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**MOVE**

To introduce people to Jesus Christ  
and help them follow Him.



## Building Our Faith

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*resilient disciples of Jesus  
in an increasingly post-  
Christian culture.*

## Reaching Our Community

**We are mobilizing...**  
*our church to demonstrate  
and declare the Gospel  
of Jesus Christ.*



## Shaping Our Future

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*key areas of our church building to  
align with our ministry needs and  
introduce the generations to Jesus.*



From our modest beginnings as a gathering of families meeting at the Friends School in 1970 to our growing church today, a singular vision has been at our core: "To introduce people to Jesus Christ and help them follow Him." We believe the Holy Spirit is ON THE MOVE in our church family, calling us to take courageous steps in pursuing our vision. Like the faithful servants in Matthew 25 who took risks to invest the master's money, our Master is calling us to invest in reaching our community with the life-transforming Gospel message of Jesus and transforming 30,000 square feet of our building into vital ministry spaces for generations to come.

Our ON THE MOVE Campaign includes three initiatives that call us to catch the vision and courageously make a spiritual, missional and financial investment.

- 1. Building Our Faith**
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- 3. Shaping Our Future**

May we invest our lives for our Master's kingdom so that we hear those same words:

*"Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." - Jesus, Matthew 25:21*

Pastor Nate Keeler

# Defining Moments

2024 – Raising support for ON THE MOVE begins

2022 – Circle of Care ministry to refugees began



2020 – Celebrated our 50th Anniversary

2023 – Vision casting for ON THE MOVE began

2015 – Introduced our Core Values and new vision for reaching our community

2021 – Began dreaming about key renovations to further ministry vision

2021 – Paid off debt from previous construction project

2016 – Broken Beginnings began offering men a "street friendly" introduction to Jesus

2010 – English as a Second Language (ESL) began as a way to provide tangible help to immigrants while sharing the Gospel

2004 – Brandywine Christian Pre-school and Kindergarten launched to provide Christian education in the earliest of educational years

2006-2009 – Fundraising and construction project expanded the sanctuary and classroom space

2014 – The Ministry Leadership Team was developed

1999 and 2001 – Expanded our vision to reach families with the addition of two wings to our building for children and students

1995 – A group of Brandywine men attended a Promise Keepers rally, beginning a focus on families and being Godly men

1984 – Began offering multiple Sunday services to accommodate growth

1985 – MOPS launched at Brandywine to reach moms and support their walk with Christ; MOPS still continues as MomCo over 35 years later

September 5, 1976 – First service held in the newly built church on Mt. Lebanon Road

1973 – Purchased property on Mt. Lebanon Road

January 1, 1970 – Church incorporated under laws of the state of Delaware with 248 members



Our vision for the future

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**We are building** resilient disciples of Jesus in an increasingly post-Christian culture. We want everyone to make a spiritual investment in resilient discipleship among the generations.

The Challenge: Our culture is facing an increasing secular worldview and decreasing Biblical literacy.

We want to:

- Clarify and develop our way, truth and life discipleship tracks for all ages and stages of life.
- Refocus and improve our Christian education ministry to equip our church with discipleship essentials.
- Build a leadership training pipeline for exponential disciple making.

## Building Our Faith





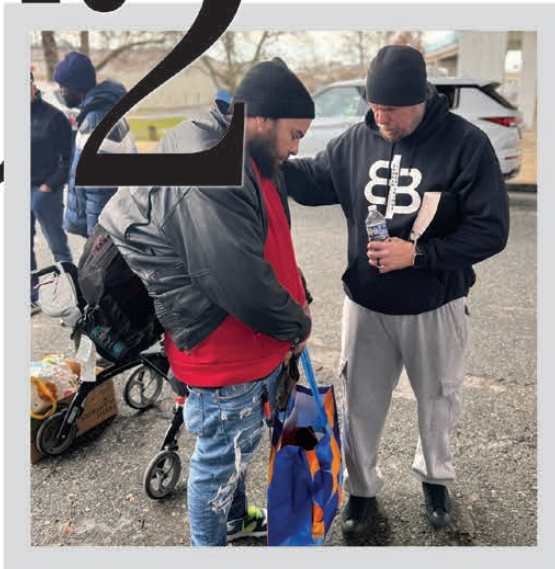
**N**ick grew up in the church but in his 20's he grew distant to his faith. Danielle grew up Catholic but spent most of her adult life as an atheist. In 2018 Danielle found the Lord. "Doing things my way had clearly made a mess of my life so I was willing to try things God's way. My life was radically transformed! God brought us together in 2019 and Nick started attending church with me. I was a baby Christian with a lot of questions. Seeking answers to these questions together helped reignite Nick's faith. It has been a beautiful journey growing in faith together.

