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## **Bethel Baptist Church:**

- ✦ 6370 New Carlisle Pike
- ✦ Springfield, OH 45504-3299
- ✦ Telephone 937-882-6697
- ✦ Website: [www.bethel.today](http://www.bethel.today)
  
- ✦ Leadership Team
  - ✦ Pastor Eric Swenson – Senior Pastor
  - ✦ Pastor Craig Fitch – Family Ministries Pastor
  - ✦ Patti Oakes – Church Treasurer
  - ✦ Sharon Mulvain – Church Secretary
  - ✦ Judy Culley – Music Director



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## **Bethel Baptist Church Overview**

- ✦ Located Near Springfield, Ohio
- ✦ Rural Setting
- ✦ Founded in 1822
- ✦ Financially Stable
- ✦ ASL Sign Language Ministry
- ✦ Well-Kept and Updated Facilities
- ✦ Member of ABC, Western Association



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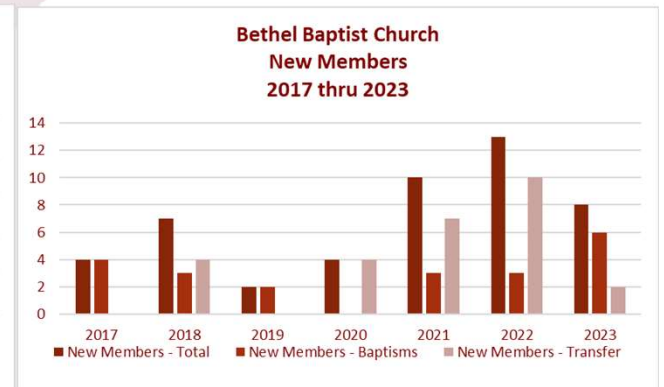
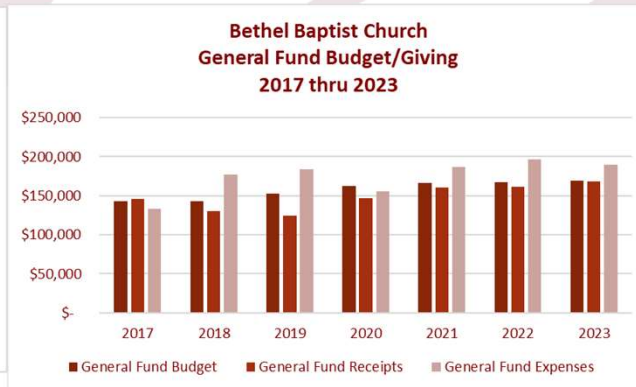
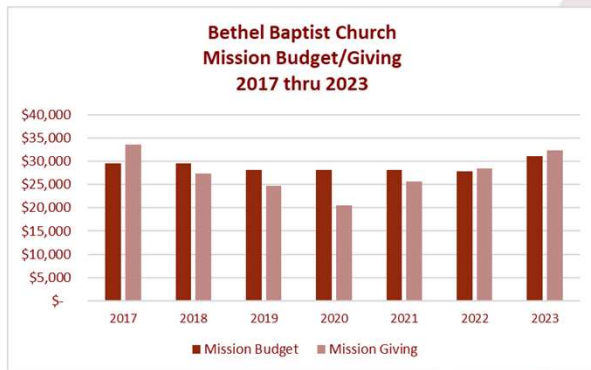
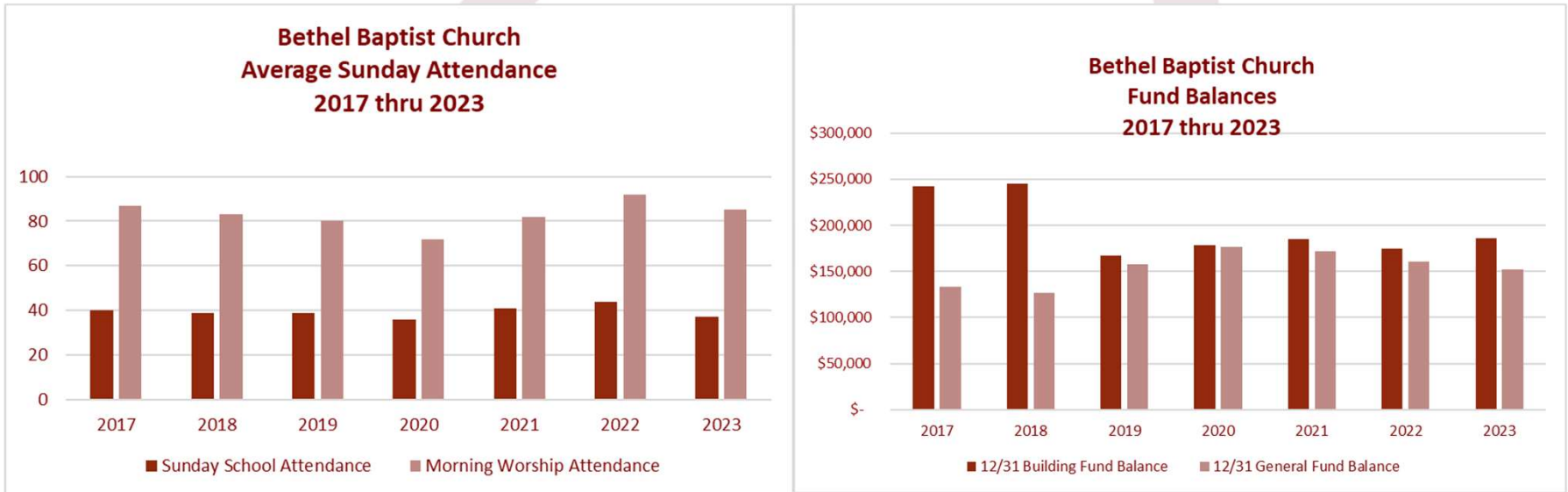
## **Who are we? What do we look like?**

