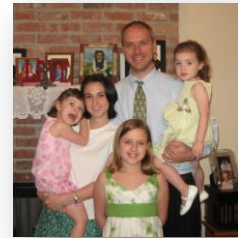




# Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

Faithfully Preaching the Word since 1767



Dear *Friend*,

In a geographical area which has been resistant to the gospel for years, in a historic church that is older than this country, something extraordinary is happening. A team of committed Christians are gathering in pursuit of one objective - to rediscover the Great Commission for their community. This is not part of a mega-church-sponsored or denominationally-run program. It's not hosted by a celebrity. Please allow me to share with you our exciting grass roots mission for the souls of central New Jersey.

**A Burden.** Did you know there has been a 92% increase in the number of un-churched Americans in the last 13 years? Much of this withdrawal from the church is focused in the Northeast. As you see on the map, the Northeast currently has the lowest percentage of evangelical church attendance in the U.S. Where we live in New Jersey today exists as an "unreached people group." The burden of my heart is to shine the light of Christ in this overwhelming darkness.



**A Ready Harvest, but Few Workers.** Our problem is compounded by the fact that there are also fewer evangelical ministers per capita in the Northeast than any other region in the country.

**A New Awakening.** We believe that the fires of revival which swept through this area over two hundred years ago with an outpouring of God's Spirit can be lit again. Please join us in prayer for a *revival*. We are not merely asking for a small shower of blessings; we are praying for a downpour. After all, the same Lord who sent the Great Awakening years ago hears our prayers today.

**God is already at work.** Since arriving at MBBC just a few short months ago, I have seen God's hand upon this endeavor in so many ways. First, God sold our house on the very same day we moved to NJ, after several months of being on the market! With the U-Haul in the driveway, we signed the contract on the only surface available in the house - the kitchen counter. This was a strong confirmation of the Lord's call. We then began to see immediate numerical growth inside the church. This was followed by several unique opportunities to minister outside the church, such as conducting an abstinence program at a local teen camp, officiating funerals, and being invited by the Mayor to pray at the Warren 9/11 Memorial Service. We were even featured in the Sunday newspaper and asked back to pray at the Town Council reorganization meeting. Clearly, God is at work. The only way I can explain these blessings is to give credit to Him.

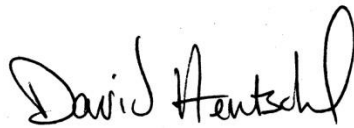
**A Fresh Vision.** We have been re-thinking how we “*Do* church” and are now re-charged to “*Be* the Church.” We are 100% committed to reaching out to those around us with the powerful message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to make an eternal difference in the lives of those who don’t even know what they’re missing.

**Partners Needed!** I am not one to ask for financial support, but in order to do this most effectively, I realize finances can be a barrier, so I am asking for God to provide us with some partners. We are raising support in order to:

- ✓ **Reach out to the community** by conducting large outreach events, missional activities and strategic advertising.
- ✓ **Provide a more attractive ministry space** by upgrading our worship and children’s ministry areas.
- ✓ **Offer a higher quality worship experience** through upgrading our sanctuary, sound system and possibly even adding worship staffing as the Lord provides.

Would you please prayerfully consider a tax-deductible Christmas gift to Mt. Bethel Baptist Church this year? Ask God how He may be calling you to support His mission through our ministry at MBBC. I look forward to sharing with you in the joy of the harvest in the Northeast.

**Serving Him Together,**



Rev. David Hentschel, Th.M.

**Here are three ways you can partner with us.**

- **1. PRAY for us!**
- **2. GIVE a one-time gift.**
- **3. SERVE on a missions team.**

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Please check which options apply to your commitment to help us REVITALIZE Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, NJ.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I will commit to PRAY for Mt. Bethel Baptist Church on a regular basis.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I would like to DONATE to Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.**

*Secure donations can be made online at <http://www.mtbethelnj.org/contribute.html>*

*Or checks can be made payable to Mt. Bethel Baptist Church and sent to our mailing address at - 147 Mt. Bethel Rd., Warren, NJ 07059*

\_\_\_\_\_ **I would like to SERVE on a short-term missions team at Mt. Bethel.**