"Brandywine has assisted in our discipleship journey by providing ample opportunities to get involved and to study. Nick is involved with a men's small group, choir and the men's ministry. I'm involved with a women's Christian book club, Stephen Ministry, MomCo and Awana. We are passionate about the marriage ministry. Together, we serve as re|engage marriage leaders facilitating other couples through the curriculum.

"We are still relatively young Christians. What we desire deeply is to continue in service, Bible study and discipleship so that we can spiritually mature and grow into believers who can serve the church in greater levels of responsibility."

# The Votas

Our vision for the future



**We are mobilizing** our church to demonstrate and declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want everyone to make a missional investment in our community to pray first, love all and invite often.

The Challenge: Only 6% of our neighbors attend a Gospel-preaching church. It is more difficult to reach people so we have to be exceptional in all we do.

We want to:

- Grow church engagement by 20% over the next 3 years.
- Launch initiatives to challenge and resource our church family to reach our community.
- Harness GO Week as a catalyst for reaching our community.
- Resource our ministry partners with help and financial investment.

Reaching Our

# Community





Charles is an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher. Marianne, Charles' wife, supports this outreach by caring for things at home including their children, Isabelle and Noah, in addition to working full time.

"In Leviticus 19, the Lord gave the Israelites instructions about how to treat foreigners. We are called to welcome and embrace strangers. We are to treat them with kindness, equality and reflect God's love to them.

"Every Tuesday, I get the privilege of teaching English and American culture in Brandywine's ESL ministry.

"Thirteen years ago, my wife and I moved to the United States from the Philippines with a desire to start the next chapter of our lives here. Through God's grace and providence, we connected with a small Wilmington church. These acquaintances grew into friends, and these friends eventually became our family. Our Christian brethren exemplified God's love to us.

"I decided to serve in ESL because of my passion for teaching. I want the students to realize how fun it can be to learn a new language and how useful English can be. Our classroom is never boring! Language skills can be taught many ways: reading a poem or a comic book; watching a movie clip; role-playing; or telling jokes. My students make me laugh, occasionally cry, but they inspire me every class. I am amazed by how they can adapt and thrive in a new culture."

# The Alfonsos

Our vision for the future

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We have seen steady growth over the past several years. **We are redesigning** key areas of our church building to align with our ministry needs and introduce generations to Jesus. We want everyone to make a financial investment in the facilities redesign.

- Converting the East Wing into the Brandywine Kids' Wing. Why? Brandywine Kids is currently located in three disjointed areas. This makes it difficult for parents to get their kids to classes. This will also create a more secure and safe environment for our children.
- Redesigning our primary entrance-level community space. Why? To remove bottlenecks of people moving from place to place, reduce noise in the Lobby and better utilize our space. We need to update our facility to meet our current and future needs.
- Creating a cohesive, modern and accessible building exterior. Why? To provide an outdoor gathering space where people can fellowship and unify the exterior of the building for one consistent look.

Shaping Our

Future







**K**evin and Kaitlyn have attended Brandywine for 10 years. They have four children: James, John, Charlie and Grace.

“Bandywine Valley Church plays a central role in our family’s life, shaping our values and providing a strong sense of fellowship and community. Our children eagerly look forward to Sundays, Awana and spending time with friends during our adult small group. These activities have helped them learn the Word of God and taught them about the love and promise of Jesus. As parents, the prayer support and fellowship we receive from people at church have strengthened our faith, marriage and relationships with our children.

“On Sundays, we drop off and pick up our four kids from three different locations spread throughout the building. While we’re now familiar with the building, the amount of time it can take to get our whole family situated in their separate areas can still be frustrating. We can’t imagine how confusing and overwhelming this is for a visiting family. A Brandywine Kids’ wing would be an incredible gift! Not only would the ease of dropping off and picking up children in one area be improved, but it would create an infinitely more welcoming and safer environment for new families looking for a church home.

“Given the declining trend in church attendance across America and the predominantly secular world our children are growing up in, we thank God for the community He has given our kids at Brandywine. We don’t want a single family to turn away from this opportunity because it’s too overwhelming to navigate our building.”

# The Dombrowskis

Kid's Check-In Area



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**I** have volunteered with Brandywine Kids for 19 years teaching preschoolers. I started with that age because there was a need. But I learned many skills and teaching methods which I used with my own children. It also helped me to make the decision to take on the challenge of changing from general dentistry to pediatric dentistry.

“When my family first came to Brandywine, we weren’t sure this was the church for us. It was different than our previous church. We decided to stay when we saw the students sharing their summer mission trips testimonies and saw the strength of the children’s and student’s ministries.

