have to do another campaign like this to get a mortgage?

Our goal is that we won't need another campaign. "Be The Light" will allow us to pay off our construction debt and have money for the big-ticket items needed for the building. So, with these expenses out of the way, and with continued growth, we are fairly confident that we will be able to pay the mortgage out of our regular budget.

If it's so important that we raise this money, why not keep all of it instead of using 10% to help those around the world?

In growing Bethel, God is also growing our generosity and our compassion.

What's Your Part in "Be The Light?"

What is being asked of every Bethel attendee is that we work and pray through all of this together. As the entire church works through "Be The Light," stay engaged and be ready to get involved as God leads you. In this way, we will allow God the opportunity to work in every heart and give us the courage and determination we need to make this huge effort a resounding success!

The Lord Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:16:

***"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven."* (NASB)**

"We thank God for Bethel because we feel the Spirit of the Lord in the services and within church members, which is a great feeling! We are so thankful for Bethel because of its wonderful leaders who give it their all to minister, guide, serve and impact not only within the church walls, but outside, as well."

Joanne Pettiford, James Pettiford & Chantel Johnson
Attending since Winter 2006



So instead of only focusing on ourselves and our immediate community we will "Be The Light" to a hurting world by blessing the world in some very tangible ways!



"We thank God for Bethel because it has provided us with spiritual growth and has made church relevant for the first time in our lives. Through Bethel, we have come to know Christ and now put all our faith in Him."

Rick & Karen Felice
Attending since October 2005



"We thank God for Bethel because we've found a place to worship that feels like home. And, we have brought other family and friends who now bring their families and worship alongside us. God is so good!"

Salvador & Lydia Figueroa
Attending since April 2006