

Today there are great opportunities
to make *an investment*
that God can use to
to *change lives for eternity!*

Consider these facts:

- In North America today, churches are dying. The millennial generation is the least-churched, most biblically-illiterate generation in recent history. The need for reaching families and their children with the Gospel is profound.
- The modern world rejects the truth of a personal God, His absolute truth, and any sense of right or wrong. The impact of this 'God-less' worldview has caused dysfunction and havoc in American society. Christ-followers in our churches today need sound biblical teaching and authentic modeling of the Christ-life.
- God gave us one task as we live out our days on earth - make disciples. There are unusual opportunities to share the Good News both near and far.
- While the ministry entrusted to us is spiritual, many of the resources we use to further the gospel involve facilities, finances, and personnel. We want to steward these organizational realities so the focus is on the spiritual - 'the unseen', instead of the physical - 'the seen.'
- The greatest wealth accumulation in the history of America exists today. Dedicated believers who have given their time and talents over the years, may also be able to use their treasure in a powerful way to impact the world for Christ.

*Detailed contact information is provided here
for both giving opportunities:*

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*"Showing to the generation to come
the praises of the Lord . . ."*

-Psalm 78:4

OUR VISION

We desire to develop foundational resources that will enable Bethel Church to continue to be a grace-filled community known for making disciples for generations to come. We intend to do this by:

- Equipping parents to make disciples of their children so the next generations will know Christ personally, learn to love him deeply, and find His pathway for their life of service. (Deuteronomy 6)
- Making disciples of our adult community through teaching God's Word, practicing Christian worship, praying together, encouraging biblically-healthy relationships, and ministering to the personal needs of our redeemed body, as they grow in Christ. (Acts 2:42)
- Making disciples locally and globally through financial support and personal involvement in the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Leveraging the staff, facilities, and finances, in such a way that the vision and mission are strategically achieved and enhanced. (Ephesians 4:16ff)



LOVE GOD
PASSIONATELY



LOVE OTHERS
INTENTIONALLY



SERVE THE WORLD
SACRIFICIALLY



BETHEL CHURCH MINISTRY FUNDS

Bethel Church has arranged, in addition to giving through normal channels for current ministries, two avenues for major, planned giving, and/or estate gifts:

1

BETHEL CHURCH FARGO ENDOWMENT FUND

Established in 2019 under the auspices of the North Dakota Community Foundation, this fund allows qualified donors to make endowed contributions and also take advantage of North Dakota's 40% income tax credit. If qualified, a donor can also combine the state savings with federal income tax savings, resulting in a significant financial advantage. See the chart below as an example. Donating appreciated assets, such as stocks or real estate, rather than selling them, can also have tax benefits for donors.

| GIFT AMOUNT | \$5,000 | \$10,000 | \$25,000 | \$50,000 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| ESTIMATED FEDERAL TAX SAVINGS | (\$960) | (\$1,920) | (\$4,800) | (\$9,600) |
| ND STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT | (\$2,000) | (\$4,000) | (\$10,000) | (\$20,000) |
| NET COST OF GIFT | \$2,040 | \$4,080 | \$10,200 | \$20,400 |

An endowment is a donation of cash or property structured so that the principal is kept intact while the annual investment income is given to the nonprofit.

2

BETHEL CHURCH MINISTRY DESIGNATED FUND

Established under the auspices of the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA) Foundation, a Ministry Designated Fund is a special charitable fund established to benefit a specific ministry. It is similar to an endowment fund, but both principal and income from the investment may be used in longer-term support of a specific Bethel ministry. The EFCA Foundation manages the funds and makes distributions to Bethel Church.

This information is not intended as tax, legal or financial advice. Gift results may vary. Consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation.

OUR HISTORY

Founded in 1891, Bethel Evangelical Free Church has a rich history of Christian witness in the Fargo/Moorhead area. For more than 130 years the church has held worship services and offered a variety of ministry programs, all for the purpose of making disciples. From a small beginning, Bethel has 'grown up' along with the FM area to an active community of several thousand regular attenders.

During the last 30 years the ministry has been headquartered at 2702 30th Avenue South in Fargo, but is impacting lives throughout the region. In addition to our local ministry outreach, our global outreach is worldwide with a mission partner family of 60 missionaries serving in 19 countries on 5 continents.

We believe, however, that the best is yet to come! We are excited to see how God is going to continue to change hearts through our ministries. We are trusting God to provide the time, talents and treasures necessary to see His work thrive.