“It is cool to watch 2 and 3 year olds grow up through Brandywine Kids and then become Brandywine Students who are serving the younger children and other ministries. Our kids are our future missionaries. We are here to disciple the kids so they can go out and tell people about Jesus.

“The building redesign will impact Brandywine Kids by providing more space for classes and activities, a more organized layout and improved child drop off/pick up in one location. Without the renovation, Brandywine Kids won’t be able to keep up with the church’s growth.”

Grace Yu

Kid's Worship Area



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**S**herak and LC each immigrated to the United States as young adults. LC is the Connections Manager at Brandywine and Sherak volunteers with our Welcome Team.

“Growing up, we embraced a culture where you were always ready for someone to knock on your door, seeking nothing more than a conversation over a cup of tea or coffee. This spirit of openness and warmth reflects the examples of Jesus’ hospitality — in the middle of the night with Nicodemus and in the heat of the day with the Samaritan woman. Hospitality is about embodying that same love and readiness to welcome others.

“On Sunday mornings, we welcome over 1,000 people into our building. The lobby is often so crowded that having meaningful conversations can be difficult and the noise and space constraints make it hard to connect deeply with others. Having a café would open the door to countless opportunities for connection. It would encourage people to grab a drink while giving our greeters a natural way to engage in conversation. This space would help guests feel more at home and encourage fellowship, fostering deeper relationships.

“Hospitality, to us, is about being present for people from the moment they step through the church doors. We may not always know the challenges they face, but we can create a space where they feel safe to open up.”

# The Sayadians

Café Area



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# GIVING STEPS

Our goal is to raise \$5.5 million over the next 36 months. Raising this amount of money will require 100% participation from those who call Brandywine Valley Church home. This is a big goal, but we serve a big God!



## FIRST TIME GIVER

**What do I do with my money?**

First time givers are moving in practice from owners to stewards. They have taken the first step of faith and invested something financially in God's Church and His Kingdom.

## OCCASIONAL GIVER

**What do I do with God's money?**

Occasional givers are beginning to understand the concept of biblical stewardship. They haven't yet developed a regular pattern of giving and don't yet give a certain percentage, but they give.

## CONSISTENT GIVER

**What does God say to do with God's money?**

Consistent givers have an understanding that God owns everything. They give consistently, but they haven't yet reached 10%.

## TITHER

**What does God want me to give from God's resources?**

Tithers believe God owns everything. They live off 90% and invest 10% in His Kingdom.

## GENEROUS GIVER

**What does God want me to keep from God's resources?**

Generous givers live out their belief that God owns everything. They keep only what they need while investing the rest in His Kingdom.

## Take Your Next Step

As we enter this exciting new season at Brandywine Valley Church, we want you to prayerfully consider your next step in your financial generosity. For some, that might mean giving for the first time. For others, that might mean giving a larger gift than you've given before or stepping out in faith to give sacrificially. Our hope in this season is not simply to see funds raised to fuel ministry, but to see your faith grow and be rewarded in new and exciting ways.

A little consistency builds into a sizeable amount. Each of us can give far more than we think possible by giving it over a three-year period.

## Sample Commitment Card

Use this sample commitment card as a worksheet as you consider your ON THE MOVE commitment.

**Brandywine Valley Church**  
**GIVING INITIATIVE**  
36-month commitment – above & beyond current giving

Number of Gifts	Amount of Each Gift
1	\$750,000
1	\$500,000
1	\$250,000
1	\$150,000
5	\$100,000
15	\$75,000
25	\$50,000
35	\$25,000
40	\$10,000
50	\$7,500
10	\$5,000
Many	\$2,500
Many	\$1,000

**\$5,500,000 TARGET GOAL**  
(36-month commitment)

Knowing that God can do more than we imagine, in faith I/we intend to give to **ON THE MOVE** campaign over and above my/our regular offerings.

I/We plan to give accordingly:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial Investment** to help build momentum for our campaign

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Weekly** for 156 weeks (3 years)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Monthly** for 36 months (3 years)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Annually** for 3 years

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Asset Gift** worth (approximate value)  
Example: Stocks, Bonds, Securities, Property, Appreciated, Real Estate, Paid-Up Insurance Policies, Charitable Trusts

Asset description: \_\_\_\_\_

\$  **Total Commitment** (adding up all your giving categories)

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What is the goal of this initiative?**

Our spiritual goal is to grow disciples and reach our community with the Gospel message. Our financial goal is to raise \$5.5 million over the next 36 months. Raising this amount of money will require 100% participation from those who call Brandywine home. This is a big goal, but we serve a big God!