- ✦ Average Sunday morning attendance = 85
- ✦ 87% of attendees live within 10 miles.
- ✦ 98% of attendees are European American.
- ✦ 45% of attendees are married with no kids at home.
- ✦ 22% of attendees are married with kids at home.
- ✦ 53% of attendees are female.
- ✦ Median age = 55 years; 28% of attendees are under 29.
- ✦ 28% of attendees are retired; 28% of attendees are students.
- ✦ Median house-hold income of attendees: Over \$60,000.



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## Attendance, Fund Balances, Giving, New Members:





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## **Location**

- ✦ Located five miles west of Springfield, Ohio.
- ✦ Located in Clark County.
- ✦ Located in Bethel Township in Clark County.
  - ✧ Most densely-populated township in Clark County.
- ✦ Located in the Tecumseh Local School District
- ✦ Located with two high schools within seven miles.
- ✦ 50 miles from Columbus.
- ✦ 20 miles from Dayton.
- ✦ 70 miles from Cincinnati.



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## **Community:**

- ✦ Springfield, Ohio – approximately 50,000 residents.
- ✦ Other small, local, rural churches in the township.
- ✦ Closest mega-churches are in Springfield.
- ✦ Local higher education:
  - ✦ Wittenberg University (Springfield)
  - ✦ Clark State Community College (Springfield)
  - ✦ Wright State University (Dayton)
  - ✦ University of Dayton (Dayton)
  - ✦ Sinclair Community College (Dayton)
  - ✦ Cedarville University (Cedarville – 30-Minute Drive)



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## **Local Hospitals:**

- ✦ Springfield Regional Medical Center – six miles from Bethel
- ✦ Ohio Valley Surgical Center- Springfield – six miles
- ✦ Soin Medical Center – Fairborn – 13 miles
- ✦ Miami Valley Medical Center – Dayton – 19 miles
- ✦ Children’s Medical Center – Dayton – 17 miles
- ✦ Kettering Medical Center – Dayton – 21 miles
- ✦ Ohio State Medical Center – Columbus – 56 miles
- ✦ The James Cancer Center – Columbus – 56 miles





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## **Things To Do Near Springfield:**

### ◆ Sports Teams

- ◆ NFL - Cincinnati Bengals
- ◆ MLB - Cincinnati Reds
- ◆ MiLB - Dayton Dragons
- ◆ Prospect League Baseball – Champion City Kings (Springfield)
- ◆ MLS - FC Cincinnati, Columbus Crew
- ◆ NHL - Columbus Blue Jackets
- ◆ The Ohio State University Buckeyes

### ◆ Museums

- ◆ Springfield Art Museum
- ◆ Clark County Heritage Museum
- ◆ The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force (Dayton)
- ◆ Boonshoft Museum of Discovery (Dayton)
- ◆ COSI Museum (Columbus)
- ◆ Creation Museum (Cincinnati)



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## **Things To Do Near Springfield:**

### ✦ Arts

- ✧ Springfield Symphony
- ✧ Springfield Arts Festival
- ✧ Clark State Performing Arts Center - Kuss Auditorium and Turner Studio Theatre (Springfield)
- ✧ Schuster Performing Arts Center (Dayton)

