



Dear Bethany Beach Tabernacle Family,

When you see them this summer, I hope you will join me in giving your most heartfelt thanks to the members of the Tabernacle 100 Committee: Mike Seelig (Chair), Mary Almer, Larry Anderson, Allison Ferwerda, Warren Jensen, Kim Lahti, Kris Ozburn, Darrell Peterson, and Lew TenHave. Special thanks are also due to Ashley Ozburn for hours and hours of work and to Jack Short for his able assistance.

For the last 100 years, our Tabernacle has been the centerpiece of Bethany Beach; our central place of singing, praying, and hearing the gospel. For generations of Bethany Beachers, it has hosted our weekly worship service, prayer meetings, baby dedications, weddings and funerals...even our business meetings. It has seen much joy and much sorrow over its nearly 100 years. **In the summer of 2024, we will celebrate and once again offer thanksgiving to God and re-dedicate the Tabernacle to His Glory.**

Here are some thoughts from your Bethany Beach neighbors and friends about the Tabernacle and what it means to our community across multiple generations:

"Bethany Beach and our Tabernacle is a very special place. If you know of anything comparable, let us know! We've traveled the world – never seen anything like this place." - Karl and Marge Lachler

"God has blessed Bethany – may we continue to pray together, serve together and worship together in this special place." - Lois Nyberg

"In His word, Jesus spoke to all generations. May we continue to do the same here in our Tabernacle for generations to come. He is here with us always." - Wayland Jensen

"I treasure the evident history and memories of worshipping with loved ones gone before here. It's the "old" feeling of this place, creaky floors, old chairs, and "come to me all ye who labor" painted on the front wall." – Tyler Martens

"I love that the Tabernacle maintains such a presence in Bethany - that it is a place for the community to come, pray together and fellowship together. I love the traditions and quirks of the building that are a reminder of the long-standing and faithful history." – Katie Patterson

The Tabernacle building is not only the center of our community. It is also the embodiment of the commitment that we have made to live together for a season, in continued Christian fellowship with a depth like no other. We live in tumultuous times, but not unlike the visionaries that first sent our founders to this area in 1906, or the community of believers that toiled and sacrificed to build this building in equally difficult times.

As you review these materials, and pray about how you will support this work, I encourage you to think both about the generations that will benefit from it and those who gave so much to give us this opportunity.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Ozburn
Bethany Beach President

PSALM 100:5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.