

# Ways to Give to Bethany Baptist Church

*“Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.”*

Bethany Baptist Church is so grateful for your prayers and support. As you consider how to spend your time, talents and treasure, please remember us.

**Pray:** For our church and for Homewood.

**Volunteer:** Our church and our community could use your time. We need mentors, teachers, sports leaders and many other helpers as we minister to children, youth and families. See our list of programs under Diakonia to learn more or go to our website at [www.bethanybaptist-pgh.org](http://www.bethanybaptist-pgh.org). God can use YOU.

**Give:** To make a financial contribution to our Stewardship Campaign, please write to us at **7745 Tioga Street in Pittsburgh, 15208**. Or call Russell Boston, stewardship campaign chair, through the church at **(412) 242-3255**. He would love to meet with you or arrange for you to visit us.

We would welcome a one time gift or a gift scheduled to be paid monthly, quarterly, annually or whatever is right for you. Perhaps you, your family, your Sunday School class, your small group or your church would come together to support us. We would appreciate whatever you can do. We promise to be good stewards of every penny that is donated.



*“Thank you for caring about Bethany Baptist and the people of Homewood. With God’s help and yours, we will encourage, support and empower our neighbors. We have dedicated our hearts, facilities and other resources to God. To complete our new sanctuary, we need your support. Will you help?”*

Russell Boston  
Stewardship Campaign Chair



## Diakonia\* Serves!

*\*Diakonia is Greek, meaning “care and service”. Its original meaning is “to walk urgently through the evil... to bring about change.”*

Diakonia Ministries, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 2002 by Bethany Baptist Church and Dr. William R. Glaze, the Pastor of Bethany.

Diakonia Ministries provides human services, youth ministry, counseling and education as a tangible expression of God’s love. Its programs include:

- ✝ Summer Youth Program
- ✝ The Master’s Kitchen & Food Pantry
- ✝ The Pittsburgh Laymen’s Bible Institute
- ✝ The Learning Assistance and Mentoring Partnerships Program (LAMP)
- ✝ *Anchored in Jesus* Radio Ministry
- ✝ Girlfriends Together



Master’s Kitchen Volunteers



Summer Youth Program

### Diakonia Ministries Board of Directors

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## Preparing for the Future



**“Behold, children are a gift of the Lord.”**

*Psalm 127:3*



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# Journey to the Promised Land

## Our Plan

God has blessed us abundantly!  
We are striving to raise \$1.2 million under the *Journey to the Promised Land* Stewardship Campaign.

We will build a new sanctuary, which will connect with the Bethany Center on our site at 7745 Tioga Street. By building a new sanctuary, we will free up our current worship building for use in outreach to the Homewood neighborhood.



## Who We Are

Bethany Baptist Church is a vibrant congregation of more than 250 members with an annual budget of \$500,000 with approximately \$70,000 annually committed to missions.

Our mission is to "teach the Word of God, worship Jesus Christ and reach all people with the Gospel, with emphasis on youth and families."

**Together, we give God all the glory!**



## Celebrating the Challenge

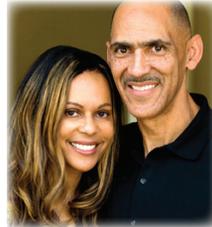
Bethany Baptist Church  
is pleased to announce a  
**\$100,000**  
Challenge\* Grant  
from the  
**Richard King Mellon Foundation**  
(\* The match is \$1 for \$1).



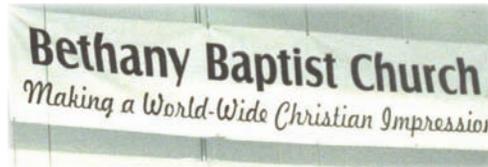
The **Richard King Mellon Foundation**, a Pittsburgh philanthropic foundation, issued to us a \$100,000 challenge in March, 2012 to help build our new sanctuary.

### Praise God!

We successfully met the challenge in December, 2012.  
This brings our new total in January, 2012 to \$811,230 towards our \$1.2 million goal.



The challenge was issued at a dinner hosted by Bethany Baptist Church at Heinz Field on March 8, 2012 with Tony and Lauren Dungy as our speakers.



## Homewood is a Special Place!



Homewood is a predominantly African-American neighborhood in Pittsburgh, founded in 1832 and annexed by Pittsburgh in 1884. It is in the East End of Pittsburgh and is bordered on the east by Easthills, on the west by Larimer, on the north by Lincoln-Lemington and on the south by Point Breeze.

**History:** In the early 1800s, Homewood was a picturesque pastoral landscape. (Homewood: A Community Profile) In its early stages, Homewood held mostly estates for wealthy families.

**Today:** The population is approximately 13,000. Nearly 44% of the land parcels are empty lots and nearly 28% of the neighborhood's housing is vacant as well. The crime rate index is 244 as compared with 206 in Pittsburgh, 83 in Allegheny County and 68 in Pennsylvania. *The neighborhood is ready for a renaissance!*

Bethany Baptist Church desires to do more for the people of Homewood. Our outreach extends deep into the community as we dream and prepare for the future.

*"As do many others, we dream that children, youth and families of Homewood will no longer face violence, gunshots and destructive activities but will know the love, caring, compassion, kindness and hospitality that will help them to grow and to live life in the way God intended."*



Dr. William R. Glaze  
Pastor