### ✦ Zoos & Aquariums

- ✧ Cincinnati Zoo & Aquarium
- ✧ Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
- ✧ Newport (KY) Aquarium

### ✦ Just For Fun

- ✧ Young's Jersey Dairy (Ice Cream & Petting Zoo)



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## **What We Believe: Our Core Beliefs/Statement of Faith:**

- ✦ The Bible - We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God.
- ✦ God the Father - We believe God is the one true God, existing eternally in three persons.
- ✦ God the Son - We believe in Jesus Christ, God the Father's only begotten Son.
- ✦ God the Holy Spirit - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the third member of the Trinity.
- ✦ Man - We believe God made man in His own image.
- ✦ Sin - We believe that subsequent to man's creation, he fell into sin resulting in spiritual death.
- ✦ Salvation - We believe that salvation is a complete and eternal salvation by God's grace alone thru Jesus Christ.
- ✦ The Church - We believe the church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✦ End Times - We believe Christ's return to earth will be personal, visible, and is imminent to remove His Church from the earth.

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## **Ministry Priorities:**

- ✦ Support the preaching ministry with time for preparation/reflection on the Word, and commitment to listen for the Word's power and its implications for individuals, the church, the community and the world. (Preaching)
- ✦ Develop and maintain programs and activities for enlarging the membership and/or the vision and ministry for the church. (Church Growth)
- ✦ Seek to lead persons to make decisions for Christ encouraging their identification with and participation in the local church/community. (Evangelism)
- ✦ Attempt to turn vision into reality and to sustain it in the church. (Leadership)
- ✦ Provide by word and presence an empathetic understanding of and concern for persons in the routine and joys as well as the crises and transitions of life, giving assistance where appropriate and feasible. (Pastoral Care)
- ✦ Provide a teaching ministry that is based on theological, educational and historical foundations. (Education)
- ✦ Communicate a comprehensive understanding of the Bible and Christian theology in terms relative to people's lives. (Interpreting the Faith)
- ✦ Seek to recognize and call forth the potential of people as leaders providing opportunities for their training and growth. (Leadership Development)

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## **Staff:**

- ✦ Senior Pastor – Eric Swenson
- ✦ Family Ministries Pastor – Craig Fitch
- ✦ Church Office Secretary – Sharon Mulvain
- ✦ Music Director – Judy Culley
- ✦ Treasurer – Patti Oakes
- ✦ Financial Secretary – Deb Martin
- ✦ Sound & Technology – Randy Scott
- ✦ Praise Team Leader – Greg Martin



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## **Financially Established/Stable:**

- ✦ 2024 Annual Operating Budget – \$190,708
- ✦ 2024 Mission Budget – \$31,600
- ✦ General Fund Balance – Over \$150,000
- ✦ Building Fund Balance – Over \$180,000
- ✦ Unbudgeted expenses over the last five years:
  - ✦ Three New Lawnmowers (2016, 2018, 2021)
  - ✦ Church Exterior Painting (2019)
  - ✦ New live-streaming, web cam and system (2020)
  - ✦ New sanctuary projector (2021)
  - ✦ Renovated storage room into classroom (2021)
  - ✦ New handicap-specific restroom (2022)
  - ✦ New exterior camera system (2022)





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## **Financially Established/Stable:**

- ✦ Significant budgeted expenses over the last fifteen years:
  - ✦ New Storage Building (\$25k)
  - ✦ Bathroom Renovation (\$21k)
  - ✦ Sanctuary Renovation (\$50k)
  - ✦ Foyer Renovation (\$11k)
  - ✦ Joy Nursery School Renovation (\$15k)
  - ✦ Tuck-point Brick for Entire Facility (\$53k)
  - ✦ Fellowship Hall/Kitchen renovation (\$92k)
  - ✦ Pastor's Office Renovation (\$15k)
  - ✦ Parsonage Renovation (\$75k)
  - ✦ New Flat Roof – 1959 addition (\$20k)
  - ✦ New Blacktop of Entire Parking Lot Including Gravel Areas (\$53k)
  - ✦ New Handicap-specific Restroom (\$15k)



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## **2023 General Fund Breakdown:**

- ✦ Total Actual Expenses = \$189,580
- ✦ Pastor/Ministry = \$75,328 (40% of Total)
- ✦ Building/Church Expenses = \$36,247 (19%)
- ✦ Building/Parsonage Expenses = \$10,199 (5%)
- ✦ Other Ministry = \$6,661 (4%)
- ✦ Youth/Youth Ministries = \$15,037 (8%)
- ✦ Music Ministry = \$6,684 (4%)



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## 2023 Missions:



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## **Local Missions/Ministries:**

