



**Bethany Christian Church**

## **Making it work ...**

Bethany Christian Church has a history of doing what people thought was impossible. From starting a new church in the Williamson Road area to adding on an education wing and tithing 10% of its budget for mission work, Bethany has proved that we can do whatever God calls us to do.

Of course, our goals will take time, resources of all types, and prayer. We will also have to be flexible enough to change our direction if circumstances or God's call changes for us.

I have complete faith that God will help us to carry on our ministry, to even expand that ministry, and to accomplish whatever is set before us.

- *Pastor Matt*



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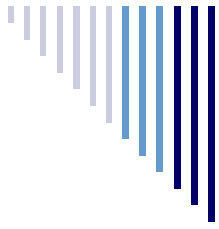
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## **Long Term Planning**



**Looking ahead ...**



## What's in the plans?

Over the next several years, Bethany will have many goals to accomplish. However, with input from the congregation and the church elders, we have decided to focus on three core objectives.

1. Balance the operating budget. Currently, we are budgeted to spend over \$10,000 more than we expect to receive in offerings. This habit will eventually drain our savings. We will need to offer more money when possible and find ways to cut our expenses. Balancing the budget will allow us to do more things in the future.
2. Expand our mission work by giving money to the Williamson Rd. Ministerial Association's Emergency Fund, Heifer International, and the Salvation Army in Roanoke. We will also volunteer with the Rescue Mission and Habitat for Humanity. We will also find ways to spread the good news of Christ to others.
3. Make necessary building repairs.

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### More ...

While Bethany has three goals to really focus on, there is much more that we can and will try to do.

1. We will examine our leadership structures, including the Board, Cabinet, and committees. This process will eliminate redundancy in committee responsibilities and the need for so many volunteers and meetings.
2. When the time is right, the elders, Pastor Matt, and the Worship committee will look into adding a more contemporary worship service to attract families and young people to the church. The 10:30 service will remain at its present time and will be unchanged.
3. The church bus would be a great evangelism tool. In the

future, we are looking to use it to pick up neighborhood citizens for church worship and activities.

### Keeping up ...

Updates will be given frequently on our progress through the Harbinger and web site.

The elders will help Pastor Matt guide us through our work. You are welcome to talk to them, in addition to Pastor Matt.

### The vision ...

Many people remember Bethany from 20 or 30 years ago, when she was busting at the seams with families and ministry. Can we be that church again? You bet!

However, we must also realize that we'll never be exactly the same. We must be faithful to God's calling for 2009 and beyond.

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