



We have some exciting news for you!

Right now, we stand on the threshold of an incredible new chapter for our church! Over the past few years, God has been impressing upon our hearts the importance of taking big bold steps for the sake of the Kingdom. In light of this, we want to take some time to share where we believe God is leading us as we look toward the future. But before we consider what lies ahead, let's first take a brief moment to reflect on where we've been.

Reflecting On Our Past:

In 1982, Frankenmuth Bible Church was founded with a clear mission – to impact the surrounding community for Christ by centering our lives around Jesus and the truth of God's Word. For years, our little church continued to grow as more and more individuals joined themselves to our faith community and experienced the transformative power of the gospel. Eventually, in 1990, after 8 years of gathering together at List Elementary school for worship, Frankenmuth Bible Church started gathering at a new facility on Churchgrove road in Frankenmuth.

In the years that followed, as numbers steadily increased, we found ourselves needing to make adjustments to accommodate more people on Sunday mornings (by adding more services, renovating parts of our facility, etc.). Eventually, in 2019, the membership of Frankenmuth Bible Church made the faith-filled decision to relocate our worship services to a larger facility on Main Street (in downtown Frankenmuth) in order to make more space for guests and visitors on Sunday mornings.

Since our relocation, we've seen a dramatic transformation in our church body. The growth we've seen is not merely about numbers, but more importantly, it's about lives being impacted by the hope of the gospel, as more people are now discovering the love and grace of Jesus Christ through our ministry efforts.

Looking Toward Our Future: *Multi-Site*

While it's important to reflect on God's past faithfulness, we also truly believe that God's not finished working through our church! As we look toward the future, we believe now is the time to begin expanding the reach of the gospel further. As many of you know, over the past few years we've seen people from all over the region join us for worship in Frankenmuth. Some of the counties outside of Saginaw that are represented every Sunday morning at our church include:

- ◆ Bay County
- ◆ Midland County
- ◆ Genesee County
- ◆ Tuscola County
- ◆ Huron County
- ◆ Lapeer County



If people from these surrounding regions are choosing to drive long distances to join us on Sunday mornings, we want to capitalize on this opportunity and meet them where they are! To accomplish this, we are looking to multiply our efforts by establishing Multi-Site campuses in communities (yet to be determined) outside of Frankenmuth. The plan for these Multi-Site campuses would be to replicate much of the distinct style and approach that we all know and love at Frankenmuth Bible Church (relevant teaching, contemporary worship, a welcoming atmosphere, etc.), but to offer these experiences in different locations outside of Frankenmuth.

Funding The Future:

In order to take steps toward accomplishing this plan, however, we will need to raise additional money to strengthen our financial position. Currently, the remaining balance of our mortgage at Main Street roughly stands around \$1,700,000. Our hope, as we look toward the future, would be to eliminate this debt and raise between \$750,000 - \$1,000,000 to launch our multi-site efforts.

Your Role:

While we firmly believe that God has called us to take some big steps to expand our reach further, we haven't solidified any of those plans yet, because we still need your input. At Frankenmuth Bible Church, we both value your unique perspective and also desire your faithful support. In light of this, here's what we are looking for you to do:

Respond to All-Church Survey: To get your feedback, we will provide an opportunity for each person to respond to a confidential questionnaire.

Pray: Regardless of what we do in the future, we need your prayer. We are asking you to pray for wisdom, clarity, and guidance as we seek to make plans to impact more lives with the hope of the gospel!

Our Hope:

As we consider what God has in-store for the future of Frankenmuth Bible Church, we are incredibly excited to see what's next! Our hope, as always, is to continue to labor to see people connected, lives changed, and the church multiplied... not only in our current communities, but beyond!

In Christ's love,

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