- ✦ Clark County Jail Chaplaincy
- ✦ Operation Rebirth
- ✦ Springfield Soup Kitchen
- ✦ Vacation Bible School
- ✦ Kid's Hope
- ✦ Dayton Christian Center
- ✦ New Carlisle Family and Youth Initiative
- ✦ Local Elementary Schools
- ✦ Community Meals
- ✦ WEEC Christian Radio





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## **2023 Mission Budget/Giving:**

- ✦ Total Missions Budget = \$31,100
  - ✦ Designated International Missionaries = \$5,100 (16% of total)
  - ✦ Home/Local Ministries = \$14,000 (45%)
  - ✦ World Missions/America For Christ Offerings = \$3,000 (10%)



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## Facilities – Church:

- ✦ Completely renovated/remodeled in last 15 years.



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## **Facilities - Parsonage**

- ✦ Built new in 1967 – completely renovated in 2019



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## Facilities - Parsonage

✦ Built new in 1967 – completely renovated in 2019



Kitchen



Living Room



Dining Room



Living/Dining/Kitchen



Family Room



Master Bath





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## **Facilities – Storage Building/Land:**

✦ Built new in 1992.



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## Facilities – Playground:

✦ Built new in 2018.



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## **History – the first 100 years...**

- ✦ Organized April 20th, 1822, by three brethren.
  - ✧ Membership grew to seven within a day with baptism taking place in the east fork of Donnels Creek adjacent to current church site.
  - ✧ All baptisms occurred in the same creek until the 1930's.
- ✦ The name Bethel was chosen since it means “house of worship.”
  - ✧ Located in Bethel Township and church services were held in a grove across from a primitive schoolhouse named Bethel School.
  - ✧ Church services were held in Bethel School during inclement weather.
  - ✧ First church building was a log building erected in 1837.
  - ✧ That first structure was replaced with a more modern (brick) structure in 1879.
  - ✧ In 1921, the church purchased Bethel School.

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## **History – the second 100 years...**

- ✦ Bethel flourished – with great growth in the 1950's, 60's and 70's.
  - ✧ In 1959, the church building was remodeled with an addition of several classrooms and an expansion of the sanctuary.
  - ✧ Bethel established a strong missions-support culture, always finishing “top-ten” in per capita missions support among ABC churches.
  - ✧ A parsonage was built across from the church in 1967.
  - ✧ Sunday morning attendance peaked in the early 70's, averaging over 200+ attending Sunday School and the Sunday Morning Worship Service.
  - ✧ The sanctuary was remodeled in 1981 and again in 2006.
  - ✧ The entire facility was updated (including the parsonage) from 2006-2019.
- ✦ Music has always played a significant role in Bethel's worship
  - ✧ Many members bought and carried their own song book along with their Bible in the early years.
  - ✧ Bethel has always had strong music leadership, as well as a choir, organist, and pianist.





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## **History – the next 100 years...**

- ✦ Bethel has been fortunate from its beginning to the present to have a membership and leadership that exhibit:
  - ✧ A can-do attitude.
  - ✧ A caring, friendly, welcoming atmosphere.
  - ✧ A variety of musical talent.
  - ✧ An interest in Biblical insight.
- ✦ We expect the next 100 years are the best yet.



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## **What Others Say About Bethel:**

- ✦ “I have visited Bethel on two occasions. Every time I have felt welcomed and appreciated. I have noticed that the church has a prayer ministry for those in need and an outreach ministry to the community. I believe these are very beneficial ministries for a church.”
  - ✦ Kevin Washington, Guest Speaker



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## **What Others Say About Bethel:**

✦ “Thank you for reaching out to Marilyn and I to solicit our input about our experience in worship at Bethel Baptist Church. First, I want to say how good it was to worship there that day! Marilyn commented on the information board(s) in the hallway. They were very informative and insightful to us and, as she commented, ‘If I were considering attending/joining here this would help answer what ministries are available in the church and how to become involved.’ The worship format was also inspirational and comfortable to follow/participate together. We like the various elements of worship and people involved, i.e. organ/piano, choir, praise chorus, hymn, prayer time, etc.”

✦ Rev. Larry Stewart, Guest Speaker



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## **What Others Say About Bethel:**

✦ “Bethel has so very much going for it, and it all goes back to the wonderful people. You can’t manufacture that! I love the church and people at Bethel deeply. (I) am praying fervently for a man who truly loves God, His Word and His people. Bless you all!”

✦ Former Attendee



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## What Others Say About Bethel:

✦ “Bethel has love. Bethel shows love. Bethel is love!”

✦ Mike Bostick, Former Attendee



  
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