



Bel Air Church of the Nazarene Ministry for **THE NEXT 25 YEARS**

WHO WE ARE

The Bel Air Church of the Nazarene was founded over 90 years ago during a spiritual awakening in Harford County, when a group of people began cottage prayer meetings, with the desire to have a holiness church in this area. In those beginnings, a group of farmers took a risk for the kingdom of God, mortgaged their homes, and bought land to build a church. Twenty-five years ago, the church moved into our current building, with a commitment to continue this holiness presence into the new millennium.

The programs and ministries of our church reflect a commitment to the whole family of God with a wide range of opportunities. Christ reached out to people of all ages and backgrounds, and at our church we desire to do the same. We want our church to be a place where everyone can learn God's Word and apply it to their lives, fellowship together, and minister to others through numerous service opportunities.

OUR FUTURE

Today, we want to position our church to continue to impact our area for THE NEXT 25 YEARS! Our mission statement is to "Love Jesus, and Love Like Jesus". We want to live out our commitment to follow Jesus and invite others into a saving and growing relationship with Him. We want to serve together and impact our community (inside and outside the church walls) so that they see Jesus through our witness.

Just as we committed to building our present facility 25 years ago, we need to address some needs in our campus in order for it to be effective for THE NEXT 25 YEARS. We believe there is significant UPDATING and EXPANDING to be done, and we feel we need more than our regular giving of Tithes and Offerings to accomplish these goals. We're blessed with strong savings, and can use some of this to help fund projects. However, it will take more than we have in savings. Once again, as with the farmers in the beginning, it will take risk to invest in the kingdom of God.

In the last 5 years, we have renovated and updated our facility in several ways:

- We renovated our lobby and structured it so that we can connect better as a community.
- We added video and audio equipment and created a new stage theme in the Family Life Center.
- We have new flooring in the hallway and Good Shepherd/Conference rooms in our office wing.
- We have done extensive work around the property and particularly down where the Pavilion sits (the first structure to be built on this property) in the area now known as the Meadows.

We believe God has blessed us with this campus, and He wants us to do all we can to make it a blessing to others. There are projects we can do inside our building that can enhance our ministries. There are projects we can do on the outside that will enable us to be a larger blessing to the county and the surrounding area in which we are located.

For our **INDOOR SPACE** to be effectively used for multi-generational worship, and as a tool to help us reach our community for THE NEXT 25 YEARS, we want to...

- **Update our Family Life Center.** (\$300,000-\$550,00)
We need new flooring and new chairs, and new or refurbished basketball goals. We also need to make some needed changes in the audio and lighting in the room to better accommodate our worship space. Updating our FLC also requires doing needed roof and HVAC replacement.
- **Add Large Group Space and Classroom Space.** (\$600,000-\$950,000)
Our teen and children's ministries are growing and have needs that have outgrown our present facility. If we expand off of the Teen Suite in the adult wing, we can have a large group space with small group classrooms on the side that are created by partitions. This project would also include more needed roof and HVAC replacement.

For our **OUTDOOR SPACE** to be effectively enjoyed as God's creation for THE NEXT 25 YEARS, to be a greater resource for our church community and an inviting place that can be a blessing to our county, we want to...

- **Add a Walking Trail and Expand our Disc Golf Course** (\$50,000-\$75,000)
We can create a walking path around the property, both in open areas, as well as wooded areas. Also, we would complete an 18 hole disc golf course (we have 9 at this time), and have the walking path be in sync with the course.
- **Upgrade Pavilion and Bathhouse** (\$90,000-\$140,000)
We can make our Pavilion larger, as well as more functional. Also, we can add showers to the bathhouse.
- **Repurpose our fields** (\$60,000-85,000)
We can create a larger field off of the softball field, to allow for more sports. Also, we can repurpose the front field (where the old barn once stood) as a community garden.

Ultimately, these projects are a means to accomplishing our mission to **Love Jesus, Love Like Jesus**. They are about a vision of large group spaces capable of housing powerful worship services and effective ministry to the whole family for THE NEXT 25 YEARS. They are about honoring God's beautiful creation that can be experienced on our property, for our church community and the community in which our church sits. We believe Bel Air Church of the Nazarene provides a unique place where people can find Jesus and worship God and be all He created us to be! These projects are a means for us to be in a better place to meet this mission and fulfill this vision.

At this time, we are in a season of discernment about the direction God wants us to take, and we want to invite you to be a part of this. We want to hear from you and get your thoughts and input through a survey. This will be a crucial step as we determine the specific projects for which we seek to raise funds, and position our church to provide effective ministry in this building and on this campus for THE NEXT 25 YEARS.

NEXT STEPS

1. Architects & Builders - Leadership will continue to consult professionals on the feasibility, cost and timing of property renovations and improvements.
2. Fundraising Analysis - We have hired Catapult, a national church consulting firm, to survey our congregation to find out what level of support exists.
3. Capital Campaign - If we believe God is leading our congregation to make improvements, we will conduct a fundraising campaign, asking families to give beyond their current giving to Bel Air.

We are excited about this opportunity to prepare our church to fulfill its mission and vision for THE NEXT 25 YEARS! Please pray for this great effort and your part in it.