## **How do we know the cost is not too much or too little?**

Our leadership has worked through this plan for the last year. We are renovating approximately 30,000 square feet of our 70,000 square foot building. The cost per square foot is within the average cost for renovation projects. We've also looked at our current data and trends and forecasted our future space needs based on our current growth. We selected an architecture firm early in the process, and we are working with them every step along the way to make sure that we have a good idea of costs.

## **When will this initiative begin and end?**

The ON THE MOVE Initiative launches in December 2024 and goes through December 2027.

## **Why are we doing this now?**

By God's grace we have no financial debt and we are in a strong position of financial stability and numeric growth. With inflation, construction costs will continue to rise each year, so it is cheaper to renovate now than in the future. The areas of renovation are overdue for much needed upgrades and now is the time to invest in the generations for the sake of the Gospel.

## **Are my gifts "over and above" my normal giving to the general fund and other regular giving?**

Yes! They must be! Our normal operating expenses must continue to be met by your faithful support through regular giving. These over and above gifts will allow us to accomplish these goals to be a church ON THE MOVE.

## **Can my gift involve stocks or other assets in addition to cash?**

Absolutely! If this is the case, please contact Len Armstrong via email [len.armstrong@brandywine.church](mailto:len.armstrong@brandywine.church) or phone **302-478-4255** for assistance.

## **When will we be asked to make our commitment?**

We encourage everyone to pray and ask God what to give and then make a commitment upon receiving your answer. We will invite you to make commitments on Commitment Sunday, November 17, 2024.

## **What will take place on Commitment Sunday, November 17?**

On Commitment Sunday we will worship, pray and thank God for everything He has done and will do at Brandywine. We will ask our entire church — 100% — to participate by committing to give financially to the ON THE MOVE initiative. We will ask that everyone submit a commitment card at the end of the service.

## **Can commitments be changed if necessary?**

Absolutely. We understand that life circumstances can shift our ability to give generously in negative and positive ways. If you need to change your commitment, please contact Len Armstrong via email [len.armstrong@brandywine.church](mailto:len.armstrong@brandywine.church) or phone **302-478-4255** for assistance.

## **Will financial commitments be made public?**

No, personal financial commitments will not be made public. However, we will share the total raised for the campaign. We take confidentiality very seriously. Only administrators and financial stewards who need to know will have access to this information.

## **Do we intend to do the project all at once or in phases?**

We have the flexibility to phase our renovations. It would be significantly more cost-effective and ministry-effective to proceed with the entire project at once. However, we will need to take into careful consideration our fiscal stewardship to ensure we have sufficient funding for our projects.

## **When do you anticipate starting construction?**

We are currently in the design and development phase of our project. Ideally, we would like to begin construction in the spring/summer of 2025.

## **Will the building project interrupt church on Sundays or other ministry throughout the week?**

No. Our plans have taken into consideration keeping ministries fully operational during the course of our construction. However, we may need to create new entrances and exits as well as relocate ministries to other parts of the building during construction.

## **Will the building project expand our church building?**

The only new additional space we intend to add are the ministry porches on the parking lot side of our building. The building renovations will significantly increase our ministry effectiveness and reprioritize our spaces according to our current and future ministry needs.



# Creative Ways To Give

Your margin for giving may feel much smaller than you'd like it to feel. That's not unusual! But often as we expand our vision to include all of the resources that God has given to us, we begin to see new avenues for generosity we hadn't initially considered. You may be amazed at your capacity to give! The following seven options are suggested as a means to help you consider some creative ways to give.

## 1. Practice priority budgeting

Many families will choose to rearrange their priorities and give up something in their current budget in order to give more. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure, like a new car, vacation, home remodel, or other major purchase.

## 2. Increase giving with increased income

We often increase our standard of living when we receive a raise or a bonus. Some families elect to keep their standard of living the same and increase their giving by the amount of the raise or bonus.

## 3. Redirect current expenditures

Families often have short-term expenses factored into their budget. When those expenses end, those funds can be redirected without major budget adjustments. For example, a family that pays off a loan may choose to continue budgeting the same amount of the loan payment as a gift.

## 4. Sacrifice your extra time

Extra time can be converted into extra income and greater giving capacity through part-time jobs.

## 5. Donate stored resources

Appreciated assets (like stocks or real estate) can also be resources for generosity. Talk to a financial advisor for ways to maximize these gifts.

## 6. Give from your excess

Some families save over a period of years for a special project. Funds initially saved for vacations, new vehicles, or other projects can be redirected as gifts.

## 7. Commit unexpected cash

Sudden influxes of cash due to an inheritance, a second income, or gifts can be added to gifts from regular income.



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